



## College Study Tours



### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

8 days

### MEANINGFUL. SUSTAINABLE. UNFORGETTABLE.

Journey into the southern region of the Dominican Republic where steep hillsides, tobacco plantations and cow-spotted pastures stretch as far as the eye can see. You'll travel deep into the mountain communities where rural poverty poses challenges to economic development, healthcare and access to education. Working together with community members, you'll build sustainable solutions to these problems, as you connect with locals and become immersed in the culture.

30

Estimated service hours

#### YOUR SERVICE PROJECT THEMES

We work with local non-profits to better understand the needs of each community and then focus projects on those issues. Themes include:

- Urban Migration
- Health
- Sustainable Agriculture

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## What to expect on this Service Learning Program

### MEANINGFUL SERVICE

Working side by side with locals, you'll gain insight into the challenges they face and build lasting solutions to help empower the community.

#### Projects include:

- Building a new school for local students
- Constructing public hand-washing stations and latrines
- Assisting in lesson planning for students at the new school

### CULTURAL IMMERSION

Live in the communities you serve—celebrating customs and forming lasting connections with locals.

#### Activities include:

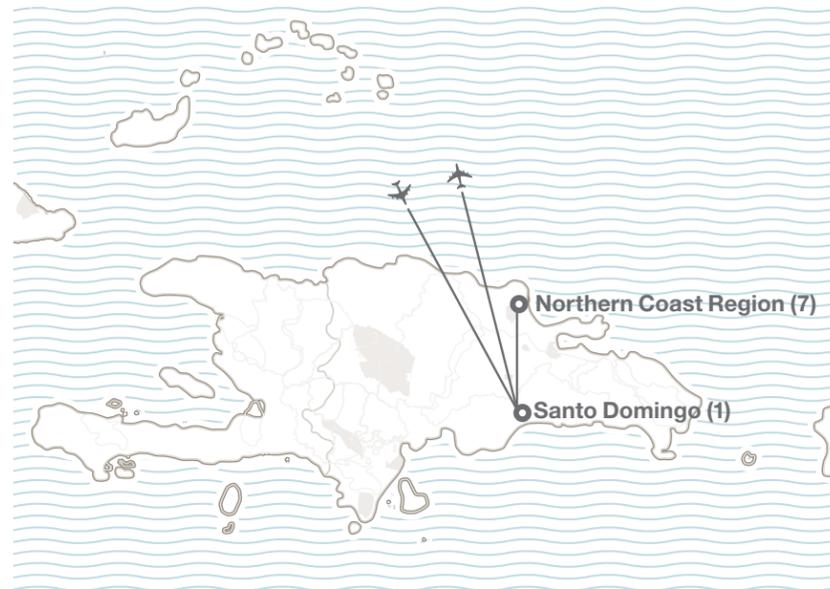
- Practicing Spanish with locals
- Investigating coffee production, a main source of revenue, at a nearby plantation
- Learning the Bachata and Merengue, two popular dances

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Your Field Director takes your global service experience even further, developing and strengthening leadership skills through activities and workshops.

#### Exercises include:

- Investigating global issues, exploring social justice and building leadership skills
- Contextualizing the day's events through thoughtful discussion and group dialogue
- Reflective journaling to deepen the service experience



### 8-DAY ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Arrive in Santo Domingo

Meet your Field Director at the airport.

#### Day 2: Santo Domingo

Take a guided tour of the Colonial Zone, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, take a scenic ride to your service project location.

- Learn about your specific service work and visit the community.

#### Days 3-6: Service Project—Northern Coast Region

As communities evolve so do their needs. That's why we work closely with non-profits to better understand each community's challenges. Since projects are determined closer to your actual program date, here's a glimpse at what a typical day might look like.

- Each morning, begin your service project in a nearby village.
- Spend afternoons immersed in cultural activities.
- Evenings are a chance to reflect, discuss events as a group, and draw connections between the day's work and relevant global issues.

#### Day 7: Tropical beach

- Dive into the tropical waters of the Caribbean and enjoy a full day at the beach.

#### Day 8: Depart for home



### LOCAL INSIGHT AND SUPPORT

Your bilingual Field Director deepens your connection to the land, people and culture. With local perspective on community challenges and skilled training in service leadership, they'll provide insight and global context, as they:

- Lead skill-building workshops and meaningful group reflections
- Connect you with local non-profits and nearby villages
- Facilitate group orientation and safety training
- Handle all on-tour details, from meals to transportation

*"We were very excited to EXPERIENCE the Dominican Republic—have conversations, see things in real life that we saw in pictures, and really get to meet and know people who are from a different culture and who live very differently than most of our students."*

Dr. Julie Taylor-Costello, Peru State College



**Everything you get:** 7 overnight stays in hotels; Round-trip flights on major carriers; Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner; Local ground transportation; Full-time Field Director; Sustainable service projects; Service hours that count towards academic credit; Sightseeing tours led by expert guides; Entrance fees



The day's events come into focus during evening reflection and discussion



Local children at a nearby camp enjoy an afternoon of games led by students



Students dig a latrine in order to provide the community with clean water.

## Your partner in global education

### EF COLLEGE STUDY TOURS

For 50 years, EF has worked with educators across the world to help millions of students become global citizens by breaking down barriers of language, culture and geography. With more than 500 schools and offices in over 50 countries, our staff can respond in person wherever you are, 24 hours a day. We're also an accredited educational institution, offering students the option to earn high school and college credit.

### ABOUT SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAMS

On an EF Service Learning Program, you and your students work side by side with locals on community-driven projects. EF partners with established non-profits and NGOs to make sure your contributions are both meaningful and sustainable. Through hands-on work and deep exposure to the local culture, students learn vital collaboration and problem solving skills. They return inspired to make a difference at home, too.

### START PLANNING

To enroll on this program, ask your professor for the tour number and visit [efcst.com/enroll](http://efcst.com/enroll) or call 877-485-4184