

Zeal Church

Trinidad & Tobago Mission Trip

Dear Missionary

Look inside for a letter written from our missions pastor to you!

Packing List

What are you supposed to bring on a Mission Trip? We have the answer!

Want some Facts and Stats from Trinidad and Tobago?

Here is your information packet and everything that you need to know about our first Mission Trip here at Zeal Church!

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Dear Short-Term Missionary,

Our Letter to you



We are so glad you have decided to participate in our first mission trip to Trinidad and Tobago! No matter how many or how few trips you've been on, there's always a mixture of anticipation and nervousness at what God has in store.

As ambassadors for Christ and visitors to another country, it is essential to be sensitive to the cultural and moral standards and protocols of the people you'll be visiting. The following information includes some helpful tips on how best to do this. On this trip, you will work with local churches, interceding on behalf of the nation and going home to home with the Gospel. Any trip requires a certain degree of flexibility, so any itinerary is subject to change.

May God's peace and presence be with you as you get ready. We look forward to the privilege of working with you as you prepare.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions.
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Purpose:

What is our

Why?

To provide a cross-cultural mission experience for American Christians. These Christians will be trained on how to encounter God, encounter His mission, and encounter people. This one-week experience is meant to be a training session with practical application that will be lived out in the participants' lives as they return home to the USA.



Dates:



June 9th-17th

Location:



Trinidad and Tobago

**Gospel Deliverance
Ministry Center**

Cost:



\$800.00 to EHC + Airfare

**Upon turning in your funds
Zeal will distribute your
funds and purchase your
tickets**

Outreach



Home to Home visitations

- Hospital outreach
- School visitation
- Jail visitation

Tenative Schedule

Sunday

Noon- Lunch

- 1:30 PM- 3:00 PM - Assimilation and Introduction
- 3:30 PM - Worship/Prayer Service- Tabernacle of Prayer
- 6:00 PM - Dinner at w/ Tabernacle of Prayer
- 7:00 PM - Return to GDM- Free time

Monday – Thursday

- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:30 AM -12:00 PM ENCOUNTER God/Mission Training (worship, prayer, instruction)
- 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30 PM – 6:00 PM ENCOUNTER People (outreach, prayer, evangelism, service)
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM Free Time

Friday:

- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM Clean Up and Check out
- 10:30 AM -12:00 PM Travel to Maracas Bay
- Noon Lunch- On the Beach
- 12:00 PM- 4:30 PM Free Time
- 4:30 PM-6:00 PM Travel to Trin City Mall- Dinner and Shopping

- 8:00 PM- Head to the Airport
- (return home flight leaves at 12:30 AM- so Friday, we head to the airport and board the plane at 12:30 am Saturday)

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"I say something, and then it usually happens. Maybe not on schedule, but it usually happens"

Packing List

- Bible
- Journal
- Toiletries
- Hand sanitizer
- Sleeping bag or bedding for a twin bed
- Towel and washcloth (not provided)
- Undergarments and pajamas
- Plastic bag for dirty laundry
- Flip-flops for showers
- Passport
- Hat and/or sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Bathing suit
- T-shirts (be prepared for dirt, paint, and other stains)
- Jeans or other work pants (be prepared for dirt, paint, and other stains)
- Shorts and/or skirts (Ladies may be asked to wear skirts to the church services.)
- Tennis shoes and comfortable walking shoes
- Charging cables for phones, tablets and laptops
- **DO NOT PACK ANY CAMOUFLAGE CLOTHING; IT IS ILLEGAL IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND WILL BE CONFISCATED.**

Honoring The Trinidadian People

The wonderful thing about travel is the opportunity to experience firsthand the uniqueness of a specific point on the globe. Here we've compiled a short list of tips to help you carry our culture of honor into the nations:

- Depending on which of the two islands you consult, the nation's people may call themselves either "Trinidadian" or "Tobagonian." Trinidadians will also refer to themselves as "Trinis."
- In general, punctuality is of low importance in Trinidadian culture. "Trinidad time" refers to routine lateness, and phrases like "in a little bit" are taken more loosely than in the U.S.
- The Trinidadian people are generous with food and hospitality. Remember to eat what is offered to you with expressed gratefulness. (Trinidadian food is typically delicious, so this should not be difficult.)
- If you encounter a situation where haggling is acceptable, remember to smile, laugh, and be friendly. A good phrasing to remember is, "I am too poor to afford such fine quality."
- Refer to fellow believers as Brother (first name) or Sister (first name) unless otherwise directed.
- Because Trinidad & Tobago comprises such diverse peoples, making all-encompassing recommendations about respecting its culture is difficult. Above all, we suggest a general attitude of humility and grace.

People Are Our Passion

Because of Trinidad & Tobago's history of peoples from India, the Caribbean, and Africa, Trinidadian cuisine is infused with various flavors. Roti, a flatbread originating from India, is a popular dish often served with a combination of garbanzo beans, roasted eggplant, roasted tomatoes, and garlic. A typical street food, "doubles" are made with chickpeas or garbanzo beans, served between two pieces of fried flatbread, and garnished with spicy chutney. Other noted Trinidadian dishes include shark and bake, callalou, and a vast selection of fish. Trinidadians do not skimp on food, and travelers are made to feel welcome with their abundant hospitality.

Trinidad & Tobago enjoys a generally pleasant maritime tropical climate. Just outside the hurricane belt, Trinidad avoids the path of most major storms. In the summer, the temperature hovers in the eighties during daytime hours. The humidity is high, particularly during the rainy season, which begins in June. Rain showers should be expected during morning hours, usually clearing out after a couple of hours to make room for the hot Caribbean sun.

STATS

- Population: 1,526,000
- Languages: English, Trinidadian Creole
- Predominant Religions: Christian, Hindu
- Time Zone: GMT -4 hrs. Eastern Time +1 hr.
- Voltage Requirements: 110-120V
- Telephone Code: 868 country code
- Currency Exchange: \$1 US = \$6.79 Trin dollar (TTD)