

HAITI MISSION TRIP OVERVIEW

St. Joseph Church mission trips to our sister parish of St. James, Plaine du Nord, Haiti, are offered twice per year - spring and fall. Most trips are seven or eight days. We travel as a group from Evansville to Ft. Lauderdale to Cap-Haitian, Haiti by plane, then by ground transportation to Plaine du Nord (40 minutes). We are met at the airport by the parish priest who escorts us to our destination. We stay with him at the rectory within the church compound.

All meals are served to us in the rectory dining room and provide an array of tasty native dishes, with an occasional hamburger. Bottled water is provided to fill our small bottles, along with juices, coffee, Coke products and beer with meals. Tap water is not safe for drinking.

Sleeping arrangements are usually dormitory style, but depend on the configuration of the group. The rectory provides the luxury of flush toilettes and showers.

The climate is very hot with an occasional shower. The rainy season brings steadier downpours, but usually not in the spring or the fall. Loose, lightweight clothing is a must.

Our mission is to address the needs of the people, so we plan projects for each trip, in addition to manning the medical clinic for the week. There is a job to do for every person in our group no matter what their skills.

Church services are offered most mornings and on Sunday.

The average total trip cost per person is \$1200.00. This includes airfare, hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, food, lodging, international travel insurance and Haiti departure tax.

Immunizations needed are hepatitis A and B, tetanus and prophylactic Malaria medicine.

A passport is required.

HAITI PACKING LIST

CLOTHES: Men: pants, shorts
 Women: skirts/capris/dresses
 Shirts
 Socks
 Underwear
 Sleepwear
 Hat
 Shoes - comfortable
 Rain poncho or umbrella

TOILETTRIES

WATER BOTTLE

BACKPACK or FANNYPACK (not necessary, but helpful)

FLASHLIGHT (extra batteries)

WATCH
KLEENEX
MEDICATIONS
SUNSCREEN
INSECT REPELLANT
CITRONELLA CANDLES/MATCHES
CAMERA
LIQUID HAND SANITIZER
EARPLUGS
BATH TOWEL/WASHCLOTH
NOTEPAD & PENS OR PENCIL
SNACKS