



Amazon River Church Construction Trip Information

Team: James River Church
Trip Dates: November 3-10, 2018
Team Leader: David Vogenthaler
Team Champion: Chuck Greenaway
Host Missionary: Mark Lemos
Trip Coordinator: Betsy Martin, Builders International

LODGING AND MEALS

1. Lodging in Manuas. The team will stay in a 3-star hotel the first night in Manaus. The hotel amenities include free wifi and internet access, room service and a pool. A breakfast buffet is included the following morning. (Any charges made by team members at the hotel that are NOT covered in the trip cost must be paid upon check-out the next day.)
2. Lodging on the river. For the remainder of the trip, the team will be staying on an all-inclusive river boat. Most sleeping rooms are double occupancy and contain bunk beds. The rooms are just big enough to hold the bunk beds and have a bit of space for luggage. Approximately 5' x 9'.
3. There will be 3 boat crew and 3 cooks/housekeeping staff onboard to take care of the team
4. Each sleeping room has a window A/C unit.
5. Bathrooms. They are about the size of a phone booth. The shower does not have hot water.
6. Laundry service will be provided by the boat. There is no charge for this service, however, plan on providing a tip for the housekeeping staff.
7. There is no wifi or internet access on the riverboat.
8. There is 110 voltage electricity on the boat. The hotel has 220.
9. All meals while staying along the river will be cooked on the boat by the staff. Meals may consist of rice, beans, noodles, fish, and beef. Plenty of water and soda will also be provided.
10. The team will get to enjoy an authentic Brazilian steak dinner in Manaus on the last evening.

MINISTRY

The team will be building a church for the local community. The work will take place in one of the many communities that are located right along the Amazon River. The work will include putting up columns, trusses, roofing, and laying block walls.

Additional ministry opportunities:

There will be opportunities to interact with the local people during the trip. Team members who aren't actively engaged with the church construction can minister to children, help paint the local pastor's house, or teach any skill that can be taught in 3 days. One example is a team that built pews for the church. Providing water filters to families in the community is another option.



FREE TIME

There will be time each day for rest and relaxation, as well as lots of time to fellowship with the people in the community. Free time activities could include swimming with dolphins, fishing, swimming in the Amazon, exploring the jungle and riverbanks, and just relaxing in one of the hammocks on the boat. If you want to fish, you will need to pack your own fishing gear.

VACCINATIONS

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: Yellow Fever. *At this time, the vaccine is only available at a few clinics throughout the state. Please schedule your vaccine soon.* If you will be traveling outside the country after being in Brazil, you will be REQUIRED to have get the vaccine.

Important!

Yellow Fever Update: While CDC recommends yellow fever vaccination for travel to some areas of Brazil (<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/yellow-fever-brazil>), U.S. Travelers coming to Brazil are not required to have yellow fever vaccination. U.S. travelers coming to Brazil only, and returning to the U.S. are not required to present documentation of yellow fever vaccination upon return to the U.S.

However, if you are transiting through Brazil, or stopping in Brazil then travelling on to another country, you might need documentation of a yellow fever vaccination. Please check the appropriate onward country for current guidance.

Recommended: Malaria and Tetanus. Please visit the Centers for Disease Control for more health information for travelers to Brazil at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/brazil>.

PASSPORT

Team members are required to have a U.S. Passport to travel outside of the United States. Please apply for or renew your passport if:

1. You do not have a passport
2. Your passport will expire on or before May 3, 2019
3. You do not have any blank visa pages left (a partial page WILL NOT work)

All team members MUST have a valid passport by August 31, 2018.



TOURIST VISA

A Tourist Visa is required to enter Brazil and must be applied for in advance of the trip. This process is completed online. *The Builders International Trip Coordinator will provide instructions for the visa submission.*

Visa Requirements:

1. Valid U.S. passport.
2. Professional color passport-style photo, taken within the last 6 months.

All team members MUST have all visa requirements ready for submission by September 1, 2018.