

El Salvador Collide Mission Trip 2018 (Travel Packet)
July 28th- August 4th, 2018

Mission Trip Student Expectations

1. Students are expected to attend church worship services at least 75% of the time, as well as Collide and/or Sunday School.
2. The \$150 dollar deposit is non-refundable. \$75 must be paid at the time of registration to secure a spot. The other \$75 is due by Jan 1st, 2018.
3. The remaining obligation of \$150 dollars of the deposit should be paid no later than July 1st, 2018.

Mission Trip Details

1. Estimated cost per person= \$1,550 (includes airline ticket, travel insurance, hotel, food and all other in country costs) Does not include cost for vaccinations or passports.
2. Each individual is responsible for \$300 of mission trip costs. This means after the \$150 dollar deposit, individuals owe another \$150 dollars (totaling \$300). The remaining \$150 dollars, after the deposit, may be paid in installments, or at one time. **All funds are due by July 1st, 2018.** The remaining costs (around \$1,250 dollars) will be covered through the mission trip budget and mission trip fundraiser. Any student/adult may opt out of having their trip costs covered through the mission trip budget and may pay the full amount of \$1,550, or any portion thereof. If you wish to contribute more than the \$300 deposit, simply mark an offering envelope or memo on a check "missions".
3. Because the trip is mostly funded by the mission board budget, we will not have many fundraisers. However, we will still have one or two to raise awareness. We will discuss ideas at our first meeting.

TSA

The Transportation Security Administration is the U.S. government agency that protects the nation's transportation system. It mandates that all adult passengers, 18 and over, must show a valid U.S. federal- or state-issued photo ID at security checkpoints. IDs must contain the name, date of birth, gender and an expiration date such as a driver's license. However, it does not require an ID for minors under 18; children only need a boarding pass to pass through security.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELER

The TSA also states that all passengers, including minors, need a valid passport when traveling on international flights. This document not only identifies the holder but shows that he or she is a citizen of the U.S.A. The U.S. Department of State dictates that all passport applications generally require a Form DS-11, Application for a U.S. Passport; evidence of U.S. citizenship; a government-issued photo ID with photocopy; a passport photo; and any applicable fees. Minors under 16 also need evidence of relationship between child and parent or guardian, and parental consent. Minors ages 16 and 17 only need parental consent.

LETTER OF CONSENT

Aside from a passport, some countries require a notarized Letter of Consent for travel with children who are not accompanied by both parents. The letter must state the name of the parent(s), the flight information and destination, the name of the adults accompanying the child, the dates of travel, and contact information for the parent(s). The parents must also sign the letter. Divorced parents may also

need a copy of their custody agreement. Contact the embassy of the country to which you are traveling for more information.

MONEY

We highly recommend bringing cash in small bills as well as spending cash for snacks and souvenirs. If you would like to bring United States Currency (USD) small bills (10s & 20s) are suggested. You will not need to bring a large amount of money, \$100-150 should be sufficient. All meals, water, etc will be covered.

INSURANCE

Please contact your insurance company to inform them that you will be traveling outside the United States. Nearly all carriers cover you outside the US, but if for some reason you are not covered, you must find short-term insurance to be covered while in EL SALVADOR. **Please bring a copy of your insurance card with you on the trip.**

You will be responsible for any medical treatment received while on the trip.

PASSPORTS

Make sure to have your passports and parent permission letter with you at all times. You can purchase something like a passport necklace or a passport belt that will keep your passport, letter and any money safely with you at all times.

You may also keep your documents in a backpack, if you take that with you to the worksite.

Medicine

Please bring any medication in its original bottle (if possible) and carry with you either in your personal item or your carry on bag while on the plane.

LUGGAGE

You may bring 1 checked bag that cannot total more than 50lbs and its measurements (height + weight + length) cannot be more than 62 inches

You can transport a piece of carry-on baggage with a maximum weight of 10 kg (22 lbs.), the sum of exterior dimensions (height + length + width) may not exceed 45 inches you may also bring ONE personal item (purse, backpack, etc)

We recommend you pack a complete change of clothes and travel-sized toiletries in your carry-on bag in case of lost or misplaced luggage. If you are taking any medications or have contact lenses, be sure to pack these inside your carry-on as well.

CELL PHONES

You may bring cell phones. However, once we land in El Salvador we will have restricted usage. Because of international fees, you will need to keep your cell phone on "airplane mode" while in El Salvador. You will still be able to call or text home while at the hotel over wifi.

DRESS CODE

Ladies:

- No short shorts.
- No bikini bathing suits.
- Mid-area (stomach) must be covered.
- One nice outfit for church.

Guys:

- No speedos.
- No cut off shirts.
- One nice outfit

A FEW GROUND RULES

- **No one goes anywhere alone!!!** If you need to go somewhere, take someone with you – even for a restroom break. Insure that other team members know where you and your companion are at all times.

- Don't wear expensive jewelry, sunglasses, or watches.
- Passport/money belts that can be concealed under your clothing are recommended.
- Don't carry a large amount of cash or any unnecessary credit cards. Don't flash large amounts of money in public.
- Take the usual precautions with purses and wallets that you would in any large city.
- Please DO NOT exchange addresses or phone numbers with any locals once you enter El Salvador. This is for the safety of our team during our stay.

A GIFT TO BRING

Toys: Soccer balls, nerf footballs, frisbees, jump ropes, bubbles, school supplies, stickers, crayons, coloring books, paper, Spanish Bibles

PACKING LIST

- Toiletries (soap, toothbrush, shampoo, deodorant, conditioner, toothpaste, etc.)
- Hairbrush
- Underwear and socks for 8 days
- Enough work clothes for 5 days of working
- Camera
- Personal medication
- Clothes for 8 days (pack one change of clothes in our carry on)
- Bug spray with DEET
- Passport
- Cash (\$100-\$150)
- Bible
- Pens
- Travel package of Kleenex (some places may not have toilet paper)
- 3 color copies of passport picture page (one in carry on, one in checked bag, one on you)
- make copies of your US Passport to keep at home
- flip flops
- sunscreen
- bathing suit (no bikinis or speedos)
- sunglasses and hat
- pajamas
- health insurance card or copy
- work shoes
- comfortable tennis shoes
- cell phone charger
- snacks (something that won't spoil or melt easily)
- medication
- hand sanitizer

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Computers, iPads or other electronic devices you wouldn't want to lose
- A bad attitude
- Drugs or alcohol

VACCINATIONS

According to the CDC for travels to El Salvador

*****These are recommendations, you do not have to get these to go on the trip*****

All Travelers- Make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines before every trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot

Most Travelers- Hepatitis A- CDC recommends this vaccine because you can get hepatitis A through contaminated food or water in El Salvador, regardless of where you are eating or staying.

Typhoid- You can get typhoid through contaminated food or water in El Salvador. CDC recommends this vaccine for most travelers, especially if you are staying with friends or relatives, visiting smaller cities or rural areas, or if you are an adventurous eater.

Some Travelers-

Malaria- Although the risk of malaria is low in El Salvador, you should avoid mosquito bites to prevent malaria. Some travelers to certain areas who are at higher risk for complications from malaria (such as pregnant women) may need to take extra precautions, like antimalarial medicine. Talk to your doctor about how you can prevent malaria while traveling. For more information on malaria in El Salvador, see

[malaria in El](#)

[Salvador\(https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2018/infectious-diseases-related-to-travel/yellow-fever-malaria-information-by-country/el-salvador#seldyfm879\).](https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2018/infectious-diseases-related-to-travel/yellow-fever-malaria-information-by-country/el-salvador#seldyfm879)

Rabies- Rabies can be found in dogs, bats, and other mammals in El Salvador, so CDC recommends this vaccine for the following groups:

- Travelers involved in outdoor and other activities (such as camping, hiking, biking, adventure travel, and caving) that put them at risk for animal bites.
- People who will be working with or around animals (such as veterinarians, wildlife professionals, and researchers).
- People who are taking long trips or moving to El Salvador