



2010 Trips

Experience a cross-cultural adventure while serving others

The mission of Interfaith Service to Latin America (ISLA) is partnering to create self-sustaining communities in Latin America through health, education and construction programs. We carry out our mission by sending short term teams to work with the community on various projects, providing opportunities for cultural exchange.

Volunteers work in partnership with local citizens and organizations to undertake projects that benefit the community. We value each human being we meet and serve all persons regardless of race, creed, and social or economic status placing particular emphasis on serving the poorest and neediest. We strive to provide an enriching spiritual experience as we work, play and grow together.

Programs

ISLA carries out its mission through three programs: medical, educational and construction. All of the teams will be working in Jalapa, Nicaragua located in north central Nicaragua. ISLA teams consist of 10 to 35 volunteers plus a trained team leader.

The Volunteer

People of all backgrounds and experiences travel with ISLA including families. The minimum age to participate is 14 years old and a parent or guardian must accompany youth under the age of 18.

If you are culturally sensitive, flexible, optimistic, willing to learn, work well in a team setting, and are open to new experiences, you should find this a very rewarding experience.

Living Accommodations

Teams stay in a local hotel. The rooms have bathrooms with showers. Our food is typical Nicaraguan fare and is prepared by and served family style at local restaurant. Internet cafes are available in Jalapa and telephone service is available at the hotel.

Trip Preparations

Volunteers receive a Volunteer Manual. In addition, a formal orientation session is held 4 – 6 weeks prior to the trip where information is provided on work projects, health, safety, travel arrangements, packing list, travel tips, group guidelines, reading list, and cross-cultural awareness.

Cost

The cost per person for a 2010 trip is \$1250.00 **plus** airfare. The trip fee includes in-country travel, lodging, most meals, orientation materials, travel accident and evacuation insurance, project/program costs and administrative expenses. Costs incurred during free time activities are additional and the responsibility of the volunteer.

Available Trip Fee Discounts

ONLY ONE TYPE OF DISCOUNT WILL APPLY PER APPLICATION

Early Registration: \$100 discount per person.

The completed application and full deposit must be received in the ISLA office 16 weeks before the departure date.

Family Discounts:

Family of 2, \$100 discount per person, \$200 maximum discount per family
Family of 3, \$150 discount per person, \$300 maximum discount per family
Family of 4 or more, \$200 discount per person, \$800 maximum discount per family
(Family discounts apply to two or more people who have the same primary resident address.)

ISLA can make your flight arrangements. If ISLA arranges your flight, the full amount of the airfare must be paid prior to the time of booking. Participants may arrange their own air travel, however, prior to making your reservations please check with the ISLA office for the preferred flight schedule.

The cost of the trip is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

Registration

If you would like to join a team, please complete and sign the application/ISLA Trip Agreement and send with two copies of your passport and your non refundable \$200 deposit to the ISLA office. Please contact ISLA at (612) 819-8877 or jon@isla.cc if you have any questions. Applicants will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

2010 ISLA Trip Dates

January 18, 2010 through January 29, 2010

March 27, 2010 through April 6, 2010

June 2010 TBD

October 2010 TBD

If you need a passport apply now! We will need two copies of your passport with your application!

Please note the dates are subject to change based on availability of airlines seats .

WAYS TO HELP

Ways to Support the Teams:

In addition to participating on a team, you can support the work we do by making a tax deductible donation. Some examples of what your support can do:

- \$35 repairs seats and desks in schools
- \$50 buys paint for a school
- \$150 provides 4 new doors and locks for one school
- \$300 provides surgical supplies
- \$750 purchases laboratory supplies needed for 1000 Pap smears
- \$1500 can put a badly needed roof on a school
- \$5000 helps ISLA purchase a school bus for team transportation

Please return your donation with the following information

ISLA, 270 Page St. W., St. Paul, MN 55107

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email address: _____

Amount of gift: _____

All gifts are tax deductible

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!