



India Project

Location: Ranchi, India

Project Dates: March 9 - 19, 2023

Optional Excursions: March 19 - 22

Participation Fee: \$1,140*

Children 12 and under: \$990

Optional Excursion (Taj Only): \$200

Optional Excursion (Taj and Ranthambore): \$635

Final Deadline: February 6, 2023

**All amounts are listed in U.S. dollars.*

Flights are not included in the participation fee



MARANATHA IN INDIA

Maranatha is a responsive organization that works with the Seventh-day Adventist Church; all efforts are by invitation from local leadership.

Maranatha has been working in India since 1998. So far, more than 2,400 projects—churches, schools, and water wells—have been completed. India has an urgent need for schools, and Maranatha has met this need through Elementary Education Centers (one large building with classrooms and a multi-purpose room) as well as campuses made up of multiple free-standing classrooms.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Pola Adventist School

Pola Adventist School is located near Ranchi, in the Indian state of Jharkhand. When the primary school opened in 2011, there were no other schools in the village. They started with just one classroom and an old church building. Each year they added one grade to the school and built temporary classrooms to accommodate the students. The school grew to more than 165 boarding and day students, but the facilities remained inadequate for the school. Older students slept on the floor, food was cooked in an outdoor shed, and there was only one toilet for the entire campus. Even with these challenges, families longed to send their children to this school where they would learn of Jesus, but there simply wasn't room for any more students.

School and church leadership reached out to Maranatha for assistance. Maranatha built a church in Pola, in 2017, and then returned in 2020 to build new classrooms, dormitories, and bathrooms! This project will continue the work started in 2020.

Construction: Volunteers will lay brick walls for one of the final buildings on campus, either a classroom or a dining hall. Please note that this project will be working with smaller bricks, not large concrete blocks that are more common on Maranatha projects.

Outreach: The group will reach out through children's ministry and health education programs.

Accommodations

Our group will stay at The Raso Hotel in Ranchi. Volunteers will gather for meals and worship in one of the meeting halls at the hotel.

Individuals should plan on staying in double occupancy rooms with a roommate. If you would like to room with someone in particular, please let us know prior to the final deadline of the project. Volunteers wishing to stay in a private room can upgrade to a single room on the project for \$450 per person and on the excursion for \$170 per person. Please contact Maranatha to make these arrangements prior to the final deadline.

Amenities

Room Style	One queen or two singles
Private Bathroom	Yes
Hot Water	Yes
Bed Linens	Yes
Towels	Yes, but not washcloths
Air Conditioning	Yes
WiFi	Yes, but slower than you'd expect at home
Laundry	Yes, at an additional expense
Pool	No
Distance to Work Locations	45 min - 1 hour

Excursions

Volunteers on this project can choose to join an optional excursion after the project. If you choose to add any other excursions without Maranatha, please schedule them for before or after the project dates, so you won't miss out on any of the Maranatha experience.

Optional Excursion - Taj Mahal - \$200

The Taj Mahal is located a few hours south of Delhi, in Agra. The stunning marble mausoleum is considered one of the world's architectural masterpieces. Mughal emperor Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal as a memorial to his wife, and the tour guide will share information about the life of the emperor and the construction of the beautiful building. Located just down the river is Agra Fort, a large, red-brick complex that housed and protected many generations of royalty and foreign leaders. Beautiful architecture and picturesque views of the Yamuna River and the Taj Mahal in the distance await visitors of the fort.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 9
Arrival in Ranchi, India

Friday, March 10
Orientation and first work day

Saturday, March 11
Worship with the local congregation

Sunday, Mar 12 - Friday, Mar 17
Work days

Saturday, March 18
Worship with the local congregation. Evening flight to Delhi. Departure for home or continue on optional excursion.

Optional Excursion - Taj Mahal

Sunday, March 19
Travel to Agra, Visit Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Return to Delhi for evening departures home.

Optional Excursion - Taj Mahal and Ranthambore

Sunday, March 19
Travel to Agra, Visit Taj Mahal and Agra Fort.

Monday, March 20
Travel to Ranthambore National Park, afternoon safari

Tuesday, March 21
Full day Ranthambore safari

Wednesday, March 22
Drive to Jaipur, city tour, afternoon/evening departures to Delhi and home.



Optional Excursion - Taj Mahal and Ranthambore - \$635

After visiting the Taj Mahal, volunteers who wish to further extend their travel can continue on to Ranthambore National Park. The park was once hunting grounds for the ancient kings, but it is now one of the largest wildlife reserves in northern India. Visitors have the possibility of seeing Bengal tigers in their natural habitat as well as Indian leopards, wild boars, striped hyenas, sloth bears, langurs, macaques, and crocodiles. Volunteers will enjoy a full day safari in the park. On Wednesday, the group will travel to Jaipur where they will have a short city tour before departing for Delhi that evening.

Double-occupancy accommodations, all meals, ground transportation, insurance, and all entrance fees and tour guides are covered by the excursion fees paid to Maranatha. Flights are not included; see the travel information section below.

Leadership

Loretta Spivey

Sylvia Wilson

Vinish Wilson

Chris Matthew and Jaswant Mehre

Project Coordinator

Children's Ministry Leader

Maranatha Country Director

Maranatha Volunteer Support

Expenses

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Optional Taj Mahal Excursion: \$200

Optional Taj and Ranthambore Excursion: \$635

Final Deadline: February 6, 2023

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Payments can be made in three ways:

- Check sent to the Maranatha office in California (include a note with your name and "India Project - March 2023")
- Online using the project payment link in your confirmation email*
- Over the phone at (916) 774-7700*

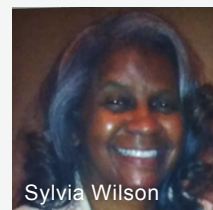
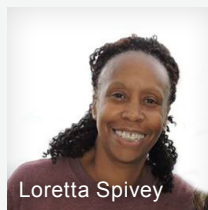
**Canadian tax-deductible payments must be made by check to the Maranatha Volunteers International (Canada) Association (address located at the end of this information packet) in order to receive a receipt. At this time, Maranatha cannot issue Canadian tax-deductible receipts for credit card payments.*

If you are fundraising or receiving donations, please have donations sent directly to you, or work with your local church treasurer to collect funds at the church and issue tax-deductible receipts. Do not have donors send individual small checks directly to Maranatha. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Maranatha.

TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

6:00 a.m.	Breakfast
6:30 a.m.	Group worship
7:00 a.m.	Depart for construction
12:00 Noon	Lunch
4:00 p.m.	Return from work
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Group worship

The key word for mission trips is **FLEXIBILITY**. The above schedule is our plan, but it may be adjusted due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.



ABOUT INDIA

- India is a large country, often referred to as a subcontinent, located in central Asia.
- Early in its history, India benefited from an expansive trading network exporting spices, ivory, and silk.
- India was colonized by the British in the 1600s. Efforts to liberate India started 200 years later, but independence wasn't achieved until 1947.
- India is the second most populous nation with more than 1.6 billion people.
- Although discouraged by the government, the caste system continues to dominate many rural communities. The poorest members of society live in poverty and suffer with illiteracy and inadequate access to clean water.
- India is a country of diversity and beauty, characterized by unique architecture, music and dance, religious festivals, spicy food, colorful clothing, and much more.

Foreign Cash

India uses the rupee and has an exchange rate of approximately 75 rupees to \$1 USD (September 2022). This exchange can be made at the airport, or the project coordinator can also exchange money for you at a flat rate in increments of \$10. Many countries offer better exchange rates for larger bills (\$50s and 100s), so if you bring small bills you might get a different exchange rate. Any cash you bring should be in new, unmarked, and untorn bills.

While some establishments accept credit and debit cards, most small shops only accept cash. It is wise to let your credit card company know the dates you will be traveling so they don't block your card when you use it in a foreign country.

Tipping

Your project coordinator will take care of paying guide tips on group excursions. If you feel like someone (guide, hotel staff, etc) has provided excellent service during your trip, you are more than welcome to show your gratitude with additional tips. If you have any questions during the project about whether or not tipping would be appropriate, your project coordinator or Maranatha in-country support staff can help you understand the local culture.

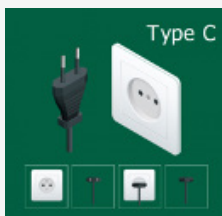
Electricity

- **Current:** 220-240 volt AC
- **Outlet:** Type D and C

Non-dual voltage appliances will need a voltage converter in addition to the plug adapter. Most devices or chargers will list somewhere what voltage(s) are compatible.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Accommodations
- ✓ Vegetarian meals
- ✓ Ground transportation
- ✓ Short-term insurance
- ✓ Portion of construction costs
- ✓ Portion of outreach activities
- ✓ T-shirt and luggage tags



Weather

Weather patterns can change suddenly, so Maranatha recommends that volunteers check the 10-day forecast for the project area before traveling.

Ranchi | Expect temperatures in the upper 80s or low 90s Fahrenheit during the day. March is the dry season, so rain storms are not expected.

Agra and Ranthambore | In Agra you can also expect temperatures in the 80s during the day and only cooling to the low 70s at night. Ranthambore will likely be in the upper 70s to mid 80s during the day. The warmer temperatures mean a better chance at seeing wildlife coming to watering holes.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please complete the online registration and wait for confirmation from Maranatha before purchasing your airfare.

If this is your first time traveling abroad (or you need a refresher course), you may want to check out Maranatha's [International Traveler Guide](#) (available at maranatha.org under Volunteer Resources), which shares tips on everything from booking travel to communicating with those at home.

Flights

Please be careful to follow these guidelines when booking your travel. If you arrive or depart outside of these posted windows, you may have long wait times at the airport or be responsible for paying the additional transportation costs for your individual airport transfer. If you have questions about your itinerary, please contact Maranatha prior to booking to avoid any additional charges.

Most itineraries will require a long layover in Delhi on your way to or from Ranchi. If you would like a hotel, you will need to make your own arrangements. There is a Holiday Inn Express inside the terminal at the Delhi airport. There are also several hotels in the Delhi "aerocity" just a short taxi ride away. The Lemon Tree is a good hotel in the aerocity that Maranatha often recommends. Make sure you plan your flights with enough time to pick up your bags, re-check in for your next flights, and clear security.

Sometimes finding domestic flights that line up with Maranatha's guidelines and your international flights can be difficult. A travel agent can help you look at all flight options. Booking flights all the way through to your final destination can help minimize luggage fees and simplify your connections in Delhi, but it might be more cost effective to book a round trip ticket to and from Delhi and book your domestic tickets separately. Just make sure you have enough time in Delhi to collect your bags and recheck into your next flight, which will likely be in a different terminal.



FACTS AND FIGURES

Capital: New Delhi

Population: 1.38 billion

Language: Hindi 41%, Bengali 8%, Telugu 7%, and various local languages and dialects

Climate: Humid and monsoon in southern India, temperate in the north

Religion: Hindu 81%, Muslim 13%, Christian 2%, Sikh 2%

Currency: Indian Rupee

ESTIMATE OF ADDITIONAL COSTS

- ☐ Flight to Ranchi, India
\$1,100 - 1,700
- ☐ Domestic Flights:
\$300-600
- ☐ Passport: \$130 or \$110 for renewal
- ☐ Pre-Trip COVID-19 PCR Test: \$50-300, depending on vaccination status and test timing
- ☐ India Tourist Visa \$0-\$300, depending on citizenship
- ☐ Optional Excursions

Arrival and Departure Guidelines

Project Only

Arrive: Ranchi, India (IXR) Thursday, March 9, before 8:00 p.m.
Depart: Ranchi, India (IXR) Saturday, March 18, after 6:00 p.m. This should provide enough time to connect in Delhi on your international connection home.

Optional Excursion - Taj Only

Arrive: Ranchi, India (IXR) Thursday, March 9, before 8:00 p.m.
Transfer: Ranchi (IXR) to Delhi (DEL) on Saturday, March 18
Book Vistara Airlines Flight #754 from IXR to DEL departing at 8:15 p.m.
Depart: Delhi, India (DEL) on Sunday, March 19 after 9:00 p.m.

Optional Excursion - Taj and Ranthambore

Arrive: Ranchi, India (IXR) Thursday, March 9, before 8:00 p.m.
Transfer: Ranchi (IXR) to Delhi (DEL) on Saturday, March 18
Book Vistara Airlines Flight #754 from IXR to DEL departing at 8:15 p.m.
Depart: Jaipur, India (JAI) after 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 22. This should provide enough time to connect in Delhi or Mumbai on your international connection home.

Arriving Early or Staying Late?

Some of you may choose to extend your travel before or after the project. Since our volunteers bring so much to the shared experience of the project, we ask that you participate in the entirety of the Maranatha project (during the advertised dates). Any additional travel outside of the Maranatha project should be scheduled for before or after the project dates to avoid mid-project interruptions. If you choose to add additional travel, you are responsible for making your own hotel and transportation arrangements for the time outside of the arrival and departure windows listed above. If you have any questions, feel free to call Maranatha at (916) 774-7700.

Travel Resources

- **CI Azumano Travel:** 800-454-4099 or by email with Erle Dpenha or Azumano Team at corporatetravel@ciazumano.com.
- **Butler Travel:** 503-879-5005 or by email with Nathanael at nathan@butlertravel.com or with Ellen at ellen@butlertravel.com.

Entry Requirements

Below are the requirements for U.S. and Canadian citizens. If you hold a passport from another country, please consult the Indian embassy or consulate in your home country for entrance requirements.

Passport | All passports must be valid for at least six months from the dates of intended travel (September 22, 2023). If you do not have a passport, U.S. citizens can apply at any U.S. post office or online at <http://travel.state.gov>. Canadian citizens can apply online at www.passport.gc.ca. It can take up to two months to complete the entire process, so plan accordingly to give yourself enough time to receive your passport.

Tourist Visa | Visitors must have a tourist visa for the country of India before traveling. Once you are confirmed for this project, Maranatha will send instructions on visa requirements and tips for filling everything out. Maranatha recommends that you apply for this visa approximately three weeks before travel.

COVID-19 Requirements | See the COVID-19 section of this packet for current COVID-19 travel requirements.

Traveling With Minors

Birth Certificate | Countries continue to make efforts to prevent child-trafficking, so some hotels and airports require proof of parent-child relationships, even if your child is a teenager. Maranatha recommends guardians bring a copy of their child's birth certificate and any other documents (guardianship papers etc) to answer these questions.

Parental Consent Form | If a legal minor (under the age of 18 on the date you depart) is traveling without both parents or legal guardians, Maranatha requires a parental consent form. This form confirms that both guardians have consented to their child leaving the country with an appointed person and Maranatha. It also gives Maranatha permission to treat the child medically in case of an emergency.

You can find this form online at www.maranatha.org/resourceess. Mail one notarized original to Maranatha and keep another notarized original with you as you travel. The form will ask for two appointees. The first will be the guardian traveling with the minor. The other will be George Carpenter, Maranatha's project coordinator.

Special Circumstances

- **Divorced Parents:** Both parents must still sign the form. If one parent has sole legal and physical custody, provide a copy of the divorce decree stating as such.
- **Deceased Parent:** Provide copy of death certificate.
- **Legal Guardians:** Provide a copy of guardianship paperwork.
- **Other Situations:** Contact Maranatha for guidance.

Luggage Considerations

Please check with your airline or travel agent for luggage weight and piece allowances for each portion of your itinerary. Domestic flights often have tighter restrictions. In addition to your checked bags, airlines usually allow one carry-on item, as well as a personal item such as a purse or small day pack. However, each airline is different, so read through your airline's baggage policy before you head to the airport.

Sometimes bags are delayed, so please bring your personal medications and a day's worth of clothes and toiletries in your carry-on luggage, just in case. We recommend that you keep your carry-on luggage with you; do not "gate-check" your bags, especially if the bags have electronics or camera gear.

COVID-19

Entrance and Departure Requirements

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, international travel has become a little more complicated, and requirements can change with little notice. Maranatha will do its best to notify volunteers of requirement updates, but each volunteer is ultimately responsible for knowing and following the COVID-19 requirements at the time of their travel. Volunteers should do their own research and check with their airlines(s) prior to travel. As of September 2022, U.S. and Canadian travelers to India must complete the following requirements:

- COVID-19 Vaccine OR Negative COVID-19 RT-PCR Test: Travelers must upload documents to the Air Suvidha Portal
 - Vaccinated travelers must upload their proof of COVID-19 vaccination - 2 doses of Moderna or Pfizer or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson, received at least 15 days prior to travel - and should travel with their original vaccination card.
 - Unvaccinated travelers must upload proof of a negative RT-PCR taken within 72 hours of travel and should travel with the printed test results. This must be a PCR test; rapid antigen tests are not accepted.
- Air Suvidha Self-Declaration Form: This form registers your travel and verifies that you're symptom-free at time of travel. You should complete this form within the 72 hours prior to departure.
- Masks: Masks are required in public places and on airplanes in India.

What to Expect During this Project

We encourage volunteers to make their own decision as to whether they are comfortable joining this project. In order to inform your decision, the following considerations outline the current COVID-19 standard for international Maranatha trips:

- **Self Screening:**
 - Before: If you have felt sick or been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 symptoms during the 10 days prior to the project, we kindly ask that you contact Maranatha to cancel your participation on the project.
 - During: You may be asked to participate in daily wellness checks. If you start to feel ill during the project, please speak with the project coordinator as soon as possible.
 - After: If you experience symptoms within the seven days after the project, please contact the Maranatha office.
- **Vaccination:** Vaccination is not required by Maranatha, but it is recommended by the CDC.
- **Pre-Travel Testing:** Maranatha does not require any pre-travel testing, but India requires a PCR test for unvaccinated travelers.
- **Masks:** Face masks may be required in public settings in India (including some excursion activities, church services, and stores). During Maranatha group-only activities and during work, masks are recommended, but will not be required unless circumstances change due to the current COVID-19 situation, potential exposure within the group, or local guidelines.
- **Social Distancing:** During this project, complete social distancing will not be possible nor enforced.
- **Hygiene:** As always, volunteers are encouraged to wash their hands regularly, use hand sanitizer, cover sneezes and coughs, limit physical touch with others, and avoid touching their faces.
- **Symptoms and Testing Positive:** If someone becomes symptomatic, they may be asked to take a COVID-19 test. Anyone who tests positive will be asked to isolate and wear a mask. The rest of the group will be asked to wear masks and close family members or roommates will be asked to test regularly. Testing positive could result in you missing parts of the project or excursion experience and refunds may not be possible at that time. If you have to quarantine in India for any reason your short-term insurance policy covers medical expenses, but does not have quarantine coverage. Maranatha will help arrange housing, food, and other necessities, but volunteers would be responsible for these additional expenses.

Best Practices

When traveling, you may be exposed to viruses, including COVID-19. We recommend a few simple tips to minimize your risk of getting sick:

- Practice physical distancing by keeping a distance of 6 feet between you and others when possible.
- Wear a face covering over your nose and mouth.
- Consider following the CDC vaccine recommendations.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds.
- If you don't have access to soap and water, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, rubbing your hands until dry.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces using disinfectant wipes.
- Wash your hands after shaking hands with others or handling cash.
- Get adequate sleep.
- Drink plenty of purified water.
- Try to eat a well-balanced diet.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Travel Safety

Understanding the culture and educating yourself about travel in India is the best way to keep safe. Below are a few tips for you to consider.

- Leave valuables (expensive or sentimental) at home.
- Dress conservatively; a flashy wardrobe attracts more attention.
- Use a money belt or concealed pouch for passports and cash. Watch your wallet.
- Don't leave valuables unattended in open sight.
- Avoid marginal areas of cities, dark alleys, and crowds. Use caution and keep moving if strangers, including vendors, approach you on the street.
- Don't travel alone or at night. And always let someone know where you are.

Worksite Safety

Maranatha has a very high safety record on the worksite. The safety equipment you'll need will depend on the project scope and what job you do (see packing list). Hard hats and closed-toe shoes are required on all job sites.

Short Term Travel Insurance

All volunteers will be covered by a short-term insurance policy from the time they leave their home country until the time they arrive back in their home country. The policy does not have a deductible and covers accidents and illnesses. As with all insurances, some exclusions apply. Maranatha does not carry or maintain health, medical, workers compensation, or disability insurance coverage. The coverage amounts and details can be found at www.maranatha.org/insuranc.

For volunteers extending their travel before or after a project, the insurance will start and end with the Maranatha project dates. If you would like to extend your coverage for your extra travel at your own expense, contact Maranatha.

You will receive a brochure, prior to your project, listing the policy number and contact information for assistance or emergencies during your travel.

Medical Recommendations

While Maranatha does everything in our power to ensure the safety of our volunteers, it is also advisable to do your own research when it comes to the medical precautions. We recommend that you schedule a consultation with your physician or a travel clinic to discuss the medical risks in India and the ways to minimize them. If at any time during the project you start to feel sick, speak with the project medical professional and the project leader as soon as possible.

COVID-19 and Other Viruses

See the COVID-19 section of this packet for best practices and what is recommended and required during this project.

CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY RULES



- Hard Hats Required
- Closed-toe Shoes Required
- Personal Safety Items
 - Eye Protection
 - Ear Protection
 - Masks
 - Gloves
 - Long Pants
- Use care with ladders and scaffolding
- Stay Hydrated
- No Horseplay



VACCINES

Tetanus
Required by Maranatha

COVID-19
Recommended by CDC*

Typhoid
Recommended by CDC*

Hepatitis A
Recommended by CDC

Anti-malarial Medication
Recommended by CDC

Japanese Encephalitis
Recommended by CDC

***Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention**

Malaria and Japanese Encephalitis

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), most locations in India are considered to be at risk for malaria. There are different oral medications that can lower your risk of contracting malaria. You will need a prescription and each has different side effects and dosages, so speak with a doctor. Please note that the malaria strain present in India is chloroquine-resistant.

India is also considered a transmission area for Japanese encephalitis. The vaccine is typically only recommended for travelers spending more than a month in endemic areas. However, the CDC also recommends considering the vaccine for short-term travelers if they plan to be in endemic areas during transmission season (May - October) or are traveling to rural areas.

Mosquitos and Other Insects

Mosquitos and other flying insects can carry a variety of diseases including malaria, chikungunya, zika, and dengue. Personal precautions are strongly recommended to lower the risk of being bitten.

- Use a bug repellent with a 30-50% concentration of DEET.
- Wear long sleeves, long pants, and closed-toe shoes when possible.
- Avoid areas of standing water.
- Avoid spending a lot of time outside during dusk and dawn.

Food and Water

Food and water safety standards vary greatly from country to country, and we recommend that you exercise caution with the food and water you consume while abroad. Maranatha will provide purified water.

- Eat only food provided by Maranatha.
- Purchase only commercially packaged snacks, not from street stands.
- Drink only purified water and sealed juices and sodas.
- Do not drink items with ice cubes.
- Do not brush your teeth with tap water; use purified water.

Allergies and Dietary Restrictions

Maranatha provides three vegetarian meals each day. We ask for your allergies on your registration form and will do our best to accommodate your needs. However, on large projects especially, it is harder for our cooks to accommodate special requests. If your diet is very restrictive (vegan, gluten free, etc.) we recommend that you bring items such as soy milk powder, gluten-free bread, etc. to supplement the meals provided by the cooks.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Cultural Sensitivity

It's important to enter another culture with respect and understanding of their traditions. Women in India are usually expected to dress and act more modestly than what is sometimes seen in North America.

Cultural sensitivity also means we will respect Adventist culture in India. Adventists in India tend to be more conservative than Adventists in the United States and Canada. During the project, we will be sensitive to this by dressing as modestly as possible. Pants and cap sleeves are preferred to shorts and tank tops. For church activities, women will need to have skirts that reach past the knees, and men are expected to wear ties if they are involved in the activities on the platform. Another option is for you to purchase local attire like the church members wear on Sabbaths. The locals will greatly appreciate the gesture. Please be respectful as we observe their customs and visit their homes. They live very normal lives, even though it looks different to many of us. Feel free to ask questions and rely on leaders to know what is appropriate or not. Out of dignity and respect, ask people for permission before taking photos or videos of them.

Maranatha Lifestyle

Each mission trip is a unique experience, and during the project, there is a great need for flexibility. Volunteers on Maranatha projects come from a variety of backgrounds and lifestyles. As we all become one big family for two weeks, we will need to refrain from some of our personal desires and freedoms and adopt the lifestyle of the group.

On all of our projects we ask that volunteers refrain from using alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other non-prescription drugs during the trip.

Maranatha projects are open to individuals of all faith backgrounds, and we ask that all volunteers come into the project with an attitude of respect toward one another. During this trip we emphasize service opportunities that grow faith in God. On Maranatha projects, worship services are held on Sabbath (Saturday), and we ask all volunteers to participate in the experience with the group. While we do our best to make provisions to avoid extensive travel or utilizing restaurants on Sabbath, sometimes it is hard to avoid. Please be aware of this and if you have any questions, please speak with your project coordinator.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Complete online registration form
2. Check email
3. Make payment(s)*
4. Book flights
5. Send itinerary and passport copy to Maranatha

*If for any reason you need to cancel your participation, deposits are refundable up until one month prior to the project (unless noted otherwise). Cancellations within 30 days of the project are subject to a \$150 per-person fee, and the remainder will be refunded depending on the project arrangements already made on your behalf.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Vancouver, BC V6B 6R3

PACKING LIST

A checklist of recommended items to take with you on a Maranatha project.

- ☐ Work Wardrobe
- ☐ Long work pants (2-4 pairs)
- ☐ T-shirts and/or long-sleeved cotton shirts for work (5-7)
- ☐ Strong, flexible construction gloves (REQUIRED)
- ☐ Hard hat (REQUIRED)
- ☐ Handkerchief or bandana for neck protection
- ☐ Sunglasses or safety glasses
- ☐ Sturdy work shoes

Tool List

The more tools the group brings, the more likely it is that everyone can keep involved in the construction process.

- ☐ Measuring tape (25')
- ☐ Box level (2-3') – one per family
- ☐ Brick trowel pie-shaped
- ☐ Marking pencils
- ☐ Lineman's pliers - optional
- ☐ Masonry line and line blocks - optional
- ☐ Rubber dish gloves - optional
- ☐ Block hammer - optional

Items to Remember

- ☐ Maranatha t-shirt
- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Photocopies of your passport in checked baggage
- ☐ Copy of your airline ticket or itinerary
- ☐ Printed eVisa confirmation
- ☐ COVID-19 Vaccination Record (if fully vaccinated)
- ☐ Negative COVID-19 PCR test results within 72 hours of travel (if unvaccinated)
- ☐ Completed self-declaration form
- ☐ Minor Consent Form (for those under 18)
- ☐ Copy of final packet with project addresses
- ☐ Face mask(s) or covering(s)
- ☐ Personal prescribed medication (in carry-on) as well as items like Tylenol, Band-Aids, Pepto Bismol etc.
- ☐ Shoes and socks
- ☐ Underclothes
- ☐ Casual shirts and pants
- ☐ MEN- Dress shirt and tie for Sabbath
- ☐ WOMEN- Dresses and/or skirt and blouse with sleeves for Sabbath
- ☐ Hat for sun protection
- ☐ Sleepwear

- ☐ Jacket and/or sweatshirt
- ☐ Flip-flops or sandals
- ☐ Personal toiletries (soap, deodorant, etc.)
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Insect repellent (30% DEET or higher)
- ☐ Sunblock (SPF 30+)
- ☐ Lip balm (with sunblock)
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Camera, batteries, and memory cards
- ☐ Flashlight with extra batteries
- ☐ Washcloth
- ☐ Cash for meals in airports, souvenirs, or special projects that may come up

Optional Items

- ☐ Lightweight daypack or similar bag
- ☐ Neck pillow/eye mask for flight
- ☐ Journal and pens
- ☐ 220-volt converter and plug adapters
- ☐ Powdered Gatorade or equivalent Nuun or Camelback electrolyte tablets (for overcoming dehydration)
- ☐ Earplugs
- ☐ Small alarm clock
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Toilet paper or tissues
- ☐ Battery-run personal fan
- ☐ Small instrument you play
- ☐ Supplemental items for specific diets (gluten free, vegan, etc)
- ☐ Binoculars

Optional Outreach Items

- ☐ Money for purchasing items locally (this helps the local economy)
- ☐ School supplies: pens, pencils, erasers, notebooks, backpacks
- ☐ Christian books and pamphlets
- ☐ Bibles and hymnals
- ☐ Group toys (jump ropes, soccer balls with pumps, etc.)
- ☐ Toothbrushes and toothpastes

Requested Outreach Items

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