



2027 Building Trip to Mexico

Thank you for your interest in visiting Mexico leaving Saturday 25th September 2027, to help with building a home in the colonias of Tijuana for a family in need.

- **Flights & Trip Budget:** [Everyone is responsible for organizing and paying for their own flights](#) to San Diego International Airport. The trip starts on Saturday 25th September 2027 at midday. The trip officially finishes on the 2nd of October. Team members can fly to Cabo, Mexico City or Cancun for R & R from either Tijuana, San Diego or LAX. Those not heading to Cabo will be transferred back to San Diego airport by road.

Departure Date	Saturday 25th Sept 2027
Trip Cost per person excluding building contribution & airfares	\$2,300
Building contribution per person	\$1,500
Trip cost	\$3,800

- **Accommodation:** 7 nights sharing a room with another person of same gender (unless married/partners).
- **Transport:** Hired vehicles.
- **Building Contribution:** Each person pays NZ\$1,500 towards building materials that you will build the home with. A receipt will be provided for this donation which may qualify for up to a 33% (\$333) donation rebate on your NZ tax.
- **Vaccinations:** A current Tetanus vaccination is compulsory on this trip. You will need to consult your doctor, however common vaccinations needed include Tetanus, Diphtheria, MMR, Hepatitis A & flu vax, chicken pox (unless you have had it). Remember it's not just you who needs protection – it's the Mexican families you interact with as well.
- **Visas:** Entrance to the US is on the visa waiver program although prior to departure you will need to apply online for an ESTA (electronic authorization to travel to the US cost approx. US\$14). We will stop at the US/Mexican border for you to obtain your Mexican tourist permit (approx. US\$30). Tourist permit is free for stays under 7 days. You will need 6 months validity on your passport after you leave Mexico.
- **Travel insurance:** Travel insurance is compulsory and must include coverage for manual labour/building and medical evacuation costs. Volunteer Build provides a policy through Covermore, and a personalized quote will be provided after you sign up for the trip.
- **Trip Cost:** includes 7 nights' accommodation in Mexico, ground transportation, local hosting & activity costs, lunches on building days. You can prepare food in your condo kitchen or eat at one of the many local restaurants.
- **Trip Cost does not include:** any airfares, travel insurance premium, meals not specified, personal spending money, Mexico and USA tourist visa fees, any vaccinations needed, optional excursions.
- **Children:** are welcome from the age of 12 years old as long as they are accompanied by a parent. Anyone travelling under the age of 18 must have a trip guardian.
- **Optional service activities in addition to building may include:** a prison visit to deliver personal hygiene care packs; preparation and distribution of food to homeless and refugees, community outreach activities, local school visit (Project Little Child) etc.
- **To register:** Log onto www.volunteerbuild.com/destinations/mexico. Once your registration has been accepted, we will send you pre-trip briefings to help you get prepared for the trip.
- Any questions please contact info@volunteerbuild.com