



EDUCATIONAL  
TOURS



## MEANINGFUL. SUSTAINABLE. UNFORGETTABLE.

Experience the Dominican Republic's diverse landscape as you journey from Santo Domingo to Hato Mayor, driving past fruit plantations and tropical sugar cane fields. Explore the history and culture of baseball within the country while gaining insight into how a local hobby has become a nationwide pastime—with many of the athletes ranking among the best in the world. Working together with community members, you'll build long-term solutions to spark renewed interest in education among young local athletes. As you foster meaningful relationships within the community, you'll celebrate customs and help empower generations to come.

15

Estimated  
service hours

### YOUR SERVICE PROJECT THEMES

We work with local nonprofits to better understand the needs of each community and then focus projects on those issues. Themes include:

- Education
- Youth development
- Community building

# SERVICE AND BASEBALL IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

8 days, estimated 15 service hours

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## What to expect on this Service Learning Tour

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### MEANINGFUL SERVICE

Working side by side with locals, you'll gain insight into the challenges they face and build lasting solutions to help empower the community.

#### Projects include:

- Building and restoring local schools for children to have a safe place to learn
- Assisting with health and hygiene lesson plans for teachers and school children
- Digging latrines and constructing hand-washing stations in the community

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### CULTURAL IMMERSION

Live just outside the communities you serve—celebrating customs and forming lasting connections with locals.

#### Activities include:

- Interviews with former professional baseball players from the region
- Interactions with community baseball teams

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### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Your Field Director takes your global service experience even further, developing and strengthening leadership skills through activities and workshops.

#### Exercises include:

- Investigating global issues, exploring social justice, and building leadership skills
- Contextualizing the day's events through thoughtful discussion and group dialogue
- Reflective journaling to deepen the service experience





## 8-DAY ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrive in Santo Domingo

Meet your Field Director at the airport. After you arrive at your accommodations, settle in and meet your group for an orientation and safety overview.

### Day 2: Boca Chica—The History of Baseball in the Caribbean

- Explore regional baseball history through a visit to a Dominican baseball museum.
- Interview former professional Dominican baseball players who have returned to their hometowns.
- Get to know community baseball teams who fostered the skills of some of the region's finest athletes.

### Days 3–6: Hato Mayor Service Project—Exploring Dominican Culture through Baseball

As communities evolve, so do their needs. That's why we work closely with nonprofits to better understand the local challenges. Since projects are determined closer to your actual tour date, here's a glimpse at what a typical day might look like:

- Participate in youth development-focused service work aimed at keeping young athletes in school.
- Explore the role of baseball in community life through culturally immersive activities with local youth and discussions with former professional baseball players.
- Observe or participate in a friendly softball game with locals.
- Partake in evening workshops to deepen your understanding of the issues facing Dominican youth in local baseball communities.

### Day 7: Beach excursion

Soak up the sun on a full-day beach excursion.

### Day 8: Depart for home

Return to the airport and board your flight home.



## LOCAL INSIGHT AND SUPPORT

Your Field Director deepens your connection to the land, people, and indigenous culture. With local perspective on community challenges and skilled training in service leadership, they'll provide insight and global context, as they:

- Lead skill-building workshops and meaningful group reflections
- Connect you with local nonprofits and nearby villages
- Facilitate group orientation and safety training
- Handle all on-tour details, from meals to transportation



**Everything you get:** 7 overnight stays in hotels; round-trip flights on major carriers; daily breakfast and dinner, lunch on days 2-7; local ground transportation; full-time Field Director; sustainable service projects; service hours that count towards academic credit; sightseeing tours led by expert guides; entrance fees



## Your partner in global education

### EF EDUCATIONAL TOURS

For over 50 years, EF has worked with educators across the world to help millions of students become citizens of the world through one global mission: *Opening the World Through Education*. With more than 600 schools and offices in over 50 countries, our staff can respond in person wherever you are, 24 hours a day. We're also an accredited educational institution, offering students the option to earn high school and college credit.

### ABOUT SERVICE LEARNING TOURS

On an EF Service Learning Tour, you and your students work side by side with locals on community-driven projects in Africa, Asia or the Americas. EF partners with established nonprofits and NGOs—such as the Mariposa Foundation and WE Charity—to make sure your contributions are both meaningful and sustainable. Through hands on work and deep exposure to the local culture, students learn vital collaboration and problem-solving skills. They return inspired to make a difference at home, too.

### START PLANNING

To enroll on this tour, ask your teacher for the tour number and visit [eftours.com/enroll](http://eftours.com/enroll) or call 800-665-5364