

Service Learning Trip FAQs

Lemonade International

What is the minimum and maximum size for a group?

Minimum group size is 4 and maximum group size is 10. We also require each group to have an assigned group leader who will be the primary point of contact for our Service Learning Trip Coordinator throughout the process of your trip.

Do you recommend any books or resources for groups to prepare for a Service Learning Trip?

We recommend the book *Geography of Grace* by Kris Rocke and Joel Van Dyke. We also strongly encourage groups to view the short film series, Restore:

- [RESTORE // The Film, Part 1](#)
- [RESTORE // The Film, Part 2](#)
- [RESTORE // The Film, Part 3](#)

Once the trip is officially scheduled, we will also provide the trip leader with a Service Learning Trip Manual that will provide important information and details for the leader to share with the group in preparation for their time in Guatemala.

Where will I stay while in Guatemala?

Lemonade International rents a home in Guatemala City, referred to as the “Guest House.” The house is located about 45–55 minutes away from the Center. Men and women are provided with separate rooms, which are furnished with bunk beds. All bedding is provided as well.

Will I need any immunizations in order to travel to Guatemala?

No immunizations are required to travel to Guatemala, but we do strongly encourage each individual group member to consult with a family physician regarding any suggested immunizations. Each person should be in good physical condition at the time of the trip, as walking long distances on tough terrain is required.

What will I do while I am in Guatemala?

The schedule for the time your group will spend in Guatemala can vary, but it will include investing time with the Guatemalan leaders who serve the community and with the people of the community themselves. You will also have an opportunity to listen to and learn from the leaders of each of the programs that are in place to empower the people of Guatemala City. We strongly encourage groups to consider this as a learning experience as well as an opportunity to build meaningful long-term relationships.

Your group leader will work with our Service Learning Trip and Communication Liaison to design a trip that is the best fit for the people in the group, which may include various projects for the children who attend the Center and/or for the community at large. During the planning process, please let us know about any professional skills that you or your team may be able to offer, as there are opportunities for specific projects (such as medical, dental, and construction).

How much will this trip cost?

Application fee: \$100, non-refundable (per group)

Airline ticket: approximately \$450–\$800 (per person)

Estimated cost per person: \$895 (standard one week, Sunday–Saturday)

- Per diem: \$50 per night per person (\$300 for one week)
- Administrative: \$295 per person
- Program support: \$300 per person

Per diem: This covers the daily cost of staying in Guatemala: all meals, safe drinking water, housing, utilities, free Wi-Fi, and ground transportation. Because your security is a priority to us, all groups stay at the Guest House, which offers safe, clean lodging and simple bunk beds. Staff from the Guest House clean the rooms and prepare authentic and healthy meals for the groups.

Administrative: This covers the facilitation and coordination provided by the staff members in our Guatemala office. Our group hosts will meet you at the airport and will provide transportation throughout your trip. They will also provide in-country leadership, project coordination, translation, and any additional support needed throughout your time in Guatemala. This also covers the cost of the finances and administrative support provided by your Service Learning Trip and Communication Liaison.

Program support: We believe groups are meant to support the community development efforts in Guatemala. This fee provides essential assistance to the programs. If your group is doing a service project for the children or community, this fee applies to your construction or other project costs.

Please note that refunds will not be given for cancellations made within 30 days of your group's scheduled arrival.

How do I pay for my trip?

All group members are required to raise 100% of the cost of the trip 30 days before your departure date. Raising financial support can be a unique opportunity for family and friends to participate in the Service Learning Trip experience with you. While you could pay for the trip yourself, our [Lemonade Stand](#) online campaign tool can be an amazing way to engage and share this experience with others. Our Service Learning Trip and Communication Liaison is also available to help brainstorm creative ways to fundraise the total cost.

How do I sign up?

Fill out our [Service Learning Trip Application](#) and submit it with the \$100 non-refundable application fee.

Questions? Contact our Service Learning Trip Coordinator, Jose Díaz, at trips@lemonadeinternational.org.