

2024 Costa Rica Trip/Travel Information (updated 20SEP23)

Situation: Greenway Church and Yielded Evangelical Servants (YES) Service Trip members will serve with a ministry by the name of Iglesia Palabra de Vida. The church is in close contact with different governmental entities like orphanages, and programs for kids and youth at risk, located in areas with significant needs including poverty, drugs, violence, the idea of the trip depending in how many people will travel, we can set a team to do repairs at the church building. Basically, we will be painting and cleaning, we will send money prior to fix the outside walls and we also can send a team to visit kids and youth, preach the gospel in government entities (the are open). We will bring gifts to the kids and we will meet with other churches in the area. We enjoy a Sunday service where we will invite all the people we met during our week to join us. The trip will be led by Andres Gonzalez. This is a family trip. So, both adults and accompanied (by a parent) children may join the trip.

Cost: \$1600 per person (price includes: airfare, ground transportation, meals, hotel, gifts for children and construction materials and offerings for our church host).

Dates: 1-8 July 2024

Here is our travel schedule:

01 July 24

Time: TBD	Meet at Greenway Church (HC Campus) (you may park at your own risk at church)
Time: TBD	Depart Greenway Church (HC)
Time: TBD	Depart MCO
Time: TBD	Arrive San Jose

02-07 July 24

Work with Church/Children/Youth Activities

08 July 24

Time: TBD	Depart San Jose
Time: TBD	Arrive MCO
Time: TBD	Arrive GWC (HC)

Payment Plan:

31 JAN 24	\$800 Due (link to be provided to church website payment location)
31 MAY 24	\$700 Due
Total:	\$1500

***Warning:** In case of a pandemic, economic collapse, airline strike or unforeseen event, Greenway Church will try its best to work with airlines, travel agents and etc. to get you refunded as much of it as possible; However, your money is at risk even though we purchase travel insurance. So, Greenway Church **does not** guarantee a refund.

Emergency Phone numbers: Emergency contact information will be provided while we are in country.

Travel Health Insurance: We will purchase travel medical insurance, so if you have a health emergency while there we can care for you and return you to the USA; however, we would like to also have your health insurance card on file if you have health insurance.

Passport: You must have your valid passport to travel (with at least 9 months left before expiration date from date of travel).

Tickets: We will have your tickets for you the morning we travel.

Luggage: luggage requirements will be provided

Tools: The church will be bringing some specialty tools that you may be asked to carry in your suitcase; but it is suggested that you bring leather work gloves, eye protection, work boots/shoes, sunscreen, and you welcome to bring any specialty tools you think you may need (hammers, tool belts, tape measures, etc.).

Clothing: When working with children during the week, modest jeans/shorts (to the knees) casual clothing is fine. For construction, you can work in jeans, modest shorts, t-shirts, work boots, and everyone will receive two Greenway church team shirts. Shorts must reach the top of knees (no short shorts). No tight clothing please.

Lodging: We will be staying in a budget style hotel or in the home owned by the directors of the ministry. Towels and bed linen are provided.

Cash: Everything is covered; the only thing you will need to purchase will be keepsakes and other trinkets. It is recommended you use a local ATM in order to get local currency.

Alcohol Free: Since we are representing Greenway Church, and since we are concerned about safety, this is an alcohol free trip from start to finish. No exceptions.

Gifts: You need not bring any specialty gifts as Greenway Church will be covering children's gifts and etc. We will also have hats/t-shirts for others working with us.

General thoughts: Please be praying for our time in the country. Pray that we make a great impact upon the lives we will touch. Remember this, we are guests and things will not go as we plan. We will not be the "loud" American that everyone hates! Instead, we will be gracious, flexible and patient! We may not have much free time, but if possible, we will take a bit of time to enjoy the nation as well.

Snacks: Bringing Granola bars, trail mix or etc. is always a good idea.

Electronics: Costa Rica is 110/120 volts and they use the same plug in we use so no adaptor is needed. It is suggested that very expensive items are left in the USA. You will have to consult your phone company as to whether or not your mobile phone will work.

What you can do now:

Pray for our trip and those we will encounter during the trip.

Suggested Packing list:

1. Flashlight and batteries
2. Nalgene or Wide mouth water bottle
3. Shirts, with no political, secular music/movie messages.
4. Pants (jeans, light weight hiking pants or khakis)
5. Shorts (must be knee length)
6. Light jacket or long sleeve in case it gets cool while traveling
7. Undergarments and socks
8. Good walking shoes and inexpensive Flip Flops (for showers)
9. Hat and sunglasses
10. Work Gloves & Safety Glasses (for construction teams)
11. Toiletries & Personal Items: chap stick, vitamins, toothbrush, shampoo, soap etc.

12. Prescription meds- bring enough for the length of your stay and some extra)
13. Sunscreen (at least SPF 30)
14. Spending money (suggested \$50 - 100 US if you are planning on shopping)
15. Band aids, cold medicine, Aspirin/Tylenol/ Advil
16. Motion sickness Pills if you need them