

AMEXTRA Ambassador Trip 2022 Trip Guide – Kim Rathjen



Goals:

- Reintroduce our Ministry Partner of 35+ years to people at Immanuel
- Deliver the funds from the Building Up Campaign (\$40K designated for AMEXTRA from the most recent Capital Campaign)
- Learn about new programs and the impact AMEXTRA is making on marginalized communities in Mexico
- Allow God to work transformation in the lives of travelers

Trip Dates: approximately Feb 26-March 4, 2022

Trip Cost: Approximately \$2000 - \$700 for airfare from MSP to MEX, return; \$1200 for all expenses in country (housing, transportation, meals, entrance fees, English speaking guide)

Other costs may include required COVID testing depending on the requirements at the time of travel; food purchases while traveling to and from Mexico City; souvenirs; trip insurance

Trip Requirements:

- Physical requirements: Travelers must be able to walk some distances on uneven surfaces, be able to manage their own luggage (there is no porter service), and be able to endure long days, sometimes in warm and humid conditions.
- Proof of COVID vaccination
- A valid US Passport with at least 6 months of validity remaining
- Travelers must be age 14 or older

Possible Trip Agenda (subject to change at discretion of AMEXTRA)

Sat, Feb 26

- Depart Minneapolis, morning flight (one stop)
- Arrive Mexico City early afternoon, AMEXTRA meets at Airport and transports group to the Anglican Center where we will stay while in Mexico City
- Settle in and orientation
- Dinner



Sun, Feb 27

- Travel to Lomas de San Isidro – activities with community members and overview of community projects
- Lunch in the Lomas de San Isidro AMEXTRA Community Center
- Late afternoon return to Anglican Center
- Dinner and reflection



Mon, Feb 28

- Cultural exploration in Mexico City which may include Tlaloc Fountain, the Anthropology Museum, Templo Mayor, Zocalo, Frida Kahlo Museum
- Dinner in Coyoacan
- Return to Anglican Center for reflection



Tues, March 1

- Early flight to Palenque, transport to Villahermosa (in State of Chiapas on southern border of Mexico)
- Arrive and settle in at Pej Pem Ecological Center – room assignments and settle in
- Tour and hike around Pej Pem
- Make pizzas with crops from the Ecological Center
- Evening bonfire and reflection



Weds, March 2

- Visit archeological Site – Palenque ruins
- Visit with community farmers
- Dinner and reflection at Pej Pem



Thus, March 3

- Apiary (bee) experience and confectionary workshop
- Roberto Waterfalls
- Evening flight back to Mexico City
- Stay at Anglican Center



Fri, March 4

- Morning return flight to Minneapolis

Details:

- Deposit of \$500 due by December 31, 2021
- Balance due Feb 1, 2022
- Payments made to Immanuel Lutheran Church