

Global Village

Latin America
and the Caribbean



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A Global Village trip offers you the opportunity to travel to another country to work hand-in-hand with people around the world to help build simple, adequate homes. A Global Village trip lasts 7 to 10 days and during this time you will:

- Experience a new culture,
- Help others in need,
- Make friends,
- Visit places of interest, and
- Gain a new perspective on the world

Building your own team

How can you recruit your own Global Village team?

One of your group members will have to take the leader's role. Ideally, that person already has a leadership position or authority in the community or an institution and must be willing to undertake the leadership role. The trips are arranged specifically for each group. Dates, destination and itinerary can be determined according to the possibilities of the group.

Planning a trip takes at least 6 months including fundraising. We recommend preparing between 9 and 12 months in advance.

Where can they go?

There are about 14 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean that have received Global Village groups. If your group is interested to travel to a particular country, the Global Village coordinator may suggest an experience which can be provided according to your interests.

A Global Village trip is a life-changing experience!



Countries in Latin America that are actively receiving Global Village groups are: El Salvador, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Bolivia, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Honduras, Mexico and Guatemala. Subject to availability.

For information on groups traveling to other parts of the world, click here: <http://www.habitat.org/cd/gv/schedule.aspx>

Who can create Global Village groups?

Churches, universities, schools, corporations or individuals who wish to form their own individual Global Village team. It takes a lot of enthusiasm and motivation to organize a Global Village group. However the rewards can be quite large, including teamwork, a new vision of life, and even a new way of understanding the needs of people in need of adequate housing.

But for most people, the biggest impact is simply working shoulder to shoulder with families and sharing in their joy and hope. We'll help you plan your trip. We will agree on the responsibilities for your group and our organization to ensure that planning occurs in the best manner.

How many people can participate in the group?

Groups usually comprise of 12-15 people. The minimum is 8-10 people, depending on where you decide to go. They can also settle for larger groups.

How much does a Global Village trip cost?

The standard cost of a trip includes a donation to the Habitat for Humanity program in the destination country, food, lodging, ground transportation (excluding transportation of the participants from their home country whether by air or land), insurance and cultural activities, plus any tax charge of the departure, orientation materials and coordination of the group. Participants must be responsible for paying their own transportation to the destination country, visa process if necessary and departure taxes in their country of origin. Any additional activity for recreation or tourism after the construction has to be paid separately.

Besides the contribution of their workforce, the Global Village groups also contribute financially through fundraising and advocacy for the receiving program. These funds are used to build or improve housing in the country.

What Else?

Please contact MRovira@habitat.org for more information on how to plan your own Global Village Group.

