

## Group Missions Trip to San Luis Potosí, Mexico GUIDELINE



### Global Hispanic Missions

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### Guidelines

- \* Best option for **travel arrangements**— Flying to San Luis Potosí, México (SLP) airport (only 1 and half hours away from us) Search with UNITED or AA groups desk.
- \* Second airport recommendation: Monterrey, Mexico (although it is 4 hours north of us)
- \* Flights in the last couple of years have ran approximately between \$450.00 - \$750 depending on the time of the year and how far in advance you book your tickets.
- \* We could meet in Laredo and take group across the border with us but we're 8 hours south of the border.
  
- \* **Travel documents** needed: US Passport, then whether you fly or drive across, you will fill out a Visa permit. That permit is a tourist visa and it lasts 6 months. The cost of the tourist visa is around \$10 to \$15 dls. (If you drive across, it has no cost if you fly).
  
- \* No shots needed to enter Mexico, although it is always recommendable to have your Tetanus and Hepatitis shots up to date.

**\*Transportation:** Our church used to have a 15 passenger van we could use to pick groups up at the airport... or to travel anywhere while groups are there. We don't have it anymore. So now, we have the option of renting a 15 passenger van to transport groups. Gas expenses is almost double in Mexico so depending on the activities we plan for the time of your visit, we will calculate a gas budget. Plus the van rent approximately \$500 dls for a week.

We will drive our truck if needed for extra luggage space. We suggest 1 carry on + 1 personal bag and 1 to 2 large (62", 50lb) suitcases per church if needed.

\* **Logistic expenses** (housing and utilities): drinkable water, propane, and electricity. Budget \$50 per person to help cover the extra expense.

\* Bring a water bottle to refill while you're with us.

\* **Accommodations:** This will be in our facilities. Depending on how big the group is... our house has two extra bedrooms, our church has a two bedroom, one bathroom apartment and Bethel house with three bedrooms and one bathroom to accommodate groups (all include a full kitchen). We also have blow up mattresses to accommodate in church and school for bigger groups. The closest hotel is 45 minutes away.

\* Depending on Departure hours, we might need to stay one night in a hotel to be close to the airport. A double bedroom averages between \$75.00 to \$90.00 dls a room.

\***Bedding:** please bring sheets, a small pillow, sleeping bag or light blanket and towel. We will provide extra blankets if needed. (Each person should bring their own toiletry items).

\* **Meals:** Our church always provides for the main meal, **you will just need to budget for what you will need for breakfast and dinner** ...the kitchen in our house is available to prepare meals too. You can either send the expense money in advance

with a list of breakfast, and dinner items you would like for us to have for when you come, or when we pick you up at the airport, we can drive to Sam's and buy it together.

The plan is to eat in our facilities during the week and two or three times at a restaurant so you can get the experience of authentic Mexican cuisine. You can budget \$40 dls total per person for that.

\* **Clothes to bring:** we live in a high plains desert area. We have a temperature average of 50 F (mornings and nights) 85-90 F (dry heat) during the day... so short sleeve for the day and hoodies or light jackets for mornings and nights. Summer temperatures vary from 60 F of a morning and 95-115 F during the day. preferably no black clothes otherwise they will get dusty during dry season.

For shoes: sandals or tennis shoes they're willing to get dirty... Dress code: mostly casual (jeans and tshirts), boys can use shorts.

For Sunday: girls (skirts or dresses), boys (slacks and a polo shirt or jeans and a shirt, no need for tie)...Again, preferably no black or dark colors because of the dust.

\* Bring a hat or bandana, sun glasses, and sunscreen.

\***Potential projects** and preparation:

\*All activities and plans will be decided through the registration process, but this is a list of things we've done in the past:

- Depending on how we're doing with our building project or any other projects, we usually have groups help in that or in school in the mornings.
- VBS, evangelistic events, medical events, etc.
- Depending on the month of the year groups come, we may schedule an activity at the plaza to sing, and share the Gospel with adults, youth and kids... either present a movie or a skit to use as part of that time... besides our village we sometimes do the same in another village nearby.
- We also have a hands-on experience at the clinic if groups are interested and patients need it.
- Activities with our kids, youth, women, church, and outreach ministries.

**\* Estimated budget per person:**

- Utilities, and food during stay \$50
- 1 Hotel. \$50 (may vary on size of room and hotel)
- Gas expenses. \$50 (depending on group size and activities)
- Eating out. \$40
- Visa permit. \$15 (free if flying)
- Extra for souvenirs. \$50 at least \*optional

**Total: \$255.00 dollars per person**

(groceries and air flights not included)

(budget will vary depending on gas prices and activities)

\* Debit cards work in Mexico if you'll rather use that for gas, and food.