

SAMPLE ITINERARY FOR A MISSION TO CHIAPAS – MEXICO

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, SAN ISIDRO, AND YAJALON

OVERVIEW

Your donations have helped Mayan children have a chance to get an education and a better future. Why not join us to bring some early Christmas cheer to these children and see for yourself what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done?



A child of San Isidro clutching bag of school supplies

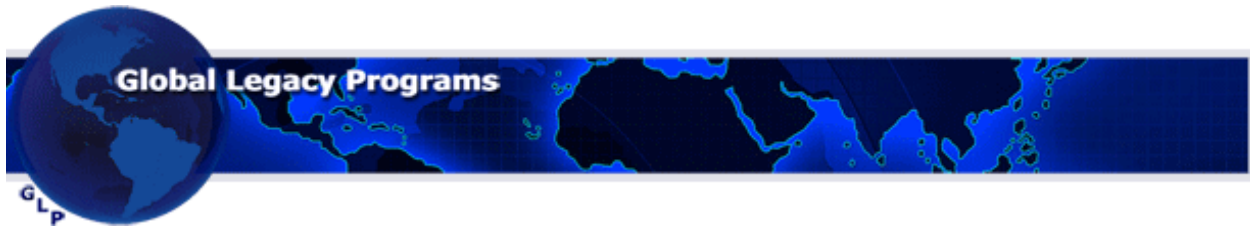
MISSION DETAILS

Our mission will start in San Cristobal de Las Casas.

We will start by visiting the kindergarten of a community in the outskirts of San Cristobal. Colonia Cinco de Marzo is a shanty town made of shacks inhabited by indigenous Mayan families. Things have much improved since our first visit and this is reflected in the healthy aspect of the children as compared to what we saw on our first visit five years ago. We will distribute toys to the children and some supplies to the teachers.

In the afternoon we will pay a visit to El Hogar Comunitario, a foundation that offers much needed support to young pregnant girls who have no one else to turn to. We will be delivering newborn kits that can be offered new mothers as they are needed.

Our second day will be spent traveling to Yajalon where we will arrive on time for lunch at Rancho and meet all the Yashalum team. In the afternoon we will visit Casa Santa Maria, the girl's hostel.



Our third morning will be spent shopping for a new stove and kitchen elements for Casa Santa Maria.

We will travel back to San Cristobal on the 4th day and spend the afternoon at leisure, visiting the wonderful craft market, and preparing for our visit to San Isidro the next day.

5th day: visit to San Isidro – a small indigenous village on the outskirts of Zinacatan. We will bring and distribute aid.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

To reach San Cristobal de Las Casas will require you to take a flight from Mexico City to Tuxtla Gutierrez. You will be picked up and travel by private car to San Cristobal.

San Cristobal has spring weather during the morning, summer in mid day and it gets cold enough for a warm sweater in the evening.

Yajalon weather is hot and humid.

COST OF THE MISSION

There is a minimum of 6 participants and a \$20.00 non-refundable enrollment fee per person. Hotel costs average \$20.00 per day.

A fee of \$100.00 covers all local travel by car, including getting to and from the Tuxtla Gutierrez airport.



DONATIONS

We ask each participant to make a tax deductible donation of \$200. These funds will be applied to the purchases we shall make that will then be given to the hostels and other charities visited.

You can bring any good used clothing and shoes for children of all ages, but do not spend money buying aid and ask friends or family members who wish to support the mission to make a monetary donation instead that will be added to our spending budget thus allowing us to buy (on location and at lesser cost), those things that are really needed.

The itinerary can be revised to include an excursion to Palenque or a boat trip to the beautiful Canyon Del Sunidero. You might also want to enjoy the beauty of San Cristobal and their wonderful craft markets.

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