



SAMPLE ITINERARY: BUILDING HOMES

This sample itinerary provides a general idea of how your trip will be structured. However, it is important to realize that the specifics of this itinerary are subject to change in accordance with the needs of the NGO and the situation on the ground. A finalized itinerary will be sent to your group approximately 2 weeks before your trip.

Day 1— Arrival

- Arrival in Guatemala City, La Aurora Airport (GUA).
- Volunteers will be transported directly to their homestays.
- Dinner with your host family.

Day 2— Orientation & Construction

- Breakfast with your host family.
- Encountour and NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) orientation. Learn about the economic, cultural, and political challenges facing families and children in Guatemala. Then learn about the transformative work you will be doing to help families greatly improve their standard of living. Many of these families have between five and ten children, but earn a total household income of less than \$3 per day. The NGO works to break this cycle of poverty by offering children access to education and improving their family's meager living conditions.
- Construction 101: Learn the basics of Guatemalan construction methods and begin laying the foundation of the house!
- Enjoy a local lunch served on the construction site, and then continue with construction work.
- Dinner with your host family.

Day 3— Construction & Family Visits

- Breakfast with your host family.



- Continue construction work on the home by placing concrete blocks for the walls of the home. Enjoy a local lunch served on the construction site.
- Learn about the conditions of Guatemalans living below the poverty line while visiting the homes of local families. Continue construction work.
- Dinner with your host family.

Day 4— Construction

- Breakfast with your host family.
- Construction work on the home—continue laying blocks for the walls of the home. Enjoy a local lunch served on the construction site.
- Continue construction work on the home.
- Dinner with your host family.

Day 5— Construction

- Breakfast with your host family.
- Construction work—continue laying blocks for the walls of the home. Enjoy a local lunch served on the construction site and continue construction work on the home.
- Dinner with your host family.

Day 6— Construction & Volunteering

- Construction work—work on the house's roof and lay a concrete floor.
- Enjoy a local lunch served on the construction site.
- **Finish building the family's new home!** (the home should be finished as long as your group works at a steady pace. If you are not able to finish the home, professional construction workers will finish it shortly after you leave.)

Day 7—Return Home

- Shuttle to La Aurora Airport in Guatemala City.

