

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



How long are the mission trips?

Typically, they are one week to 10 days long. Most groups find it easiest to leave from home on a Saturday and return from the mission field on a Saturday.

What locations do groups go to on mission trips?

Dominican Republic and Costa Rica are our two most popular destinations. We also travel to Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Honduras, the Holy Land, Jamaica, Panama, Uruguay, and multiple locations in the USA.

Do I need to have a passport?

Yes, you must have a current passport to travel internationally. It must be valid for at least 6 months after your return date.

Where do groups stay while overseas?

It depends upon the destination. In the Dominican Republic, SCORE owns our Missionary Training Center (MTC), where all trip participants will stay unless notified otherwise. In other countries, SCORE will rent hotel rooms or have groups stay at the facilities of other mission organizations.

What types of ministry can our group do?

The options are truly limitless, but here are a few examples: Vacation Bible School programs, light construction work, medical missions, sports ministry, visiting schools and orphanages, etc.

Are there age limits to go on a SCORE trip?

SCORE does not enforce any age limits. However, most individuals who go are at least 16 years old. There are people under age 16 who go, but it is typically with an adult family member.

Will my child be allowed to leave the group?

NO! The groups are always supervised by a SCORE missionary, and no one is ever allowed to leave the group or the facilities.



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What is included in the cost of the trip?

All trips include lodging, meals, in-country ground transportation, translators, and insurance.

How do I raise money for my trip?

The most effective way to raise funds for your trip is through social media and email. You will be given instructions on how to set up a Public Profile for social media with information on how to donate to your trip. You'll also have a sample donor letter you can personalize to send to family, friends, church members, doctors, dentists, teachers, etc. Be sure to let your church know what your needs are.



Is the deposit applied to the cost of my trip?

Yes, your deposit is applied towards your final balance.

How much spending money should I take?

We recommend bringing \$150–\$200 in new, undamaged U.S. bills (nothing larger than \$20s) for personal expenses, activities, souvenirs, etc. While most places accept U.S. cash or credit cards, small bills are more convenient for local purchases. Missionaries can help you exchange U.S. Dollars if needed. *Some countries may have other guidelines which you will have in your Country Travel Guide.

When does the cost of my trip have to be paid?

All accounts are due 45 days prior to departure of your trip.

How will I know who gave donations?

All donations will be posted in your Managed Mission trip app under "Fundraising". You will see the name of the donor and the amount, along with their contact information for you to send a thank-you message.

What if I do not raise enough funds?

You can pay the balance as a "Loan" to SCORE and we can reimburse you after the trip if we receive more funds.

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Can I apply the excess funds in my account to next year's trip?

Yes, you would have the option for us to hold your funds for a trip the following year. After one year, the funds become the property of SCORE International.

Can I use the excess funds in my account for spending money?

No. Due to IRS guidelines, we are not permitted to issue tax-deductible donations for personal use. You can be reimbursed if you incur expenses for travel to and from the departure point.

Does SCORE accept credit cards?

Yes, we accept all major credit cards.

Do I need shots before I go on my trip?

We do not minister in remote areas, so shots are rarely needed. However, check with your local Health Department and follow their guidelines. Make sure you are up to date on your normal vaccines.

Is insurance included?

A supplemental Medical/Accident insurance is included in the cost of your trip.

