



Mexico Trip 2020 Info

Dates: April 20-27, 2020

Where: Chiapas, Mexico Cost: \$2,750

Application deadline and non-refundable \$749 deposit due: January 31, 2020

FAQs

What is included in the price? Do I need any extra money?

The total trip cost covers your round trip plane ticket, travel insurance, and all expenses while in Chiapas, Mexico, as well as funds the projects and activities we will be doing with the local churches in Chiapas. You are responsible for your own passport and baggage fees (if you choose to check a bag). It is recommended that you bring some cash for small gifts, food during airport travel, and miscellaneous snacks or other items.

When is the trip registration and payment due?

January 31st, 2019: Application deadline and non-refundable \$749 deposit due

February 2, 2020: Interim payment of \$1,000 due

March 15, 2020: Final balance of \$1,000 due

What will we do while we are there?

Taking a Church Trip with Compassion allows you to draw near to the impactful kingdom work that is happening within the context of physical poverty. As you participate, we want to make every effort to ensure that your brief presence will contribute to and not hinder the long-term

local work that is taking place. As you experience the incredible work that God is doing through Compassion and the local church, rest assured that we will design your team's itinerary and plan for your time in-country to support the ongoing work that will continue long after your Church Trip has concluded. Some of the activities may include teaching "Vacation Bible School" programs in our partner churches, assisting in medical care, construction projects, and more.

What if I want to go but can't afford the full price?

Please apply for the trip anyway! We have scholarship available for a portion of the trip cost and will be providing you with tools to raise money on your own as well by asking friends and family to support you in this life-changing endeavor.

Do I need vaccinations or other medical preparation?

Next Level Church is unable to provide specific medical advice for your situation. However, in general, Mexico is a medically safe place to travel relative to most third world countries. We recommend consult the CDC guidelines which are updated regularly and your personal doctor for advice personalized to your medical condition.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/mexico> Every traveler must complete and sign Compassion's Travel Release Form. In doing so, travelers acknowledge they understand the physical expectations for a Church Trip. In the event a traveler has a preexisting condition, he or she will be required to provide relevant information about the condition, treatments and medications. In this circumstance, the traveler may be required to complete a medical waiver signed by their physician.

Can children participate in the trip?

Due to the physical and emotional demands of a Church Trip, as well as for liability reasons, these trips are not designed for young children. Please note:

- The minimum age to travel on a Church Trip is 13.
- Ages 13-15 can travel, but must be accompanied by their parent/legal guardian.
- Ages 16-17 can travel without their parent with a written release, but there must be one chaperone (age 21 or older) for every five minors.
- Age 18 and above is considered an adult.

Is a background check required?

Compassion does everything within its power to protect children from abuse and exploitation. Therefore, a Background Check is required for all travelers 18 years and older.

What if I don't have a passport?

You need to get one! The good news is you have plenty of time to get a passport still. But you can't fly to Mexico without one, so get working on that today. Passport information is available here:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/apply-renew-passport/how-to-apply.html>

Where will we stay and what will we eat? Is it safe?

While there is always a certain risk associated with international travel, we make it a top priority to ensure travelers have the best possible experience. **Compassion has decades of experience leading international trips and has an outstanding record for safety.** Because countries where we serve do sometimes face situations like natural disasters, crime, or terrorism, we monitor conditions carefully through travel safety vendors, along with Compassion's International Security Consultant Team and Field Staff. These parties work diligently to track the latest events around the world, in the event a trip plans ever need to be adjusted or cancelled. Please note each visitor is required to sign a Travel Release Form and Compassion is not responsible for any injuries or accidents that may occur during the visit. Also, each traveler is automatically enrolled in our international trip insurance coverage and registered with the State Department STEP Program. We will only stay in safe, fully vetted hotels, and will always have food and water that is safely prepared by trained staff.

Will there be wi-fi or phone service? Will my family be able to reach me?

Many of the areas we visit are extremely rural and often do not have typical phone service. Even if there is service, international roaming can be very costly, so you should contact your phone company in advance to explore your available options in that regard. Our trip leader will always have an international phone plan and will be in communication with your emergency contacts in the US via email so that your family knows you have arrived safely and that the trip is going smoothly, even if you can not call them personally. Wi-fi is typically available in our hotels, but we can not guarantee this option will be available everyday.

Is insurance provided?

Each person on a Church Trip is covered by Compassion's trip insurance for the duration of the trip. The policy covers a medical benefit for urgent and emergency care, medical evacuation and repatriation, security evacuation, and accidental death and dismemberment. The plan does not include trip cancellation/delay, lost or delayed baggage, or any continuing medical care after the trip.