

COMPASSION TRIP



2019

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

FEBRUARY 18 - 22



**"WE ARE COMMITTED
TO PROVIDING
CROSS CULTURAL &
RELATIONAL
EXPERIENCES
THAT LEAD TO
EDUCATION,
ADVOCACY &
SPONSORSHIP."**



OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH COMPASSION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

We chose a partnership with Compassion because we believe in their vision of being Christ Centered, Child Focused, and Church Based.

Through their holistic approach, their ministry releases children from spiritual, economic, social, and physical poverty. The goal is for each child to become a responsible and fulfilled adult.

Compassion began its ministry in the Dominican Republic in 1970 as a relief program donating food, medicine and money for children. In the 1980s the program became a school program in which children gained access to education through the local church. Currently more than 54,000 children participate in more than 165 child development centers in the DR.

Compassion partners with local churches to help them provide Dominican children with the opportunity to rise above their circumstances and become all God has created them to be.

We chose a partnership in the Dominican Republic because Compassion's work through the local churches there helps prevent and protect children from being sold into sex trafficking in these areas.

The DR also has a large population affected by HIV and Compassion's work there is making huge advances to care for the medical needs of kids in these situations.

Dominican Republic Facts:

Capital - Santo Domingo

Population - 10,349,741

Language - Spanish

Monetary unit:- Dominican peso

TENTATIVE TRIP ITINERARY

Monday February 18

Travel Day

Check In Hotel

Compassion DR Orientation

Tuesday February 19

Visit Compassion Country Office

Visit Child Survival Program

Visit Homes of Moms in Program



Wednesday February 20

Overview of Child Sponsorship Program

Visit a Compassion Project

Visit Homes of Compassion Children

Dinner with Compassion Alumni

Thursday February 21

Fun Day with Your Sponsor Child

Cultural Exploring/Shopping

Friday February 22

Travel Day

Arrive Home



**VISITING A
COMPASSION PROJECT**



**MEETING YOUR
SPONSOR CHILD**



TRIP COST

Approximately \$1950

(based on final # of travelers)

This per person cost does not include:

Passport, Vaccinations, Visas

Meals while in transit, Souvenir Shopping, Checked bag fees

Sponsored Children's transportation cost (if it's a long distance from your location)

PAYMENT DEADLINES



Registration Deadline - Actual Date TBD - October 2018

Complete Online Registration & \$300 Non-Refundable
Deposit is DUE

-- Team members should begin passport applications now
if they do not already have a passport valid for 6 months
after the date of the trip.

Between Registration Deadline and early January 2019

Traveler can withdraw but will lose \$300 deposit.

Final Balance Due - Actual Date TBD - Early January 2019

After Final Balance is Paid - Traveler can withdraw but
will lose full payment. An Airline credit may be possible,
but it is up to the airline's discretion.

AGE LIMITS

The minimum age to travel on this trip is 13 years old. (No exceptions)

13-15 year olds must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.

16-17 year olds can travel without a parent with a written release, but must be one chaperone (21 or older) for every 5 minors.



SAFETY & INSURANCE

Compassion sees your safety and the safety of their Compassion kids as their top priority. They will require a background check on everyone on the trip. They also diligently work with their International Security Consultants to track any events that would effect your travel. You will be required to sign a release that Compassion will not be responsible for injuries or accidents that occur on the trip.

Your trip with Compassion International automatically includes the following travel insurance:

\$50,000 Medical Benefit (no deductible) for urgent and emergency care

\$500,000 Medical Evacuation & Repatriation

\$100,000 Security Evacuation

\$50,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment

***This plan only provides coverage during the duration of your trip**



Jordan, Ethiopia Trip

- This trip is not about what you do or don't have to offer, this trip is about you showing up and marveling at how God works. This trip is a demonstration that love is not bound by language, customs, or first impressions...This experience of love is so close to the heart of God, you cannot lose. Your journey is for such a time as this.

Erik, Philippines Trip

- I agonized about whether I should sign up for this trip or not. Going was the best decision I've ever made. God spoke to me in a very big way. After going on this trip, I have a completely new perspective and my faith in Compassion's program is now unshakable. The US staff and the field staff were fantastic in making sure we were always safe, the accommodations were excellent, and we never went hungry. Visiting the child development centers was a life changing experience and you will never understand how much your sponsorship and letters do for children unless you experience it for yourself. Worth every penny and more.



"EVERY CHILD YOU ENCOUNTER IS A DIVINE APPOINTMENT."

— Wess Stafford, President Emeritus of Compassion International

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