



Educational Tours



Program Details

ENCOURAGING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

This environmentally-charged project has you working closely with the Dominican’s own Brigada Verde (Green Brigade), a Peace Corps initiative of young women who are committed to preserving the environment and promoting responsible tourism. Join them and Jarabacoa’s National Environmental School to help raise awareness through composting, community gardening and tutoring. You’ll also get to enjoy the raw beauty that you’re helping to preserve in the beautiful mountain town of Jarabacoa.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

Trail building; Reforestation; Community gardening; Composting; Leadership training; Ecotourism development; Garbage removal; Community development projects

SERVICE HOURS:

30

Program themes

To provide global context for each project, our programs are designed to explore important international development goals. These goals drive the values we hope to share with students, and they are the change we’re determined to see for our community partners abroad.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Every population’s survival depends upon the measures they take to live sustainably within their environment. As our growing population continues to challenge the Earth’s natural resources, we must understand and practice every conservational tool available—from international preservation efforts to simply living responsibly.

URBAN MIGRATION

In the U.S., people often move from their small towns into bigger cities with no consequence at all. But in poor and rural areas, this migration can slowly devastate a community that depends on every farmhand, teacher and officer to survive. It depletes small town resources while adding to urban congestion, and is proving to be an unsustainable model for development.

LANGUAGE + CULTURE

You’ll have the chance to connect with people who are doing some amazing things, but that requires more than just being present. Making connections means asking questions, understanding why things are done differently, fumbling for freshly learned words and being fearless to learn. There’s really nothing more rewarding.



An immersive tour with meaningful service

Our Service Learning Tours are designed to instill the humanitarian values that encourage a lifetime of service. By making a positive impact in local communities, students gain the cultural empathy, global awareness and sense of leadership necessary to become true global citizens. In the end, they return home with a newfound understanding of collaboration and the motivation to make a difference in their own communities.

By partnering with local grassroots organizations, we are able to get a genuine insight into the needs of a community—and make a tangible impact where it's needed the most. You'll work alongside community members, local volunteers and expert Field Directors who will introduce you to the lasting nature of meaningful service and the unmistakable experience of cultural immersion.

Included on every program

ACCESS TO LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

Our network of local NGO alliances is what makes our long-term projects relevant to each community.

AUTHENTIC IMMERSION

Our programs encourage students to engage every possible aspect of their surroundings in mindful, respectful and reflective ways.

FULL-TIME FIELD DIRECTOR

Globally connected and at your side, they give you context for each project while coordinating with local community partners.

MEANINGFUL REFLECTION

Taking the time to reflect on both the impact you have on a community and their influence over you is an important part of the growth that we value.

PLANNING AND LOGISTICS

Every tour includes round-trip flights on major carriers, project planning, ground transportation, overnight stays and three meals daily.

Your partner in global education

For nearly 50 years, EF has worked with educators across the world to help millions of students become global citizens by breaking down barriers of language, culture and geography.

A COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

With more than 460 schools and offices in over 50 countries, our staff can respond immediately and in person wherever you are, and we're available 24 hours a day at our headquarters.

Your Field Director stays with the group at all times, and is trained to handle any challenging situation that may arise.

UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT

Before tour, your EF support team will make sure the planning process is as easy and comprehensive as possible.

On tour, your Field Director will handle all of the logistics, provide cultural insight and help coordinate service projects.

THE WORLD LEADER IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

We are an accredited educational institution, just like your school. We also offer students the option to earn high school and college credit through weShare, our unique online project-based learning platform.

For more information or to enroll, call 800-637-8222 or email servicelearning@ef.com