

MISSION TRIP INFORMATION

Thank you for inquiring about a mission trip to the Dominican Republic at the Project Ruth facilities. The project Ruth facilities are in La Florida a small community in the mountain's northeast of San Juan de la Maguana.

Our facilities include a medical clinic, church/community center, and housing for mission teams of up to 16 individuals with a kitchen/dining area. The sleeping arrangements are set up as 4 rooms with a twin over full bunkbed in each room to accommodate 2 people in each room, 1 room with 4 twin bunkbeds.

Included in your trip cost, (\$650 per person plus airfare based on double occupancy at the hotel) is:

- In country transportation, to and from the airport in Santo Domingo (SDQ) and for your relaxation day prior to spending the night at the hotel near the airport.
- Meals including a meal for residents of the community
- Water
- Housing at the Project Ruth facilities and at the hotel near the airport to assist us in providing a memorable experience for your team we would like to know about your goals and expectations for your trip.

Our goal is to meet your desires and wishes for your mission trip. What type of trip are you looking for? Spiritual outreach, Medical Outreach, Construction projects, or something else? How many people will be in your group, including the number of each gender? Will there be couples, individuals, or a mix? Are they willing to share a room at the hotel (2 per room)? What are your projected travel dates? We suggest a minimum of 8 days, 2 of which are your travel days, leaving 5 days at our facilities and 1 relaxation day.

MISSION TRIP GUIDELINES

Thank you allowing us to host your mission trip. Our goal is to make this a memorable experience. If at any time you have any questions, concerns, or input please forward that information to your team leader who will act as a liaison between your group and the Project Ruth DR representative(s). Below are a few guidelines and information that we feel will enhance your trip. *A 50% deposit is due 30 days before your scheduled trip. This becomes a non-refundable deposit 10 days prior to your trip. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis but not guaranteed.

During the first day of your trip, we will arrange for a brief meeting to discuss the trip objectives and expectations, this is an excellent time to let us know what you would like to accomplish during your visit, individually and as a group. We will also set aside time for a follow-up session before your return home, a time to let us know if your expectations were met and to share with us and your group your trip highlights.

- Notify your team leader of any allergies, food or otherwise or sensitivity issues prior to your trip.
- Check with your cellular phone carrier for information on phone settings to avoid unwanted charges. Generally, leave your phone on airplane mode, turn on Wi-Fi after your phone is in airplane mode, turn off data. You will need to turn data back on once you return to the United States.
- The weather in the Dominican Republic is hot and humid, comparable to south Florida.
- In general, we recommend no open toe shoes or sandals. Your trip includes a visit to our Project Ruth site in La Florida; sturdy, comfortable hiking shoes are recommended.
- Pack sunscreen and mosquito repellent, use them often.
- Do not drink the tap water, use bottled water to rinse your toothbrush.
- Unless the ice is made from filtered water avoid ice. Vegetables and lettuce are not always washed with filtered water. We strive to utilize only filtered water at the Project Ruth DR facilities for food preparation as well as ice made with filtered water.
- The wastewater and septic systems are different than in the United States. No paper products should enter the wastewater/septic system.
- Dominican Republic electricity is like the United States, no outlet adapters required.
- There may be limited, or no internet availability during your trip. WhatsApp and Signal are useful apps for when you can connect to the internet.

- Quiet hours for team members are 10:00pm to 7:00am

Your Project Ruth DR trip representative(s) are/is:

Contact phone number for your trip: (Also available on WhatsApp or Signal)

Contact email for your trip: _____

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1 – Saturday – Travel Day Travel from the SDQ airport to the Project Ruth DR facilities in La Florida. Dinner on site in La Florida.

Day 2 – Sunday Breakfast served in the dorm. Church service, community meal, fellowship time.

Day 3 – Monday Breakfast, lunch, and dinner served in the dorm. VBS/Bible study, community outreach.

Day 4 – Tuesday Breakfast, lunch, and dinner served in the dorm. VBS/Bible study, Arts & Crafts.

Day 5 – Wednesday Breakfast, lunch, and dinner served in the dorm. VBS/Bible study, community outreach. Movie night.

Day 6 – Thursday Breakfast, lunch, and dinner served in the dorm. VBS/Bible study, Arts & Crafts.

Day 7 – Friday – Relaxation Day Breakfast served in the dorm. Travel to Santo Domingo, stay overnight at the hotel in Santo Domingo.

Day 8 – Saturday – Travel Day Travel to SDQ airport from the hotel in Santo Domingo. A 50% deposit is required 30 days prior to your scheduled trip.

ATTENTION: THIS IS A COMPLETE RELEASE OF POTENTIAL CLAIMS To be completed by applicant if 18 or older or by parent or guardian of applicant if applicant is under 18. This form must be signed, and the original mailed, emailed, or hand delivered to Project Ruth DR. No copies will be accepted.

In consideration of my being accepted by Project Ruth DR for participation on a Ministry/Missions team to on (Location) (Dates) I make the representations and undertakings set out below: I am in good health and have received or will receive all vaccinations recommended by my county or state health department for travel in the countries or areas to be visited on this trip. I am aware of, and understand, the current travel guidelines set forth by the United States.

I will abide by all airport and airline requirements for travel and accept responsibility for my actions and behavior.

I understand that international travel involves danger and risk.

I acknowledge that the dangers and risks include, but are not limited to, the hazards of travel by air, boat, raft, jeep, automobile, bus, taxi, bicycle, and on foot, travel in foreign countries, in jungles, mountains, high altitudes, steep terrain; travel and/or attendance at meetings among possibly unfriendly persons; sickness or injury in areas where medical assistance may be primitive or inadequate, unavailable or not readily available, and/or where rapid evacuation is not available; or where there is exposure to crime, to civil unrest and to forces of nature or other dangers.

I understand that the above and other possibilities are risks in ministry/missions travel.

I understand that Project Ruth DR does not carry any insurance, and I acknowledge that Project Ruth DR has advised me that Project Ruth DR does not accept any responsibility for any injury, loss or damage not covered by the above-mentioned insurance.

I further acknowledge that Project Ruth DR has recommended that I carry or obtain primary medical insurance to cover possible medical needs including evacuation occurring during this trip and that Project Ruth DR has recommended that I obtain travel insurance covering personal injury, trip delay, change or cancellation, loss of or damage to baggage, and other standard risk coverage for this trip.

I hereby assume all risk of personal injury, sickness, or death, and damage to or loss of my personal property, and any delay, change or cancellation of travel arrangements, and any and all other damage or expenses I may suffer as a result of participation in this ministry/mission trip or in activities related to it.

I agree to be fully responsible for my actions. Should I become ill or injured or suffer other damage, I will pay all costs involved including costs of evacuation and medical care, I might receive. In consideration of my being permitted to participate as a Project Ruth DR member on the above ministry/mission trip: (Please initial each paragraph) Initials: _____ I accept and assume all risks and hazards from this activity, both known and unknown, including but not limited to the risks and hazards identified above. Initials: _____ I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless and indemnify Project Ruth DR, its directors, officers, agents, employees, coordinators, facilitators, volunteers, and other team members from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions or rights of actions, which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my participation in this activity, which I now have or may have in the future, specifically including but not limited to the negligent acts or omissions of any person so released, held harmless and indemnified, and specifically including claims relating to any personal injury that I may suffer.

MINISTRY TRIP LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

Initials: _____ I agree not to make a claim, file suit or demand anything for any injury, death or loss that arises from my participation in this activity.

Initials: _____ I agree to pay the costs and/or legal expenses incurred by the trip leader(s), organizers and/or participants as a result of any claim or suit filed by me or filed by anyone else as a result of my conduct.

Initials: _____ I consent and agree to pay for any medical treatment rendered to me by anyone for any injury or other medical situation during, or resulting from, my participation.

Initials: _____ I authorize Project Ruth DR to arrange for transportation, food, and lodging for me on this trip as agreed upon. I have made Project Ruth DR aware of any known allergies, food or otherwise. Initials: _____ I authorize Project Ruth DR to schedule, or otherwise arrange for a Covid test for return travel to the United States, (if still required).

Initials: _____ I agree that these promises, agreements, assumptions of risk and releases bind me, my family, all minors with me or on whose behalf I sign, and my heirs or legal representatives and assigns.

Initials: _____ I understand that I will be in areas with limited, or no, internet connectivity. I will communicate any concerns or issues to my team leader who will act as a liaison between our team and the Project Ruth DR representative(s).

Initials: _____ I understand that it is my responsibility to provide emergency contact information prior to my scheduled trip. I have read this release carefully, including this page

and the prior page. I am aware that I am giving up important legal rights and sign of my own free will. (To be completed by applicant if 18 or older or by parent or guardian of applicant if applicant is under 18.)

Signed: X _____

Date _____

Print Full
Name _____

Address _____

I hereby make each of the above statements, acknowledgements, authorizations, releases, discharges, hold harmless agreements, indemnities, and other agreements on behalf of my minor child or children, accompanying me or participating alone on this trip whose name(s) appear(s) below, and agree that they shall be binding on each minor child, his heirs, successors, and assigns: Name of minor child _____

Emergency contact information

