**Are you interested in a mission trip to Roatan, Honduras?**

**We can accommodate any teams from 10-22 people in our mission house.**

**HOUSING**

Our accommodations for teams are at [www.seascaperoatan.com](http://www.seascaperoatan.com)

Our housing is USA standards built featuring beautiful views of caribbean and close to West End/West Bay. Whole house filtered water, hot water, AC, WIFI, showers and large porch areas for meetings. Saltwater Pool, jacuzzi and outdoor pavilion make team meetings easy.

We can provide all housing, food (except for 1 meal out) and transportation for the week for $75 per person/per day or $525 for the week per person.

**MINISTRIES**

Below is a list of some of the ministries our teams assist with:

Our website is [www.roatanmission.com](http://www.roatanmission.com)

• Dump Ministry: We go every two weeks and share a message, give bags of rice and beans, provide fresh water, assist with medical and dental care, get kids enrolled in school, etc. We also assist Modello school (where many of the kids go)

• Children’s Ministries: We work with four children’s ministries on the island providing behavioral counseling, donations, team and fundraising assistance

• Learning Center: We have hosted medical and vet clinics at this multipurpose building and it would be available for use and is centrally located on the island.

Other projects include House builds, women’s health days, sports ministries, etc.

**MISSION TRIP PREPARATION**

* First and most importantly, obtain your passport! This process is lengthy and otherwise expensive, especially when a rush order is needed.  See <http://travel.state.gov/passport>
* Team building: A mission trip is at times strenuous physically so participants should be able to at least walk long distances and in moderate physical condition.
* **PASSPORT MUST NOT be about to expire in the next six months or you won’t be allowed to fly into Honduras**
* Roatan Honduras is very HOT and you must ensure that your Physician approves you to be in a very hot country. It is very important while in Roatan that you drink plenty of purified water.
* Learn some Spanish phrases, if possible. There are many free sites available online.
* Once you have completed this process you should have a plan for what your team will be doing while in Roatan Honduras. Some of the projects require your group to raise money. Once you have the money raised we can purchase most of the products for you, i.e. building supplies. Bringing down some specific supplies that are hard to get on the island may be requested.

**AIRLINES AND FLIGHT INFO**

* American, Sun Country, United and Delta Airlines fly directly into Roatan, Honduras
* You may use other airlines to fly into San Pedro Sula, followed by a 45 minute flight to Roatan on CM Airlines or SOSA.
* You will be asked to complete customs forms during your flight. When filling in the customs form, indicate that the items you are carrying are “personal”, and that you are going to Honduras on a mission trip. If one of the forms or the immigration official ask where you will be staying in Roatan Honduras, give the address:

 Travis Morin

 Seascape, Ocean View Drive, West Bay

 Phone: 011-504-9827-5042 (yes, this # is correct ;)

**PERSONAL CHECKLIST BEFORE PACKING**

* PASSPORT (Upon arrival at the Mission Facility (Hotel) your passport should be given to the Trip Coordinator for safe keeping and will be given back to you at the airport on the return trip)
* Bug Repellent (with Deet Recommended) (You will wear every day)
* Bible
* Journal
* Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
* Sunglasses
* Hat
* Sunscreen 30+
* Tennis shoes
* Water shoes or sandals
* Water Bottle
* Poncho (October through February is the rainy season in Roatan Honduras)
* Back-pack or something to carry your water and other items in during the day
* Snacks (be mindful of the heat and to not choose snacks that will easily melt)
* Prescribed medicine
* Tylenol
* Allergy medicine

**PACKING**

* Pack one set of clothing and personal items into a carry-on suitcase. There are situation where luggage sometimes does not make the same flight and will arrive the following day. Often there are size and weight restrictions. You should check with the airlines before leaving to see if there are any current embargos.
* Currently you may check 1 suitcase 50 pound bag for $35. A second bag is $60 on delta as of Oct 1, 2020. Be sure to follow 3-1-1 guidelines for flights to expedite the check-in process.
* You may carry on the plane one personal item such as a back-pack **OR** purse and one rolling bag. Visit your airline’s baggage requirements for Central America to familiarize yourself with restrictions.

**When packing for Roatan, keep these things in mind:**

* It is HOT, HOT, HOT!!! Pack light-colored clothes.
* Women: It is suggested that women be very conservative in their clothing. Short shorts & tank tops are not recommended; mid-length shorts, pants and skirts are appropriate.
* Men: Wear long shorts; due to the heat, jeans are NOT advised.
* The sun is bright and extremely hot. Bring sunglasses, sunblock and a hat.
* You will be on your feet. Bring only comfortable shoes. The area where you will be working is rocky with large hills and clay.
* At R Church you may dress casually. At most island churches, women wear casual dresses or skirts, and men wear shorts and a t-shirt or polo.
* Pack light and plan to mix and match skirts/slacks/shirts to save space.

**ROATAN AIRPORT INFO**

* The Airport is small. We will pick you up from the airport in Roatan, Honduras. You must first provide customs your passport, and then retain your luggage. Make sure you account for all of your luggage. Your Team Leader should organize one person in the airport to collect luggage to take to the truck. You should coordinate all tipping for luggage with your Team Leader.

**MONEY MATTERS**

* The Honduran currency is the Lempira, and it has a value of about 24.5 lempiras to one US dollar as of Jan 2022. Dollars are usually accepted in souvenir shops, restaurants and hotels. Smaller denominations are preferable. You must be very careful about Lempira to USA Dollar exchange. For example something that is 200 Lemps is about $8 US.
* Women will want to use a purse with a strong shoulder strap and not wear flashy or expensive jewelry. We strongly recommend that you leave all jewelry with sentimental value at home.
* NEVER LEAVE IMPORTANT ITEMS LYING AROUND AS THEY MAY DISAPPEAR. PLEAE KEEP UP WITH PHONES. CAMERAS ESPECIALLY—MANY FREQUENTLY ARE LEFT AT THE DINNER TABLE.

**GUIDELINES**

* Be careful what you say in English as most of the Islanders understand English.
* Do not give money or gifts to individuals, gifts should be coordinated through your Team Leader.

**RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

* Although you will be working hard on mission critical activities during your trip at the site, there will be some available down time (at the direction and planning of your mission team’s trip coordinator). Roatan is famous for many water sport activities.
* We recommend that teams use Fridays as a day for recreational activities. Activities:

– Scuba/Snuba diving, Dolphin Swim, Monkey Adventure, Iguana Zoo, Parasailing, Snorkeling. West Bay beach is a top 10 in the world. It is also one of the best places for snorkeling in the Caribbean.