



## **HAITI - GENERAL TRIP INFORMATION**

### **How can I sign up to go on a mission trip?**

To apply, please complete the application form and return it along with a non-refundable \$300 deposit to:

One Vision International  
Attention: Trip Coordinator  
P.O. Box 20608  
Knoxville, TN 37940

We recommend submitting your application as soon as possible. Spaces are limited for each trip, and they fill up quickly. One Vision International reserves the right to cancel any trip, in which case your deposit would be refunded.

### **How much do the trips cost?**

The cost for trips to Haiti is \$1750 max. Once airfare is booked we can determine actual cost. The price is the same for all individuals. This amount covers airfare, insurance, food (excluding travel days), lodging and in-country transportation. A \$300 non-refundable deposit is due with your application and the final balance is due 45 days prior to departure.

### **Do I need immunizations?**

Please contact your medical doctor and local health department for their recommendations on immunizations and where to get them. Any recommendations regarding medical matters must be made by qualified medical personnel. Please note that the cost of any immunizations is not included in the trip cost.

### **Will I see my sponsored child?**

Uniting sponsors with their sponsored child is one of our highest priorities during a mission trip. Everything possible is done to arrange a visit with your sponsored child; however, due to the possibility of unforeseen circumstances we cannot make guarantees.

### **Are interpreters provided?**

Yes. Interpreters are provided for the group to help participants communicate with those they come in contact with.

**Are children allowed to enroll in a mission trip?**

At this time One Vision International is not allowing children under the age of 18 on mission trips to Haiti unless prior arrangements have been confirmed with our office.

**What are the accommodations like?**

All trip participants will stay in simple accommodations near the orphanage, usually in a hotel. Married couples and families will stay in private rooms. Individuals will be assigned a roommate. Running water for showers is readily available, but it may not be heated. Tap water is unsafe for drinking. Instead, One Vision provides bottled water.

**What will the food be like?**

Participants will eat simple, nutritious meals. You will have the privilege of trying a variety of foods. Typically, a selection of food is available at each meal, served buffet style. All food is prepared with purified water. All meals will be eaten with the group. Meals are often served at a later hour than most Americans are accustomed to eating. We recommend bringing snacks such as fruit and nut mixes, raisins, granola bars, etc. as you may want something to eat between scheduled meals.

**What is a typical day like on a mission awareness trip?**

You will have a rigorous schedule, traveling long distances, often on rugged terrain. Participants walk each day, possibly on uneven surfaces such as dirt paths, sometimes long distances in very hot weather. More detailed itineraries will be discussed at team meetings.

**When will I receive a finalized itinerary for the trip?**

At your last team meeting you will receive a pre-departure packet that will include a trip itinerary, a list of participants, a list of OVI emergency numbers you may share with your family, and a One Vision International t-shirt. The trip itinerary is subject to change depending on circumstances. Flexibility is of utmost importance when traveling overseas for missions.

**Will there be an opportunity to shop?**

It is more convenient to shop in some countries than in others. In Haiti our emphasis on our mission trips is to build relationships with those we come in contact with. Keep in mind that you are likely to receive local handicrafts as souvenirs from the projects you visit, however, souvenirs are available for purchase in the airports.

**What if this is my first overseas mission trip?**

One Vision International is always excited to take new participants on mission trips; however, with the current circumstances and environment in Haiti we are limiting the Haiti trips to only those who have overseas experience. We hope those who are interested in a first time overseas mission trip will consider joining us on future trips to other countries. Please contact our office and let our staff know of your interest.

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