

2019 Nicaragua Mission - FAQs

- I. **Dates for this year's mission trip:** July 6 - 13 (70 people)
- II. **Cost: \$1350 (\$944 airfare, \$275 room and board, \$131 administration). Includes deposit.** Travel insurance may be purchased by individuals through the travel agency at a cost of \$50 per person. All payments must be made on the Holy Spirit website page for Nicaragua mission.
- III. **Online registration February 12 – 27. \$200 non-refundable deposit at registration.** Payment of final balance for the trip will be due April 24. The trip will accommodate up to 70 missionaries on our group flight on Avianca Airlines on a first come/first serve basis. All missionaries on this year's trip must fly on the plane with the large group. While political turmoil in the country forced most missionary groups – like Holy Spirit – to cancel their trips last summer, we anticipate groups returning in the spring. Our partner organization in Nicaragua, Amigos for Christ, has begun scheduling groups back again this year.
- IV. **Travel Requirements:**
- **Passport:** Make sure this doesn't expire for 6 months until after your scheduled trip
 - **Vaccinations:** Shots are optional, but Hep A and Hep B are highly recommended. Your Tetanus shot should also be current. Refer to the CDC website for more information or consult a travel medicine doctor.
 - **Minimum age:** entering high school. Minors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
 - **Missionaries 18 years of age at the time of the trip – July 6, 2019 – are considered adults.**
 - **All adults (18 and older) must be fingerprinted and completed the Safe Environment program.**
- V. **Accommodations:**
- Transportation is provided by Amigos to and from the worksites on their buses.
 - We will all be staying at the Amigos Compound, where there is filtered water.
 - There are separate dorms for the ladies and gentlemen, decked out with ceiling fans and bunk beds!
- VI. **Important Dates:**
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| a. February 12 – 27 | Registration and deadline for \$200 non-refundable deposit |
| b. April 24 | Deadline for paying final balance |
| c. May 31 | Deadline for finger printing and Safe Environment training. |
| d. June 2, 2pm | Final Trip Prep Meeting |
| e. June 29-30 | Blessing for Nicaragua missionaries at all masses |
| f. July 6 | Off we go... |
| g. July 14 | Welcome Home Mass for the Missionaries at 6pm. |
- VII. **Travel Itinerary:**
All missionaries meet at Holy Spirit at 7pm on July 5 and travel by bus to SFO.
Depart Flight AV#561 SFO at 1:30 am, July 6 – Arrive Managua 9:35am, July 6
Depart Managua at 5:30pm, July 13, Arrive Flight AV#560 SFO 12:15 am, July 14
- VIII. **Contact Information:**
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