



2024 Building Trip to Mexico

Thank you for your interest in visiting Mexico departing Saturday 28th September 2024, to assist with building a home in the colonias of Tijuana and an optional trip to Cabo San Lucas to help with a community outreach project.

- **Flights & Trip Budget:** [Everyone is responsible for organizing and paying for their own flights](#) to Los Angeles International Airport. The trip commences on Saturday 28th September 2024 meeting at Los Angeles Airport (LAX) **no later than 12.00 pm**. The trip officially finishes on the 4th of October at LAX or at Tijuana Airport (if you choose to join some of the team in Cabo San Lucas).

Departure Date	Saturday 28 th Sept 2024
Trip Cost per person excluding building contribution & airfares	\$2,000
Building contribution per person	\$1,000
Trip cost	\$3,000

- **Accommodation:** 6 nights in Mexico, sharing a room with another person of same gender (unless married/partners).
- **Transport:** Hired vehicles.
- **Building Contribution:** Each person pays NZ\$1,000 towards building materials that you will build the home with. The building contribution may qualify for up to a 33% (\$333) donation rebate on your NZ tax and we'll provide more information with your final invoice.
- **Vaccinations:** You will need to consult your doctor, however common vaccinations required 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 costing approx. US\$14). We will stop at the US/Mexican border for you to obtain your Mexican tourist visa (US\$30 cash). You will need 6 months validity on your passport after you leave.
- **Travel insurance:** Travel insurance is compulsory and must include coverage for building and medical evacuation costs. Volunteer Build offers a policy through Covermore and a personalized quote will be provided after you sign up for the trip.
- **Trip Cost:** includes 6 nights' accommodation in Mexico, ground transportation, local hosting & activity costs, 6 daily breakfasts and 3 lunches.
- **Trip Cost does not include:** any airfares (NZ to LAX, Tijuana to Cabo, Cabo to NZ), travel insurance premium, meals not specified, personal spending money, Mexico and USA tourist visa fees, any vaccinations required, optional excursions.
- **Children:** are welcome from the age of 10 years old as long as 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, beach cleanup, maintenance tasks at the Los Cerritos YWAM base, community outreach activities etc.
- In Cabo San Lucas, you have the option to join tourist boat trips (own cost) to see Los Arcos, go fishing, sailing, snorkeling etc. Los Cerritos, where we stay near Cabo is a premium surf beach, great for an early morning or late afternoon surf! Surfboards provided.
- **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