



# Partners In Development, Inc.

*Serving the poorest of the poor since 1990*

## What To Expect When Traveling With PID

Partners In Development (PID) hosts service trips to Haiti, Guatemala, and the Mississippi Delta. Individuals may join a scheduled trip, or groups with 10 – 18 people can contact PID to select their own travel dates.

### General Information:

- Trips are generally eight days long. Extended trip are available upon request.
- PID handles all travel arrangements. You may use frequent flyer miles if you have them, provided you will travel at the same time as the rest of the team.
- Your group will participate on the worksite and go on one cultural excursion as a team; PID offers construction trips, medical trips and an opportunity to run children's programs where we conduct our programs. No experience is needed to join a team, however, medical licensing is required for those wishing to work in one of our clinics.

### Trip Details:

- The cost includes \$800 trip fees plus airfare per person. A discounted rate of \$660 is available for medical professionals. Discounted trip fees are also available for groups of 12 or more that raise \$3500 prior to their trip (this is the cost to build a PID house in Haiti and Guatemala).
- The price includes three meals a day, lodging, drinking water, local transportation, international medical travel insurance, general supplies (first aid supplies, etc.), one cultural excursion and a donation to the PID project/program the team is working on.
- Accommodations:
  - In Haiti, teams stay in our guest-house and will share bunk rooms with other teammates. Bathrooms and showers (cold ones!) are available. The guesthouse is in a gated property with 24/7 security.
  - In Guatemala, teams stay at Hotel Mazatlán and share rooms with 2-3 teammates. Each room has a private bathroom with a shower.
  - In Mississippi, teams stay in a local Bed & Breakfast.
  - Please keep in mind you may not have access to the some of the amenities that you're used to:
    - You will be sharing a room and bathroom with other teammates and sleeping on bunk beds.
    - International: the water supply is limited, so showers are restricted to five minutes. Hot water is not available.
    - Wifi may not be available.
- Mealtimes: PID provides three meals a day. You may bring extra snacks. You can expect a menu similar to this:
  - Breakfast: coffee, cereal, milk and fresh fruit are available each morning  
A hot breakfast (i.e. pancakes or eggs) is served on weekends.
  - Lunch: Peanut butter and jelly or grilled cheese sandwiches
  - Dinner: a mix of American and host-country meals (i.e. spaghetti and meat balls, chicken with rice and beans)
  - Bottled water is available all day. You may bring powdered sports drink packets to add to your water bottle.

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\*Please let us know if you have dietary concerns or food allergies and bring alternate food. We make efforts to accommodate vegetarians and gluten intolerance.

- Each trip includes one cultural excursion.
- Each evening PID will run a meeting to practice the language and discuss the history of the country, global poverty, and local statistics. If you are traveling with an organized group, your group may hold meetings when the PID meeting concludes.
- For a full cultural experience, we ask people to leave electronic equipment at home.
- A typical work day:
  - Leave the guesthouse after breakfast
  - Work starts between 8:30 and 9:00 am
  - Eat lunch, sometimes at the worksite
  - The work day ends between 3-5 pm, depending on your project and weather conditions
  - Showers & dinner at guesthouse/hotel
  - PID group meeting
- Minors and trips: Children ages 13-15 may travel to Guatemala and Mississippi with a parent. Children ages 16-17 may travel to Guatemala and Mississippi accompanied by a supervising adult with the permission of the parent. Children 13-17 traveling to Haiti must be accompanied by a parent.

**Questions? Please contact PID at (978) 380-6132 or email [Trips@pidonline.org](mailto:Trips@pidonline.org)**

**Be sure to check out our website at [www.pidonline.org](http://www.pidonline.org)  
for more information about our work.**

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