



Sports Outreach Short Term Mission Trip Nuevo Cuscatlan, El Salvador July 4 - July 11, 2019

Approximate Trip Budget: \$1,700

Includes airfare, meals and water, lodging, El Salvador entry visa, travel health insurance, project supplies, communications, in country transportation, possible reflection experience (Pacific Ocean beach trip), staff itinerary expenses (for SOI International staff trip needs as they guide the team), and operational expenses for SOI US and El Salvador.

NOTE: This budget does **NOT** include the expense to acquire a passport (approximately \$150) nor does it include the expense for vaccinations/prescriptions (approximately \$ 200-\$300). You may have already received some of the necessary vaccinations as a child. Your insurance may also cover part or all of some vaccinations.

Personal Money:

Team members will only need to carry personal money to cover airport meals and/or souvenirs purchased during designated shopping times.

Fundraising:

Team members are responsible for the entire cost of their trip. In the event that a team member is unable to pay the entire cost of the trip, they may elect to enlist the financial support of family and friends to help pay for the trip costs. Also, an opportunity will be given to the REPC congregation to provide financial support for those going. Finally, there are income-based financial scholarship available through REPC for those individuals that qualify.

Flight Arrangements:

The Sports Outreach Trip Coordinator will coordinate the flight arrangements through a travel agency in collaboration with the REPC Team leaders. All efforts will be made to provide the most efficient and convenient travel pattern for team members taking into account the entry/exit airport, airline options, flight times, and layovers.

Trip Itinerary:

The Sports Outreach Trip Coordinator will work with the REPC Team leaders and the international staff to develop the trip itinerary. The itinerary will be designed in a way that the team members are able to come alongside the Sports Outreach indigenous staff in their day to day responsibilities as well as allow team members to use their gifts, talents, and skills for ministering. The itinerary may also include an excursion through an overnight trip along the Pacific Ocean at the end of the trip for team members to debrief, get refreshed, and reflect on their experience before the journey home.

Travel Medical Insurance:

Sports Outreach will purchase travel medical insurance for the time you are away.

Optional Trip Cancellation Insurance:

Optional trip cancellation/interruption insurance can be purchased through the travel agency Sports Outreach books the tickets through. This coverage comes at an additional expense to the team member based on his or her age and the total trip cost. The coverage for terrorist activities and medical epidemics is limited to very specific situations. If you are interested in this optional coverage, please communicate with the REPC Team Leader who will put you in touch with the Sports Outreach Trip Coordinator for details.

What to bring:

A packing list will be provided for team members.

Trip Cancellation/Postponement:

Sports Outreach understands that there are events that happen in the world (both by nature and by humans) that are beyond our control (e.g., terrorist threats, natural disasters, medical epidemics, etc.). We have communication access to our indigenous staff on a daily basis and are able to discuss with them any situation that occurs on the ground. We also consult with all applicable government department websites for alerts and notifications of activities occurring in the countries we serve. If a trip must be cancelled or postponed due to an event beyond our control, Sports Outreach will make every attempt to reschedule the team's trip within a calendar year.

What is Needed to Go? (VERY IMPORTANT!!!!!!)

1. **Passport: All team members will need to have a valid passport to travel to El Salvador.** If an individual's passport expires within SIX months of the return date, then he/she needs to plan to renew the passport. Passport information can be found on the US Department of State's website.
2. **Health Requirements:** Trip health requirements and recommendations are guided by the Center for Disease Control's suggestions for travelers, which can be found in detail at <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/>. It is important that you plan to make a visit with your local physician for his/her guidance on medications and vaccinations in relation to your personal health.
3. **REQUIRED Before Traveling:**
 - a) Up to date routine shots (*diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, measles-mumps-rubella [MMR], polio, annual flu*)
 - b) Due to the Zika Virus, it is important if you are pregnant or think you may be pregnant to visit your primary care doctor for recommendations on your travel.
3. **Recommended Before Traveling:**
 - a) Hepatitis A and Typhoid vaccination
 - b) A filled prescription for an antibiotic (typically Ciprofloxacin) for possible stomach troubles.

Application Deadline and Deposit:

To confirm their place on the team, team members will need to complete the Sports Outreach Trip Application (found on the website at www.sportsoutreach.net/231-2/) and submit a **nonrefundable \$300 deposit** to REPC by Sunday, **March 17, 2019**. Sports Outreach will also need a color copy of the information page of each team member's passport, which must be turned in prior to travel.