



Guatemala~Team 1901 Medical

Team Description

“Impacting the World for Jesus Christ”

DATES: February 1-9, 2019

LOCATION: Lake Amatitlan, Guatemala

ESTIMATED COST: \$2,300-2,500 with estimated airfare

COST INCLUDES:

- Experienced Team Leader who will accompany the team on the mission field
- Team Translator
- Airfare
- Ground Transportation
- Housing
- Meals
- Logistical, Spiritual & Cultural Training Materials
- In-country Arrangements and Costs
- Supplemental Health Insurance
- Crisis Management Plan
- Team Medical Bag with Nursing Protocols
- 24/7 On Call Doctor



PROJECT INFORMATION:



Members of this team will demonstrate Christ's love by providing medical clinics for individuals living in or near the community being served who cannot afford care. Ailments that can be easily treated in the U.S. with our plethora of doctors and over-the-counter medications can be debilitating or even fatal for those in the developing world.

This team needs doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, EMTs and other medical personnel. Two to four non-medical members are also needed to assist patients at the various stations within the clinic. Skin problems, infections of all kinds, parasites, wounds, burns, diabetes, shingles, fevers and many other conditions will be treated; prenatal care will be provided; and patients will receive a 60-to-90-day supply of vitamins.

A witness station, where the Gospel message is shared, is incorporated into all our clinics unless we are prohibited from doing so by the host country.

PROJECT MATERIALS:

Medical teams will need to provide their own medicines and supplies. These items can be gathered through donations, purchased from discount medical mission suppliers, or purchased in-country.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Nury de Milian Lead-a-Child Central American Director who coordinates team for the national church in Guatemala.

LEAD A CHILD IN GUATEMALA: Lead a Child partners with Lutheran pastors and teachers in 25 countries to provide Christian education. Each site selects the form of education that best meets their needs: scholarships, teacher stipends, after-school programs, preschools, English as a second language, or vacation Bible schools.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Tentative schedule to be determined by airline itinerary and field logistics.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Depart US Settle In Orientation Dinner Devotions Team Mtg	Travel to Site Dinner Devotions Team Mtg
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Dinner Devotions Team Mtg	Clinic Dinner Devotions Team Mtg	Clinic Dinner Devotions Team Mtg	Clinic Dinner Devotions Team Mtg	Clinic Dinner Devotions Team Mtg	Tour Day	Return to US

ENTRY / EXIT REQUIREMENTS:

Americans traveling in Guatemala are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department’s travel registration website to obtain updated information on travel and security within Guatemala. MOST Ministries registers all teams with the US Embassy in each country we serve.

A valid U.S. passport is required for all U.S. citizens, regardless of age, to enter Guatemala and to depart Guatemala for return to the U.S. While in Guatemala, U.S. citizens should carry their passports, or a photocopy of their passports, with them at all times.

Please Note: Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months beyond the team return date to the United States. If this requirement is not met you may be refused re-entry into the country. Please visit the [U.S. Department of State website](http://www.state.gov) for additional information.

EMBASSY INFORMATION:

Address: Avenida Reforma 7-01, Zona 10, Guatemala City, Guatemala
 Emergency Phone Number during normal business hours: (502) 2326-4501
 Emergency Phone Number For after-hour emergencies: (501) 2331-2354
 See http://guatemala.usembassy.gov/acs_contact_information.html for additional information.

VACCINATIONS:

Before visiting Guatemala, you may need to get the following vaccinations and medications for vaccine-preventable diseases and other diseases you might be at risk for at your destination:

Vaccination or Disease	Recommendations or Requirements for Vaccine-Preventable Diseases
Routine	Recommended if you are not up-to-date with routine shots such as, measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT) vaccine, poliovirus vaccine, etc.
Hepatitis A or Immune Globulin (IG)	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in countries with an intermediate or high level of hepatitis A virus infection where exposure might occur through food or water. Cases of travel-related hepatitis A can also occur in travelers to developing countries with "standard" tourist itineraries, accommodations, and food consumption behaviors.
Hepatitis B	Recommended for all unvaccinated persons traveling to or working in countries with intermediate to high levels of endemic HBV transmission, especially those who might be exposed to blood or body fluids, have sexual contact with the local population, or be exposed through medical treatment (e.g., for an accident).
Typhoid	Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in Mexico and Central America, especially if visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas and staying with friends or relatives where exposure might occur through food or water.
Rabies	Recommended for travelers spending a lot of time outdoors, especially in rural areas, involved in activities such as bicycling, camping, or hiking. Also recommended for travelers with significant occupational risks (such as veterinarians), for long-term travelers and

	expatriates living in areas with a significant risk of exposure, and for travelers involved in any activities that might bring them into direct contact with bats, carnivores, and other mammals. Children are considered at higher risk because they tend to play with animals, may receive more severe bites, or may not report bites.
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DRUGS TO PREVENT MALARIA: (<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/guatemala.aspx>)

If you will be visiting a malaria risk area in Guatemala, [chloroquine](#) is the recommended antimalarial drug. Malaria Risk Areas in Guatemala: Rural areas only at altitudes below 1,500 m (<4,921 ft). No risk in Guatemala City, Antigua or Lake Atitlán.

This is based on current information from CDC (Center of Disease Control & Prevention). Always consult with your doctor regarding vaccinations, as MOST Ministries cannot be held liable for any recommendations made.

MOST MINISTRIES SHORT TERM TRAVEL INSURANCE:

MH Ross Trip Armor Travel Protection Plan and ACE American Insurance Company (Foreign Liability)

MH Ross Trip Armor Travel Protection Plan provides individuals heading to the mission field protection and assistance in these areas:

Medical Coverages & Services

- Medical expenses ~ accident and sickness
- Accidental death and dismemberment
- Medical emergency family reunion (bedside visit)
- Hospital admission deposit advance
- Foreign medical referral service
- Medical consultation and monitoring service
- Prescription drug replacement service
- Medical assistance:
 - Multi-lingual assistance
 - Emergency medical evacuation
 - Medically necessary repatriation
- Return of mortal remains

- Security crisis center

Travel Assistance Services

- Benefits verification and claims assistance
- Embassy and consular information
- Emergency cash advance
- Emergency family travel arrangement assistance
- Emergency message transmission
- Foreign legal access
- Return of rental vehicle
- Return of traveling companion or dependents
- Translation and interpretation

Liability Coverages-ACE American Insurance

- Foreign liability insurance
- Employer’s liability insurance

Security Assistance Services

- Contingency political evacuation planning
- Political evacuation

See http://www.mostministries.org/team_insurance for additional information.

LOGISTICS:

Electricity~	Electricity in Guatemala is 120 Volts, alternating at 60 cycles per second. Click here for more information.
Currency~	https://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/
Lodging~	The team will stay in a clean, modest hotel.
Meals~	Lunches will be cooked by the women of the local church. Breakfast and dinner will be eaten in restaurants.

CLIMATE:

During the months of November through February, the average daytime temperature is around 65 degrees, with the thermometer rising as March and April arrive. Once the rainy season comes in from May through October, the skies remain somewhat clear mainly during the morning with showers moving in during the afternoon and evening. Light rain gear is advisable during these months.

A light jacket is comfortable during the evening when temperatures drop a bit, and sweaters are ideal during the months of December and January.

http://www.countriesquest.com/central_america/guatemala.htm

WEATHER AVERAGES:

Month	High	Low
January	71	53
February	73	54
March	76	56
April	77	58
May	78	61
June	75	60
July	74	60
August	74	61
September	74	60
October	72	59
November	73	57
December	71	55

CULTURAL INFORMATION WEBSITES:

The Lonely Planet~	http://www.lonelyplanet.com/guatemala	General Country Information
CIA World Factbook~	https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/gt.html	Country Information
Every Culture~	http://www.everyculture.com/Ge-It/Guatemala.html	Travel Warnings

SIGHTSEEING:

There are various options in the Antigua area.

FAST FACTS:

Languages~	Spanish and Amerindian languages 40% (23 officially recognized Amerindian languages, including Quiche, Cakchiquel, Kekchi, Mam, Garifuna, and Xinca)
Religions~	Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Mayan-Catholic fusion
Population~	14,099,032
Ethnic Groups~	Mestizo (mixed Amerindian-Spanish - in local Spanish called Ladino) and European 59.4%, K'iche 9.1%, Kaqchikel 8.4%, Mam 7.9%, Q'eqchi 6.3%, other Mayan 8.6%, indigenous non-Mayan 0.2%, other 0.1%

CONTACT / APPLICATION INFORMATION:

MOST Ministries believes that the work of foreign missions must be a direct response to the requests and needs of the mission field. Through strategic planning, areas of need are identified and a plan of action is set in place to enable team members to utilize their gifts and talents in meeting those needs. If you are interested in utilizing your gifts in touching the lives of others in Guatemala, please contact Sarah DePriest at 734 994-7909 ext. 3 or sdepriest@mostministries.org.

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