



Cultural Immersion

Cultural immersion tours & Trips facilitate direct contact with the local people in the Dominican Republic, and learn directly from them of the host country. This is the best way to learn and immerse yourself in the Dominican Culture.

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PROGRAM ITINERARY.

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1.- Arrival

Arrival (**assuming morning arrival**), airport pickup, brief orientation aboard the bus, then students are taken host/hotel:

7:00 PM dinner at the Europa hotel and depth orientation on the roof of Hotel with beautiful view of the old monument.

Arrival (**assuming afternoon arrival**), airport pickup, brief orientation aboard the bus, then students are taken host/hotel:

7:00 PM dinner at the Europa hotel and depth orientation on the roof of Hotel with beautiful view of the old monument.

Arrival (**assuming late night arrival**) brief orientation aboard the bus, then students are taken to their host family homes/hotel.... Next morning, a more in-depth orientation at Hotel Europa before the day's tours.

2. – Santo Domingo City.

Morning Introduction to the Dominican culture and the history of the Hispaniola, Walking Tour of Colonial Zone, lunch at Hotel Lina, tour Botanical Gardens in the afternoon; return to host family homes / Hotel.

3. – Community of la Piedra, Guanin Center.

Morning welcome to the community outreach service learning at the community of La Piedra, Guanin community Center, followed by morning classes/clinics/community projects, lunch with the kids, and afternoon classes/clinics/ community projects; and hour or so swim at Playa Caleta on the way back to host families/Hotel, and a reflection activity led by group leader and Guanín staff

4. – Culture interchange with local High School.

Morning and afternoon interaction with local/Sports interchange/teach English/, also lunch on field, followed free time by the ocean, parque Guibia, cultural interaction with the local students, and then a reflection activity led by group leader and Guanín staff. Back to host families/Hotel

5. – National Park del Este, Isla Saona.

Day Trip to the East part of the country, Drive through San Pedro de Macorix, City of the baseball and La Romana, city of the sugar cane and the merengue, full day Saona Island. Back to host families/Hotel

6.- Trip to the North part of the country.

Drive to the North to see the beautiful mountainous interior of the country, tour of the Cacao Plantation, Hermanas Mirabal Museum, rice field tour and lunch on field. Check-in hotel in Jarabacoa and dinner at the hotel.

7. – Adventure and Eco-tourism in Jarabacoa.

Morning activity, River Rifting/Horseback riding/Four-wheel, lunch on field.
Afternoon activity, Tour of the Coffee factory
Night activity, dinner at the most beautiful restaurant in jarabacoa mountain view, (goodbye party)

8. – End of the Program.

Morning drive back to Santo Domingo, stop at the Mercado Modelo and buy souvenir.
Pickup and return to airport

Note 1: Program and administration fees help support the on-going development projects at Centro Guanín and include:

- Full room and board with host families; for hotel stays, breakfast and lunch only are included
- Transportation for airport arrival and departure, full-time transportation to/from the project site and for all approved day trips and other pre-arranged activities
- Community project planning, set up, execution, and follow-up
- Project donation and material project purchases for the community
- A wide variety of cultural and reflection activities
- Orientation and organizational discussions, program materials, as well as academic contacts
- Extensive staff support throughout all phases of the program
- 24-hour emergency access with personal doctors and medical clinic, staff available 24 hours a day to assist any needs of the volunteers and stay to respond to any and all needs that may arise. Staff members will participate in the welcoming and orientation activities, voluntary service work, excursions, tours, student exchanges, reflection and cultural activities, etc.



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Note 2: Prices do not include airfare, airport taxes, visa fees, travel insurance, or emergency medical or pharmaceutical services, although we can provide medical insurance for the time spent in the country, if required and paid along with other program fees.

Payment policy: A deposit of 50% of the total program cost is required six (6) weeks prior to the beginning date of the program, with the 50% balance due three (3) weeks before the beginning date of the program. Should you need to cancel, for whatever reason, up to thirty (30) days before the beginning date of the program, all payments will be returned except for a separate processing fee. Should you cancel within only twenty (20) days from the beginning date of the program, however, 25% of the program fees will be withheld and the balance of 75%, less processing fee and wire transfer fee, will be returned to you.

Important Note: You are free to organize your own program, just let us know what kind of experience you want your student to have. We have 20 years of experience in the world of student and researcher services, exchange programs of all kinds, and educational tours all over the island, with accommodations available in resorts, hotels of all levels, remote inns and camping sites. Our programs include, but are not limited to student exchange programs, Pre-med, Nursing, Dental, Public Health, Community Outreach Service Learning, Spanish programs, sports programs, historical-cultural-ecological tours, adventure tours, summer and spring break programs, volunteer programs of all kinds, Latin American and Afro-Caribbean Studies classes/presentations in English and/or Spanish, internships and other special opportunities for students and/or other interested persons in a wide variety of fields. For further information, please go to www.studentservicesdr.org and www.guanin.org

Student Agency Services or SAS, currently operating as Student Services, was officially funded and incorporated in the Dominican Republic in 2000 as a student & researcher service agency for students and professionals. Its function is to promote, organize, provide, and take charge of logistics, student training, development programs, and academic policies, and to provide and coordinate with professors to provide materials that will be used in the teaching process. Incorporated in the D.R. as RNC No. 123-014996; registered in the USA under IRS section 501 (c) (3) FID No. 82-5266169.

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