



Mission Trip Frequently Asked Questions

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All answers to these questions follow below:

Q. What does a JiHM mission trip cost?

- A. A typical JiHM week runs from Saturday to Friday, the cost is \$499 a person per week. An optional day at the beach may be added for an additional cost of between \$10 and \$30 per person.

Q. When is payment due for the trip and where should it be mailed?

- A. Payment is due in full 6 weeks before arrival and should be mailed to:
JiHM, Inc., Suite #155, 10214 Chestnut Plaza Dr., Ft. Wayne, IN 46814
There is a \$100 fee for each additional airport trip for anyone traveling independently from the group. **Group leader is responsible for collecting all JiHM fees and must remit one check.**

Q. What is the average cost of flights and is the cost included in the JiHM fee?

- A. The average cost for a ticket to Haiti can typically range between \$500-\$800. The ticket cost is not included in the JiHM fee. All flight arrangements are to be made separately of JiHM. All group members must travel as a group.



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Q. What is included in the cost of your JiHM per person fee?

A. The cost includes:

- Food
- Housing
- Security
- Local Transportation
- Translators
- An optional day at the beach may be added for an additional cost of between \$10 and \$30 per person.

Q. What forms are required for travel?

A. You will need a current passport. You will receive a form on the plane to fill out which will be your VISA while in Haiti. You will return your VISA upon your return at the airport in Haiti.

Q. What are the lengths of your trips?

A. The lengths of our trips are as short as four days and at most, seven days

Q. When do you have trips? What is your availability?

A. We have groups serve with us all year. However there are specific time frames that are unavailable for groups. These time frames include:

- Thanksgiving week
- The month of December
- Please contact Linda Neal (jihm.trips@jesusinhaiti.org) to confirm available weeks.

Q. What meals do teams eat? Is the water safe?

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- Breakfast-cereal, toast (butter, jelly and peanut butter), fruit, coffee and juice
- Lunch- peanut butter and jelly sandwich, ham or turkey and cheese sandwich, chips, cookies and a drink. At least one lunch will be at a Haitian restaurant.
- Dinner- A couple of meals will be prepared by a Haitian cook but most meals will be typical American fare. Some of the meals will be at the mission home and some at the ministry house.
- All the water provided by JiHM is safe to drink. There will be bottled water when traveling to ministry sites and Culligan water is always available from the water cooler when at the ministry house and mission compound.

Q. What are the travel arrangements to and from the airport? How far is the airport from where the team will be staying?

A. Travel will be in trucks. The mission compound is about a half hour truck ride from the airport.

Q. Where do teams stay?

A. Teams stay at the JiHM ministry house. It is a spacious home located about ¼ mile from Tom's home.



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Q. What is the minimum group size?

A. The minimum group size is 10 people

Q. What is the maximum group size?

A. The maximum group size is 20 people

Q. Can individuals or families join an existing group that is already on the schedule?

A. Yes! Individuals or families can join existing groups that are already scheduled to serve with us. We are happy to connect individuals who don't have a team with an existing group.

Q. What is a typical trip agenda – daily itinerary?

A. A typical day serving with JiHM includes:

- Breakfast: 7am – 7:30am
- Devotional/quiet time: 7:30am-8:30am (to be organized by group leader)
- Leave for the day: 8:30am-9am
- Lunch: around noon either on-site or at a Haitian restaurant
- Leave project site around 3:00pm
- Free time: 4pm-6pm
- Dinner: 6pm
- Debriefing/reflections with group: after dinner

Q. What kind of projects can teams expect?

A. You will be visiting the points of light with the purpose of teaching, loving, sharing, caring, and being Jesus to the people of Haiti. For an explanation of each point of light visit <http://www.jesusinhaiti.org/default.asp?contentid=84> on the web. The exact purpose of your visit will depend on the need at the time. Some examples are medical trips, dental trips, teaching good hygiene, crafts with the children, VBS or a project to clean and organize at one of the points of light. The specifics will be determined by the current needs of the ministry. The goal of the trip is not to change the people you will be working with. If you go with an attitude of letting God speak through you by laying down your own agendas, it will be an incredible time. Be open to challenging experiences; be flexible, and ready to learn something new. The biggest result will be a change in you!

Q. Is Haiti safe? Is the Jesus in Haiti property safe?

A. Tom Osbeck has served in Haiti for fourteen years without any group safety incidents. We have JiHM staff, who know the language and local culture, with our guests at all times. The villages we serve in are removed from the areas where the violence has occurred in the past. Teams would be advised not to travel if there was any type of situation that would deem travel unsafe.

Haiti is a very unstable country politically. The U.S. State Department does list Haiti as a dangerous country to travel. The UN currently has troops stationed in Haiti and has been successful in restoring order to the country. The people are very friendly and it is safe to walk around town in groups. However, being a foreigner in Haiti, you will stick out and should be careful when you are out and about. In addition, our property that houses guests is walled and fulltime security is provided for extra precaution.



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Q. Is there medical care nearby if I get injured or sick while there?

A. There is a Catholic Hospital within walking distance with 24 hour medical care.

Q. What is the weather like in Haiti?

A. Temperatures range from low 70's in the evening to the high 90's in the summer. For more information on the local weather visit www.weather.com for the latest updates.

Q. Does JiHM require any immunizations?

A. JiHM does not require anyone to receive immunizations, although many trip participants choose to receive them as an extra precaution. Please visit www.cdc.gov for information regarding immunization recommendations and guidelines. Also, please consult your family doctor for recommendations regarding immunizations.

Q. What paperwork does each trip participant have to fill out?

A. Each trip participant is required to fill out the Mission Trip Application Form.

Q. What should I pack?

A. Our packing list can be found on our website at <http://www.jesusinhaiti.org/default.asp?contentID=93>. Click on Packing List.

Q. How much money should I bring with me?

A. All expenses are included in the trip fee. The only cash you would need would be for souvenirs and for food traveling to and from Haiti; \$60 should more than cover your costs.

Q. Does JiHM provide a translator for the team?

A. Yes, we always make sure that there is someone with your team that speaks Kreyol. Our in-country team is made up of Haitian Nationals. Wherever your team is going there will be at least one staff member that speaks Kreyol.

Q. What is the emergency contact information while in Haiti?

A. Tom Osbeck, #25 MBC Road, Bon Repo Haiti, 011.509.3.801.5499, tominhaiti@yahoo.com