



2025 Building Trip to Mexico

Thank you for your interest in visiting Mexico leaving Saturday 27th September 2025, to help with building a home in the colonias of Tijuana for a family in need. You have the option of heading to Cabo San Lucas once the build finishes on Friday 3rd of October for some R & R and/or to help with a community project there.

- **Flights & Trip Budget:** Everyone is responsible for organizing and paying for their own flights to either Los Angeles or San Diego International Airports. The trip starts on Saturday 27th September 2025 at midday. The trip officially finishes on the 3rd of October. Team members can fly to Cabo for R & R from either Tijuana, San Diego or LAX. Those not heading to Cabo will be transferred back to San Diego or LAX airports.

Departure Date	Saturday 27th Sept 2025
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. A receipt will be provided for this donation which may qualify for up to a 33% (\$333) donation rebate on your NZ tax.
- **Vaccinations:** 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 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/LAX/SD to Cabo, Cabo to NZ), 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 10 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, beach cleanup, maintenance tasks at the Los Cerritos YWAM base, community outreach activities etc.
- In Cabo San Lucas, you have the choice 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 early morning or late afternoon surfing. 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