



## Educational Tours



### MEANINGFUL. SUSTAINABLE. UNFORGETTABLE.

As you travel across the Dominican Republic, take a cultural journey into the local communities of the northern coast. While you're immersed in the local heritage, you'll gain insight into the issues impacting local children today. Working together with area non-profits and community members, you'll help build sustainable solutions to the educational, social, and economic challenges they face.

20

Estimated  
service hours

#### YOUR SERVICE PROJECT THEMES

We work with local non-profits to better understand the needs of each community and then focus projects on those issues. Themes include:

- Access to education
- Youth development
- Generational poverty

# EMPOWERING CHILDREN IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

8 days, estimated 20 service hours

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## What to expect on this Service Learning Tour

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### MEANINGFUL SERVICE

Working side by side with locals, you'll gain insight into the challenges they face and build lasting solutions to help empower the community.

#### Projects include:

- Tutoring local students in English
- Educating village members about community health issues
- Mentoring children in the community through after-school activities and programs

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### CULTURAL IMMERSION

Live in the communities you serve—celebrating customs and forming lasting connections with locals.

#### Activities include:

- Exploring a tropical beach where local marine and plant life abound
- Visiting a mangrove forest or hiking and learning about conservation efforts
- Practicing Spanish with locals

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### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

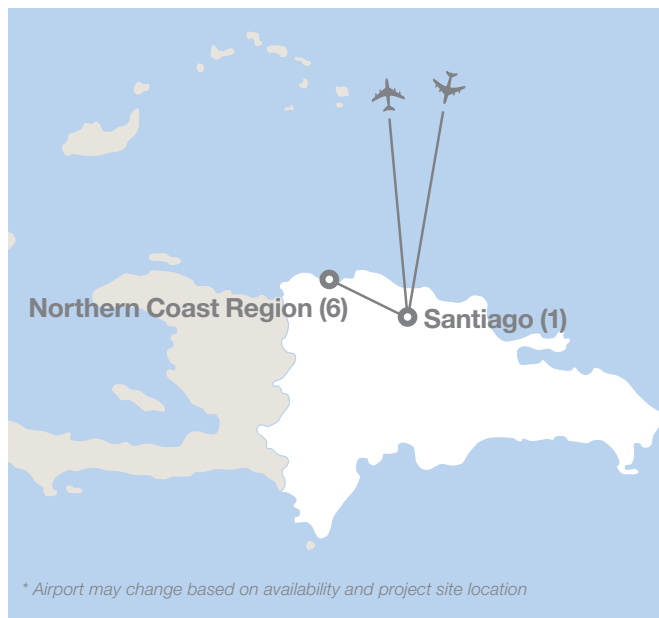
Your Field Director takes your global service experience even further, developing and strengthening leadership skills through activities and workshops.

#### Exercises include:

- Investigating global issues, exploring social justice, and building leadership skills in expert-led workshops
- Contextualizing the day's events through thoughtful discussion and group dialogue
- Reflective journaling to deepen the service experience



Local students enjoy some afternoon games before diving back into their schoolwork





Painting a mural is always easier when you have help from local kids



Students and local kids team up for a battle of dominoes

## 8-DAY ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrive in Santiago

Meet your Field Director at the airport, then travel to the North Coast. After you arrive at your accommodations, settle in and meet your group for the country orientation and safety overview.

### Days 2-6: Service Project—Northern Coast Region

As communities evolve, so do their needs. That's why we work closely with non-profits to better understand the local challenges. Since projects are determined closer to your actual tour date, here's a glimpse at what a typical day might look like.

- Each morning, begin your service project with children in a nearby village.
- Spend afternoons immersed in cultural activities.
- Evenings are a chance to reflect, discuss events as a group, and draw connections between the day's work and relevant global issues.

### Day 7: Mangrove tour or hike

- Explore a mangrove forest by boat with your local tour guide or take a guided hike on the beautiful North Coast. Later, transfer to Santiago.

### Day 8: Depart for home



## LOCAL INSIGHT AND SUPPORT

Your bilingual Field Director deepens your connection to the land, people, and culture. With local perspective on community challenges and skilled training in service leadership, they'll provide insight and global context, as they:

- Lead skill-building workshops and meaningful group reflections
- Connect you with local non-profits and nearby villages
- Facilitate group orientation and safety training
- Handle all on-tour details, from meals to transportation

*"My students and I had a wonderful time on this service learning tour. I felt that the educational value and experiential learning was worth so much more than what we paid for the experience. I would do it again in a heartbeat."*

Amber F. Group Leader, Cadwell, ID



**Your experience includes:** 7 overnight stays in hotels; round-trip flights on major carriers; daily breakfast, lunch and dinner; local ground transportation; full-time Field Director; sustainable service projects; service hours that count towards academic credit; sightseeing tours led by expert guides; entrance fees



Local children and students enjoy a little quality time together



A game of baseball brings everyone together for some afternoon fun



The community and students come together to plant and beautify local gardens

## *Your partner in global education*

### **EF EDUCATIONAL TOURS**

For over 50 years, EF has worked with educators across the world to help millions of students become citizens of the world through one global mission: Opening the World Through Education. With more than 500 schools and offices in over 50 countries, our staff can respond in person wherever you are, 24 hours a day. We're also an accredited educational institution, offering students the option to earn high school and college credit.

### **ABOUT SERVICE LEARNING TOURS**

On an EF Service Learning Tour, you and your students work side by side with locals on community-driven projects in Africa, Asia, or the Americas. EF partners with established non-profits and NGOs—such as the Mariposa Foundation and Free The Children—to make sure your contributions are both meaningful and sustainable. Through hands-on work and deep exposure to the local culture, students learn vital collaboration and problem-solving skills. They return inspired to make a difference at home, too.

### **START PLANNING**

To enroll on this tour, ask your teacher for the tour number and visit [eftours.com/enroll](http://eftours.com/enroll) or call 800-665-5364