

DR 2020 Summer Build

Ages: 14+ • Length: 9 days • Service Hours: 40

Fundraising Goal: \$2,315 + Self Managed Airfare

Jul 10, 2020 - Jul 18, 2020

Unfortunately due to the current pandemic, we will not be able to offer this summer's Build. We hope you will consider completing the form to your right so we can contact you once we are accepting registrations. We'd love to have you join us over New Years or Summer 2021!

When you join us on a Build in the Dominican Republic, you'll have the chance to immerse yourself in the culture while leaving a lasting impact in the lives of families and communities that need it most.

You'll work hard alongside volunteers, ground staff, translators, local contractors, and a deserving family so that you can all celebrate together and welcome them into their safe, new home. During the 9 days, lives are changed and connections are made that can last a lifetime.

The work itself is the reason we come together, but we'll also be introducing you to all the communities we work in, bring you to our favourite Caribbean restaurant called Mama Maria's, and give you a chance to see why it's called paradise (think of palm trees and views overlooking the ocean).

Over the years, volunteers like you have joined us to construct homes, schools, community centres, and other projects for communities along the north coast of the island. No previous experience is necessary for a Build, only a desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

Thank you for your interest in this life-changing experience. Please read through the following information and feel free to contact us at any time if you have questions about our Builds.

Minimum Fundraising Requirements:

\$2,315 - This is the minimum amount each volunteer has been asked to fundraise/contribute in order to join us on this Live Different Build.

What's Included

- Airport shuttles to and from the resort on the day your Build starts and the day your Build ends
- Meals and accommodations at Sosua By The Sea Resort www.sosuabythesea.com
- Donation to cover materials and labour for your Build project(s)
- Transportation to and from resort and project sites each day
- Construction foreman
- Translators
- Group hosting and facilitation.
- Evening debriefings and activities
- Live Different staff on-site and available 24/7
- Day In The Life Experience
- Furniture and groceries for the family (families) you will be building with/for

What's Not Included

- Flights to and from Puerto Plata (POP), Dominican Republic
- Airport shuttles to and from the resort **if** arriving before the trip starts or leaving after the Build ends
- Emergency Travel Medical Insurance (required)
- Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance
- Private room at the resort - Extra \$300
- Excursion: \$50-70 USD (optional)
- Recommended resort staff and translator tip: \$40 USD
- Team dinner out: \$25 USD (optional)
- Personal spending money (for items such as snacks/souvenirs)

Please Note: Live Different is not responsible for flight delays or cancellations.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.
Settle into resort: Sosua by the Sea (www.sosuabythesea.com).
Meet the staff and orientation.

Day 2

Awareness Tour

Meet the families you will be building for and get to see past projects that Live Different has completed.

Day 3 - 6

Project Days

Be a part of building a house or community building, and work alongside the community, contractors and neighbours.

Family Visits/Day In The Life Experience

Understanding changes everything! One day doesn't change the world completely, but it can change your perspective in ways you never before imagined possible. Work, laugh and learn alongside new friends, as you step into their world and help out in their daily routines. Language isn't a barrier and neither are cultural differences. In fact, our difference can remind us that we have more in common than we realized, as we learn about how life looks from some else's perspective. Be a part of sharing the daily responsibilities, chores, and connections as you spend more time a family in the local community. These families that you will be working alongside of are potential families that could be receiving a new home in the near future.

Day 7

Day off to RELAX!

Live Different also recognizes that you may want to take advantage of the beauty and excitement of your host country! Each team member will be afforded one day off for relaxation and/or adventure. We want you to experience some of the natural beauty and adventure that the Dominican Republic has to offer.

Day 8

Time to celebrate!

Spend the morning preparing for the afternoon house celebration. Imagine witnessing as a family enters their new home that you helped to build. A home filled with hope, security, and a brighter future for this family! This moment will be etched in your memory for many years to come.

Preparation for your journey home

Your Live Different Build is going to be one of the most intense and life-changing experiences you will ever have. And because we believe that this is just the beginning of something for you, we want to help prepare you to return home and integrate this experience and the lessons learned. On this day we will have a final debriefing that will help you to take this experience and help others understand how we can continue to make a difference in our local and global communities.

Day 9

Flight Home