



EDUCATIONAL
TOURS



SERVICE & LANGUAGE IMMERSION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

8 days

15 estimated service hours



Meaningful. Immersive. Unforgettable.

Familiarize yourself with island life in the Dominican Republic through hands-on service projects and authentic interactions with locals. Every day you'll build your confidence in Spanish through language lessons and conversations with people from the area. As you work together with locals on a series of small community-based service projects, you'll be immersed in the culture, expanding your ability to communicate, and experiencing life as the Dominicans do. And, you'll return home with a better understanding of what meaningful service means to you in an interconnected world.

YOUR SERVICE PROJECT—Because we work with local nonprofits to better understand the needs of each community and then focus our efforts on those issues, your project details will be determined closer to your actual tour date.

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What to expect on this Service and Language Immersion Tour

MEANINGFUL SERVICE

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

LANGUAGE LESSONS

Every day you'll learn and practice vocabulary, helping you feel confident and engaged during conversations with locals.

CULTURAL IMMERSION

Live in the communities you serve, celebrating customs and forming connections with locals.





8-Day Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN SANTIAGO

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

DAYS 2-6: SERVICE COMMUNITY

As communities evolve, so do their needs. We'll work closely with area nonprofits and community members to better understand local challenges while mixing in language lessons to foster authentic interactions with people in the community. Here's a glimpse at what a typical day might look like.

- You'll take part in an interactive language lesson led by your local Program Director.
- Put your language skills to use during your service project with locals. Past projects have included planting community gardens and building pathways.
- Take part in cultural activities like cooking classes and learning how Dominican farms operate to further your interactions with locals.
- Evenings are a chance to reflect, discuss events as a group, draw connections between the day's work and relevant global issues, and continue practicing your Spanish.

DAY 7: BEACH EXCURSION

- Explore a mangrove forest by boat or spend the day enjoying the Caribbean coastline at the beach.
- Participate in reflection activities after dinner.

DAY 8: DEPART FOR HOME



PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Your Program Director deepens your connection to the land, people, and culture. With local perspective on community challenges and skilled training in service leadership and language instruction, they:

- Teach daily lessons to help prepare you for the day's activities
- Facilitate key language learning moments while exploring the country
- Lead skill-building workshops and meaningful group reflections
- Connect you with local nonprofits and the communities they serve.
- Facilitate group orientation and safety training
- Stay with your group 24/7, handling all on-tour details from meals to transportation

“The immersion into the culture is what my students and I enjoyed most about this experience. Being able to spend time with the locals opened our eyes to a world that we were so unfamiliar with.”

Blair B., Teacher, IA



EVERYTHING YOU GET

7 overnight stays in hotels; round-trip flights on major carriers; daily meals; full-time Program Director; daily language lessons; sustainable service projects; sightseeing and cultural activities

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For over 55 years, EF has been working toward one global mission: *Opening the World Through Education*. Your teacher has partnered with EF because of our unmatched worldwide presence, our focus on affordability, and our commitment to providing experiences that teach critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and global competence.

ABOUT SERVICE AND LANGUAGE IMMERSION TOURS

On an EF Service and Language Immersion Tour, you'll build language skills and confidence through daily language lessons and by working with locals on community-driven projects. EF partners with established nonprofits and NGOs to make sure your contributions are both meaningful and sustainable. Through hands-on work and deep exposure to the local culture, you'll learn vital collaboration and problem-solving skills, and return home inspired to make a difference—with a deeper appreciation of the language, too.



START PLANNING

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