

## **SPONSOR TRIP FAQs**

### **What is the length of a sponsor trip?**

7 days

### **What are the age restrictions?**

Youngest age allowed on a trip is 10 years old. Children ages 10-13 must be accompanied by a parent. Children ages 14-17 may travel unaccompanied by a parent but they will need notarized permission from both parents.

### **What is the cost?**

Approximately \$2,900 per person

### **Is there a deposit to secure a spot on a trip?**

Yes, a \$300 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your reservation. Make checks payable to Creekside.

### **What is covered in the cost of the trip?**

- Airfare
- Travelers Insurance
- In country ground transportation
- In country accommodations, meals, tips and fees
- Costs to provide a day of fun for you and your sponsored child
- Visits to tourist attractions

### **What is not covered?**

- Excess luggage fees
- Costs to get to airport in USA | pre-flight snacks or meals
- Any additional snacks you purchase in country
- Any gifts or souvenirs you purchase in country
- Wifi connections, internet phone calls, laundry services
- Fuel surcharges
- Immunizations
- Passports

### **Do I need a passport?**

Yes, everyone (no matter their age) needs a valid passport. Passport expiration dates should be at least 6 months beyond the date of the trip.

**Do I need immunizations?**

Yes, the CDC recommends you be current with your measles and tetanus vaccinations. They also recommend you be immunized for Hepatitis A and for Typhoid.

**What are the accommodations like?**

Safe, secure and comfortable. Expect to stay in resort or world class hotels with amenities like internet access, air conditioning, restaurants on premises, pools, and laundry service.

**What will the team be doing?**

- Visit a church plant and the Compassion child development center. Meet the pastor and the compassion staff. See firsthand the transformative work being done.
- Visit a home and see firsthand how a family is positively impacted.
- Participate in a service project designed by Compassion to benefit the child development center and/or church plant and/or community.
- Have a full day of fun with your sponsored child...playing games, sharing meals, and giving hugs. An interpreter will be provided to help you converse with your child.
- A day to sightsee and/or go shopping.

**How do I register for a sponsor trip?**

Once you sign up for a trip through Creekside and pay your \$300 deposit, Creekside will email you the URL to register online through Compassion.

Part of the registration process is a background check for adults (paid for by Compassion) and you'll be asked to share your medical history. If you have a preexisting medical condition, you may be required to get a signed medical release from your doctor. Compassion will supply the form.

**How do I prepare for the trip?**

Compassion will be providing you with an informative travel guide book.

Creekside also provides pre-trip meetings which are MANDATORY. There will be at least 4 pre-trip meetings, approximately one per month. These usually take place on a Sunday afternoon.

More information available at the Compassion website:

<https://www.compassion.com/get-involved/why-travel-with-compassion.htm>