Rotary Club of
Traverse City

GUATEMALA SERVICE TRIP 2027

This journey is an immersive bridge between two cultures—one that will challenge you physically, emotionally, and mentally. Backed by an experienced team and trusted global partners, you will work alongside local leaders to create lasting change. Come prepared to stretch your boundaries, experience the profound warmth of Guatemala, and return home fundamentally changed

DATES

FEB. 27 - MAR. 6

COST

$1,400 PLUS AIRFARE

DEADLINES

$500 DEPOSIT BY DEC. 31

PLEASE INDICATE FEBRUARY GUATEMALA TEAM IN THE MEMO

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

ITINERARY SNAPSHOT

Arrival & Culture: Arrive in Guatemala City; transport to historic Antigua for team orientation and welcome dinner.

Hands-On Service: Travel across five core communities (Coyolate, San Carlos, Santa Maria de Jesus, San Lucas, and Antigua).

I**mpact:** Volunteer in medical clinics, visit schools, review water/stove projects, and attend a local Rotary meeting.

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WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE GUATEMALA SERVICE TRIP 2026

FAQs

WHAT SHOULD I PACK??

- Extra Tooth brush
- Sun Screen
- Journal/Pen
- Electrolytes (i.e. PediaLyte)
- Water Bottle (nothing fancy)
- Hat & Sun Glasses
- Sterile Wipes/Safety glasses
- Phone/Charger
- Bug Spray
- Advil
- Rain Coat
- Small backpack or day bag
- Change of shoes
- Passport
- Shirts, Sweatshirt
- Pants
- Over ankle socks
- Underwear
- Swim suit
- Shower shoes or flip flops
- Toiletries
- Journal/pen
- Pepto Bizmol chewables

HOW SHOULD I PACK?

Pack your personal items in a carry on and if you are bringing any donations that can go into a checked bag.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I BRING?

You are always welcome to bring school supplies, tooth brushes and tooth paste and leave them with the teachers and churches.

WHAT ABOUT VALUABLES?

We do not bring valuables on the trip, (ex. Wedding rings, other jewelry). We do have our phones for pictures.

HOW MUCH MONEY SHOULD I TAKE?

Depends on how much shopping and coffee you are buying. In Antigua they will take American money and credit cards. I would recommend converting $100 in American per person.

WHAT IF I GET SERIOUSLY HURT OR SICK?

We are looking into travel insurance, from AAA.

WHAT ABOUT MY PHONE?

Surprisingly, there is usually service in the jungle and wifi when we are in Antigua. Know if you do not have international service even texting can be very expensive. To avoid this turn your phone on Airplane Mode. International plans are available through Verizon and ATT for about $11/day.

CAN I TAKE PICTURES WHILE THERE?

Always ask the Guatemalan's if it is ok first. Simply point to your phone and ask, "photo?". Some Guatemalans do not want you to capture their image; they think it could be used to hurt them. Most will not mind.

DO WE ATTEND ANY CHURCHES WHILE THERE?

We have an invitation to attend church in Antigua on Sunday. It is a non-denominational bi-lingual service and attendance is optional. If we have team members that would like to attend a Catholic service we will try to accommodate. All services are casual, jeans are fine.

HOW HOT IS IT?

In the jungle it will be in the high 90's during the day and low 80's at night. While in Antigua we are at higher altitudes so it is good to have a sweat shirt packed. Because of the heat and altitude team members should drink a lot of water and add electrolytes. Anyone feeling sick or dizzy should let the team leaders know.

WHAT DO WE EAT?

We eat traditional Guatemalan food on the trip. It will be similar to what we would call Mexican but with a Central American focus. We always have plenty to eat but you may bring snacks, power bars etc. You will not be able to transport fruits or vegetables into or out of the country.

CAN I BUY COFFEE?

You can buy coffee direct from the coffee farmers. Customs lets you bring 15 pounds back per person. We will talk to you early in the week and it will be ready by the end of the week. The large suit cases that we bring supplies in make great suit cases to haul coffee and souvenirs back. Coffee is usually $10/pound US.