

Manaus, Brazil Trip Information

Contact:

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Projects:

Church construction

House repair/construction

Latrine construction

Vacation Bible School

Medical and Dental services

Other construction projects

Cost:

Airfare to Manaus

\$475/person/week to cover cost of food, in-country transportation, boat fees

Bring extra money for meals in Manaus and gifts/souvenirs

Construction supplies - cost varies according to project -

Build a church: \$6,000 US

Build a latrine: \$900 US

Paint a church: \$800 US

Other projects: talk to 3

Itinerary:

Arrive in Manaus by Sunday (flights to Manaus are not usually at very convenient times). You will be met at the airport by Heyde, ROW staff, or by Rev. Djard, from the Presbyterian Church of Manaus. and attend church services Sunday night. Leave for the river that night. You will be back from the river to Manaus by the next Saturday morning.

The boat is a partnership between ROW and the Presbyterian Church of Manaus, and has medical and dental staff, facilities, and medicines, as well as living quarters for the staff and teams. The boat can sleep up to 35 people. We recommend that your team have no more than 20 people – the staff and perhaps several Brazilians will use the other space.

During the week, you will sleep on the boat – either in hammocks “dormitory-style” or on the top deck on pads. Bring a sheet and a pillow along. If you are sleeping on the deck, you will want either mosquito netting or a small tent. All meals are provided on the boat, prepared by the staff, and bottled water is provided as well. Shower and bathroom facilities are on the boat.

You will spend the week working on various projects, depending on what your team would like to do. If you have medical or dental skills, they can work with the staff on the

boat. You can travel to several villages during the week, or plan to stay in one village. VBS and construction activities are available while the villagers visit the medical/dental staff on the boat.

Available dates:

Any time of the year, but summer is best because it is their winter.

What to take:

Brasil is hot – even in their winter. Dress cool, but modest, please. Hats and sunscreen are good to have. You will need bug/mosquito repellent. Shorts are fine, but bring a skirt or pants to wear to church services. Bring a swimsuit, cameras, and Bible, but no camouflage clothing. If working on a construction project, bring gloves and hand tools if possible. A battery-powered fan makes life nice!

You will need a valid passport and a visa, as well as an inoculation card showing proof of a yellow fever inoculation. Check with your family doctor about other recommended vaccinations.

Visa:

To get a visa, you must fill out a visa form and send that, your passport, and fee for the visa. We use a visa service – Travel Document Systems – <http://www.traveldocs.com>. They will walk your application through the Brazilian embassy. On the application, you will be asked for contact information while you are in Brazil. That information is:

Name and address where you can be contacted while in Brazil:

Heyde Marques

Rua Silva Ramos, 493, Centro.

Manaus - Amazonas.

CEP(zip Code): 69025030

Address in Brazil where you will be staying (vessel):

Zany Silva

Phone Number:

55 92 3633-1700

On the visa where it asks you to select the purpose of your trip, check the "tourism" box. This is what our partners in Brazil have recommended. Under comments, add that you will be on the Amazon River.

Money:

The exchange rate is about \$1US = 2 Brazilian Reais. Be sure to exchange US money for Brazillian before you go shopping in Manaus.

Cultural Notes:

Smoking and drinking are not permitted. Portuguese is spoken in Brasil, but you should be able to communicate with the villagers through interpreters and “sign-language”.