



# 10 Day Youth Humanitarian Adventure

*hosted by John and Kim Bytheway*

June 10<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## **INFORMATION PACKET AND STUDENT APPLICATION**

- Letter to Parents
- Tour costs and information
- Purposes of Youth Humanitarian Adventure
- Itinerary
- Application and written interview (please fill out and submit pages 8-10 with the \$300 deposit)

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Dear Parents,

**Legacy Tours** is excited about our 10 Day Youth Humanitarian Adventure. Legacy Tours has been conducting tours since 2010. We know that visiting another country can be an unforgettable experience, and having an opportunity to serve the people in another country will be life-changing. We are thrilled to offer this unique experience to **youth ages 16 – 19**. Youth in this age group are preparing for missions, marriage and careers. What better way to solidify the gospel foundation than by putting their beliefs into practice.

The accompanying flier provides information about the dates and itinerary of the tour. The cost of the tour is \$2300. This price includes a \$300 **refundable** deposit that is required to save a spot on this educational, spiritual and recreational experience.

This trip promises to be a wonderful and rewarding experience. While the focus of the tour is to provide an opportunity to serve our fellow brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic, we also hope that youth will gain a greater perspective on life and an increased testimony of our Savior Jesus Christ. We also want your child to have fun. A commitment to be helpful, positive and sensitive to others is expected each of the 9 days. Added to this are important rules and standards that must be met for the tour to be successful. Therefore, we must have complete and earnest cooperation from your son/daughter if they desire to be considered for this unique experience. If this requirement is met, we hope to bring your son/daughter home a better person than when they left. Please do not force your child to go. They must have their own desire to go if the tour is to be a good experience for them.

To ensure safety and management of the youth, we are looking for a few adult/parent chaperones for this tour. If you are interested in coming on the tour as a chaperone, please let us know. The cost for chaperones is also \$2200.

Legacy Tours and Travel is not affiliated with the LDS Church nor does the LDS Seminary sponsor it. It is a privately-owned company that engages in other packages besides this youth tour. Mark Clifford will be the Tour Director. John Bytheway, author, youth speaker and former EFY director is hosting this tour with his wife Kim.

We invite you to carefully consider this great opportunity for your child.

Sincerely,

Legacy Tours



## 10 Day Youth Humanitarian Adventure

**Cost of the Tour:** \$2300 – final payment due April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This includes the deposit amount.

**Refund policy:** If you cancel before March 11th, 2019, 100% of the total payments will be refundable. If you cancel after March 12th, 2019 75% of the total payments will be refundable. If you cancel after April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 50% of payments will be refundable. If you cancel after May 23<sup>th</sup> 2019, no refunds will be given. If you can find a replacement, then 100% the total payments will be refundable.

### **Cost Includes:**

Roundtrip airfare from Salt Lake City  
All land transportation in the Dominican Republic  
7 nights hotel accommodations  
All meals at the resort  
All service and recreation activities etc.  
Tour Booklet  
Tour DVD  
Tour guides and other tour related costs

### **Additional costs to participants:**

Souvenirs, snacks or treats (Our suggestion: \$100 - \$200 to cover these personal items)

### **Preparation Meeting**

We will hold a preparation meeting prior to the trip (date and location to be determined). We will go over rules and policies, packing lists and other last-minute items at this preparation meeting. All this information and reservation forms can also be found on our website [www.legacytoursandtravel.com](http://www.legacytoursandtravel.com).



## **Purposes of Youth Humanitarian Adventure**

1. For students to have an opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic.
2. For students to learn about the culture and history of the Dominican Republic and Caribbean Islands and appreciate the differences in way of life from what youth might be used to.
3. For students to feel the joy of making a difference in the lives of others.
4. For students to explore the beautiful Island of the Dominican Republic and participate in fun, recreational, and cultural activities.
5. For the students to learn from John Bytheway as he shares insightful ideas to help youth understand how to access divine direction in their lives.
6. For students to strengthen personal testimonies and knowledge of Jesus Christ and better understand His sacrifice and atonement by attending group devotionals and firesides with John and Kim Bytheway.
7. For youth to learn important life skills of getting along with others by having a positive social experience inter-acting with other youth and the leaders.



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## 10 Day Itinerary

### **Day 1 –SLC Salt Lake International Airport or Originating airport**

Wasatch Front area youth will meet at the airport at 9:00 pm in Salt Lake City at the Jet Blue luggage check in counter. Our flight will depart at 11:58 pm. Youth in other areas should be at the airport 3 hours before your flight to JFK.

### **Day 2 - JFK – POP – Puerto Plata**

Arrive in New York at JFK airport and meet other youth who have traveled from other airports. We will board our second flight early Wednesday morning and arrive in Puerto Plata after 11 am. After lunch and checking into your room, we will meet for “get to know you” activities and games on the beach. That evening we will divide into groups for instructions in preparation for our service experiences for the upcoming week.

### **Day 3 – Water Filters**

Our first opportunity for service will be to drive inland to visit the Mocha region. Among the fertile valleys and mountains of the DR, we find the terra cotta factory that produces clay tiles for roofs and clay pots water filtration systems. Youth will have the opportunity to work alongside established organizations and local artisans in the entire filter-making process: gathering and mixing the raw materials, working the clay, shaping and firing the filters, testing the quality of the finished product and packaging the filters for shipment. After lunch we will travel to an assigned village to deliver filter systems to families. We will then return to Puerto Plata for free time, dinner and group activities.

### **Day 4 –Teaching English**

Students that teach English will engage in games, simple vocabulary lessons, and small-group conversations that provide much-needed confidence. Students who choose to do concrete floors will have the opportunity to help improve the lives and health of the Dominican people from the ground up. Every month, homes in a different small area of a community will be chosen to be upgraded with new concrete floors. Students helping with concrete floors will help with the mixing of the concrete and hauling buckets from the street to the home. In the afternoon, we will spend the day at the beach. That evening we will have more group activities.

### **Day 5 - Chocolate Factory – Waterfall Adventure**

As a volunteer at the Women’s Cooperative Chocolate Factory, you can participate in the complete production cycle: from planting and cultivating the organic cacao trees, to preparing the raw materials, to producing and packaging the final product for sale. By helping to improve production and increase sales, you will also be helping the organization to thrive, so it can hire more local women, and providing critical income in a region with limited job opportunities. After lunch, we will discover one of the islands top adventure sites – Damajagua or 27 Waterfalls. Youth will be provided helmets and life jackets before trekking through the jungle, climbing over rocks and jumping from cliffs. There are non-jumping routes accessible for those who do not wish to jump. We return to the resort for dinner and group activities.



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## **Day 6 – Concrete Flooring**

Students favorite service project is doing concrete floors. We will have the opportunity to help improve the lives and health of the Dominican people from the ground up. Every month, homes in a different small area of a community will be chosen to be upgraded with new concrete floors. Students helping with concrete floors will help with the mixing of the concrete and hauling buckets from the street to the home. In the afternoon, we will spend the day at the beach. That evening we will have more group activities.

## **Day 7 – Church – Cable Car Ride**

This morning we will attend church services in Puerto Plata. We will have an opportunity to visit sacrament meeting, Sunday school and YM and YW classes. After church and lunch we will take a cable car ride to the top of the mountain Isabel de Torres to see a bird's eye view of the beautiful Island. On top of Isabel de Torres is a replica of the Christ the Redeemer statue in Brazil. We will take time to enjoy the view and explore the botanical gardens before returning to the resort for dinner and fireside.

## **Day 8 –Recycled Paper and Crafts Entrepreneurship**

Recycled Paper and Crafts Entrepreneurship is another group of enterprising Dominican women who have formed an association to create and sell arts and crafts from locally recycled paper. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in the entire paper recycling process, including creating new products for sale.

## **Day 9 –Outback Adventure**

Our last day will be spent on an Outback Safari. Students will ride on *open air trucks*, fitted with comfortable seats for a wonderful site seeing and hands on experience, driving through *amazing countryside* and rural villages, allowing you to gain deep insights into the Dominican way of life. We will take time for a traditional Dominican meal before heading to the beach for a chance to boogie board in the warm, tropical waters of the Caribbean.

## **Day 10 – POP to SLC**

Today we say goodbye to the beautiful people and Island paradise of the Dominican Republic. WE will travel to the airport three hours before boarding our Jet Blue flight to JFK. Students will then return from JFK to SLC late that night, or to their originating airport.