



Educational Tours



MEANINGFUL. SUSTAINABLE. UNFORGETTABLE.

Experience the Dominican Republic's diverse landscape as you journey from Santo Domingo to Hato Mayor, driving past fruit plantations and tropical sugar cane fields. You'll travel to the rural province of Hato Mayor, where communities are facing challenges of health, sanitation, quality education, and food security. Working together with community members, you'll build sustainable solutions to these problems through different initiatives as you connect with locals and become immersed in the culture.

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:

- Health and Sanitation
- Sustainable Community Development
- Food Security

GLOBAL HEALTH IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

8 days, estimated 20 service hours

What to expect on this Service Learning Tour

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:

- Constructing bathrooms or latrines
- Building and installing water filters
- Educating about hygiene
- Creating vegetable gardens

CULTURAL IMMERSION

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

Activities include:

- Practicing Spanish with locals
- Relaxing on a scenic Caribbean beach
- Learning the Bachata and Merengue, two popular dances
- Playing baseball with community members

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
- Contextualizing the day's events through thoughtful discussion and group dialogue
- Reflective journaling to deepen the service experience



Students help prepare the land before planting a community garden



* Airport may change based on availability and project site location



The morning begins with students prepping the worksite and gathering equipment



Hungry students enjoy a meal of traditional specialties, prepared by a local woman

8-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive in Santo Domingo

Meet your Field Director at the airport and head to your service project site.

Days 2-6: Service Project—Hato Mayor

As communities evolve so do their needs. That's why we work closely with non-profits to better understand each community's challenges. Since projects are determined closer to your actual tour date, here's a glimpse at what a typical day might look like. You will help bring CSA's public health project to a number of family homes.

- Each morning, begin your service project supporting local health initiatives.
- 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: Tropical beach

- Dive into the tropical waters of the Caribbean and enjoy a full day at the beach.

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 daughter loved every minute of her trip. She felt extremely proud of the work they did on the community building. It was a week packed with adventure, learning and working.”

Heidi C., Parent, Shrewsbury, MA



Everything you get: 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



Students dig a latrine in order to provide the community with clean water.



Students play baseball with community members.

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

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