

2 weeks Summer Community Service in the Dominican Republic

Activities, excursions, and tours (detailed)

EXCHANGES:

The exchanges will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM. The cultural and educational exchanges provide students with the opportunity to practice their Spanish skills outside the classroom. They allow them to get to know and share with Dominican university students. These exchanges will include dance presentations, discussions among the students, and other types of activities that give the visiting students opportunities to interact with Dominican students.

Sites for the exchanges:

We will have various options for sites to hold these exchanges. We will use open-air plazas, salons, etc.

Who will participate:

The Centro Cultural Turístico Guanín, Inc., is the cultural entity that will be in charge of contacting the Dominican students who will host the exchanges, as well as the Center's own members, who are university students and members of musical groups.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

There will be Community Service twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Students will have the opportunity to work with orphaned children in Santo Domingo and San Cristóbal. Another option is to work in SAS's Teaching English as a Second Language program teaching children in the public schools. Or Work with the Haitians community in the Batey Soco in San Pedro de Macoris Teaching children in the public schools how to read, arts and draw, sport and dance, etc.

TALKS BY INVITED GUEST SPECIALISTS:

The talks by guest specialists will take place at different sites, such as: in museums, open-air places, salons, institutions' meeting rooms. The talks can be presented by professors, students, or invited specialists.

EXCURSIONS AND TOURS:

TOURS OF THE COLONIAL ZONE, COLUMBUS LIGHTHOUSE, AND TRES OJOS.

It is customary to use this tour of the Colonial Zone, Columbus Lighthouse, and Tres Ojos the day after the students' arrival and as part of their orientation. The tour covers visits to the most important monuments in the first city of the New World, founded by Christopher Columbus's brother Bartolomé Colon in 1498. After visiting the 16th-century monuments, we will visit the Columbus Lighthouse, and Tres Ojos (caverns).

EXCURSIONS:

Every weekend we will visit a different region of the Dominican Republic. We will leave on Fridays at 2:00 PM and return Sundays at 7:00 PM.

Activities:

Caribbean Southeastern Coast.

- 1) First week: 3 days and 2 nights
- a) Visit the provinces in the Eastern Dominican Republic
- b) Boca Chica
- c) San Pedro de Macorís
- d) La Romana and Bayahibe.
- e) Hato Mayor de Rey

Caribbean Central and Northern Coast.

- 1) First week 3 days and 2 nights
- a) Visit the provinces North or Cibao in the North Costin the Dominican Republic
- b) Santiago de los Caballero (Centro Leon Jimenes)
- c) Puerto Plata, Sosua and Cabarete, visiting all the old Izabela, follow the
- d) The Old la Vega, visiting the place where the first batle between the Tainos and the Spaniard
- e) Jarabacoa and Cosntanza the higher montain chain in the all Caribbean,

1) Friday: Leave Santo

- 1) We will stay at the Hotel Barceló Talanquerera (everything included), where we will stay the night and enjoy the beach and pool.

2) Saturday :
Morning:

We will leave the hotel at 8:00 AM

A) We will visit the city of Sammy Sosa and his plaza, with a brief tour of the city. En route to the province of Hato Mayor de Rey, we will drive by the cane fields and the bateys where Dominicans and Haitians live and work. Arriving in Hato Mayor, we will go to visit the citrus plantations and cattle ranches. Hato Mayor is the best known province for citrus and cheese in the country.

Afternoon:
Night:

Full day touring Hato Mayor.

At 4:00 PM we will return to our hotel.

Santo Domingo:

3) Sunday
Morning:

We will leave the Hotel Talanquera at 8:00 AM

We will drive through the Province of San Pedro de Macorís, then we will visit the Cave of he Maravillas (Marvels), located between the cities of San Pedro and La Romana.

After visiting the cave, we will tour the city of La Romana, where students will have an opportunity to learn about the process of making cane sugar.

A specialist from the sugarmill called the sugarmill called Central Romana will give the students the presentation. After lunch we will visit the replica of a 16th-century Italian villa, the villa of Altos de Chavon.

Afternoon
Night:

At 4:00 PM we will return to Santo Domingo

Option:

Full day to Isla Saona.

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Activities: **Second week, 2 nights and 3 days.**
Tour of Constanza and Jarabacoa
a) Sánchez Ramírez (Cotui)
b) La Vega
c) Jarabacoa.

Friday: Leave at 7:00 AM from Santo Domingo for Cotui.
Morning: We will participate in a workshop with the Instituto Tecnológico del Cibao.
There will be cultural presentations, a talk about agriculture and the environment, a “student encounter” with the Institute’s students, a folkloric show, and a presentation of arts and crafts from the region.
A tour through the Hatillo Dam area and chocolate and plantain plantations.
Afternoon: We will spend the night in Cotui and leave at 8:00 AM for Jarabacoa.
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Saturday: In Jarabacoa we will visit the Salto de Gran Jimenoa and get to know its local ecology.
Morning: Visit to a coffee factory.
Afternoon: During this visit, the students will have the opportunity to learn all about the process of making coffee, from the moment it leaves the plantation to its final moments of processing.
Night: Rest and recreation.

Sunday: Participate in local activities in and around Jarabacoa.
Morning: Horseback riding, Jeep Safari excursion, or hiking the mountain paths.
At 4: PM return to Santo Domingo.
Afternoon:

These activities are subject to change.