

GUATEMALA

Why we build: Guatemala faces a housing deficit of 1.78 million, leaving millions of families to live in poverty or without access to decent housing. Habitat for Humanity Guatemala seeks to reduce this deficit through home construction or home improvements (such as: latrines, concrete floors, roofing, and improved stoves).

Project Description: Volunteers assist families in the construction of new hybrid homes, smokeless stoves, latrines or concrete floors. Volunteer tasks vary depending on the phase of construction but may include digging foundations, mixing concrete and mortar, pouring concrete floors, moving materials, tying rebar, and building walls.



What to expect:

Volunteers arrive at La Aurora International Airport (GUA), where they are met by HFHG staff.
See below for expectations based on location choice.



Solola

Teams travel 3 to 3.5 hours to the site hotel for orientation on the project and cultural norms; on construction days, volunteers travel 20 to 25 minutes each weekday to the site. We will have the opportunity to attend a class to learn about our culture through weaving. On Saturday, the teams will take the bus to the airport, ending our week in Guatemala.

Chimaltenango

Teams travel 2-3 hours to the construction site hotel to receive orientation on the project and cultural norms; on construction days volunteers travel 30-40 minutes each weekday to the construction site. Social learning exchange opportunities during the week may include a soccer game, attending a traditional cooking class, or learning about our culture by making handicrafts. On Saturday, teams must take the bus to the airport ending our week in Guatemala.

Chiquimula

Teams travel 2.5-3 hours to the hotel at the construction site to receive orientation on the project and cultural norms; on construction days volunteers travel 30-40 minutes each weekday to the construction site. Social learning exchange opportunities during the week may include attending a traditional cooking class through which they will have an educational session about our culture. On Saturday, teams must take the bus to the airport ending our week in Guatemala.

Quetzaltenango

Teams will stay in Guatemala City on the first night, and a welcome presentation will be held at the HFHG offices. The next morning, they will travel to Antigua for a social learning exchange activity, followed by a 4-hour trip to Quetzaltenango, where they will stay for the week. During the construction days, volunteers will travel between 30-35 minutes each day of the week to the construction site. On Friday, the team will return to Guatemala City to spend the night and rest before leaving for the airport on Saturday, bringing our week in Guatemala to a close.

El Progreso

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