

The Boletín

Medicos-en-Accion Antigua Fall 2017



Things you need to know about the 2018 mission

1. Book your flight!



Team members are responsible for booking their own flights to and from Guatemala. While the airport is just over an hour's drive from Antigua, it would be very helpful if you could book your arrival for Friday evening, January 26. Most team members from the west usually arrive between 2200-2300. For that time, we will have shuttle buses to move you, your luggage and supplies. If you are arriving at other times, we will arrange transportation. But, we need to know when you are arriving.

As flights to Guatemala City (airport code GUA) are generally at capacity, it is important you book **now**.

As we need to know when team members are arriving, please send us your flight number and arrival time to:

medicostravel@gmail.com

If you have any problems booking your flight, please let us know ASAP. While we aren't travel agents, we can make suggestions and work around your travel issue.

2. Donation

The mission is mostly self-funded. Our per participant cost for the two-week Guatemala mission is usually about \$1000 USD. Your donation helps cover medications, surgical supplies, intravenous lines & fluids, post-operative care and pre and post-surgery housing for patients traveling from distant villages.

Your donation also includes your breakfast and lunch at the hospital, accommodation, and airport transfers.

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of a past participants, the surgical donation portion of this year's mission is reduced..

The total cost to each volunteer for the 2018 mission for two weeks is \$800 USD. For team members joining us for one week, the cost is \$400 USD.

When you applied, each team member made a donation of \$300 CDN. Your application donation will be converted to USD using the currency exchange rate on January 26, 2018. You will need to pay the balance owing (USD) in Antigua—please bring enough cash with you to do this.

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Fundraising

If friends, family or colleagues offer to support your volunteer costs, these donations should be given directly to you. Please record donor name, mailing address, e-mail address, and donation amount. Include this information when submitting your tax receipt request form.

Tax receipts are issued for donations of \$25 or more.

3. About US Cash

When requesting US dollars from your bank or credit union, inspect each bill before accepting them.

Very Important!

Any bills with folds, tears, ink marks - or any signs of wear, will be rejected by merchants and banks. Most things in Guatemala run on a cash basis and your attention to this will make life much easier!

Please bring only crisp, new bills.

You will need additional funds for evening meals, entertainment, shopping, and local travel. USD can be exchanged at local banks (with passport) or withdraw local currency (the quetzal) using a debit card at an ATM.

Need a Christmas idea?



Make a difference to someone's life: Sponsor a surgery!

Sponsoring a surgery costs just \$80 CDN.

Donation options:

1. Direct donation

Send a cheque for one or more surgeries to:

Medicos-en-Accion
c/o 1431 Frontier Place
Nanaimo, BC V9X 1P5

Make cheques payable to:
Medicos-en-Accion

Tax receipts are issued for donations supporting this project.

About Medicos-en-Accion Canada

Formed in 2001, Medicos-en-Accion's volunteers provide surgical services, community health and education support in Guatemala and The Gambia.

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Medicos-en-Accion is a registered charity in Canada.

2019 Mission

Plan to join us for the 2019 mission!

Fri. February 3 - Sat. February 15
(Includes travel days)

Application forms will be available after March 1, 2018.

What to do in Antigua

The January edition of **The Boletín** will include information and links that will help you with planning your trip to Guatemala and making the most of your time there.

The core of Antigua, the former Spanish colonial capital, is a World Heritage Site and there is much to see and do.