



HONDURAS

INSIGHT TRIP

APRIL 17–22, 2017



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5-DAY

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“On a recent Insight Trip to Honduras, I met some of the most ingenious and creative entrepreneurs on the planet. Seeing is believing and the Opportunity International Honduras client connections will stay with me forever.”

- Chris Ritter, Rotary Club of Calgary West

Opportunity's Impact in Honduras

Clients with Active Loans:

7,200

Loans to Women:

70%

Outstanding Loan Portfolio:

\$7.8M USD

Seeing the Real Honduras

Opportunity International's Implementing Partner in Honduras has been working as a microfinance not-for-profit organization for over 40 years serving poor entrepreneurs with loans and training in ten branches across the country.

Honduras is the third poorest country in Latin America (after Haiti and Nicaragua), and has a population of eight million people. Incredibly, 60% of its population live below the poverty line and are unable to meet their basic needs due to lack of formal employment.

There are approximately 500,000 Hondurans who have been driven by need to start small informal businesses from home or on the streets in order to generate income

to provide for their families. In order to grow or sustain their small businesses, every entrepreneur needs capital. Studies show that 70% of Honduran small and medium enterprises have never received credit.

Journey with Opportunity Canada's partner – Instituto Para el Desarrollo Honureno (IDH) – to witness first-hand how we are walking alongside Honduran families in the poorest sectors of society to help them achieve their dreams. Through the provision of loans, technical assistance and financial education, our clients are developing sustainable businesses and creating holistic change in their lives.

The Opportunity Experience

At Opportunity International, we are passionate about transforming lives around the globe. We host Insight Trips so we can share with you, our supporters, the hope, gratitude, and excitement we experience every time we are in the field with clients working hard to achieve their goals.

Insight Trips are safe, eye-opening and unforgettable experiences that are authentic to each host country. You'll spend time with experts in the field and local hosts who know

the culture inside and out—their personal perspective will give you an intimate understanding of the culture and how we work alongside our clients to make significant and lasting changes. You will witness how our clients are rising out of poverty and transforming their lives.

So come journey with us. We take care of all the details to ensure you travel in good company to authentic and exquisite sights. It will be an adventure unlike any other—one that will change you forever.

April 17th – 22nd, 2017

Summary of costs: \$1,250 per person (includes all meals & beverages, in-country ground transportation, translator service — does not include flights or hotel accommodations)

Trip registration and deposit is required by February 15, 2017.

Note: Hotel & Flight are at the expense of the traveler. Hotels are TBA and costs will vary by city and will range between \$130 - \$250 per person/per night based on single occupancy. Opportunity will make reservations for guests at the hotels ahead of time (so that we are all together) and each guest pays upon check-out. Airfare to be booked and paid for by the traveler – for this trip it is recommended to fly into Tegucigalpa and out of San Pedro Sula.

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Draft Itinerary

DAY ONE – Monday (beginning at dinner)

Fly into Tegucigalpa; we'll meet you at the airport. Official Welcome & Orientation Dinner that evening.

DAY TWO – Tuesday

Visit Opportunity International's Implementing Partner's – IDH's – head office in Tegucigalpa. Executive team briefing followed by visits to local clients. In the evening we'll attend the local Host RC meeting – the Real de Minas RC. The RdM RC have been our Host RC partners throughout the HECD Program.

DAY THREE – Wednesday

Visit an IDH Trust Group in the morning and see the transformational power of microfinance. Leave Tegucigalpa and travel to Santa Barbara.

Santa Barbara is the branch that DFATD/GAC, Rotary (HECD – Phases 2 & 3), and Opportunity Canada donors have been funding. Arrive in SB late afternoon; receive a Branch update and have dinner with the Branch staff. (Stay overnight at a little hotel in Santa Barbara that Wed & Thurs nights.)

DAY FOUR - Thursday

Visit some of Santa Barbara's SME clients (Small & Medium Enterprise) – and see how families and communities begin to thrive. This is a growth segment for IDH and is the focus of HECD – Phase 4.

DAY FIVE - Friday

Planning meeting for HECD Phases 5 & 6 in the morning. Drive into San Pedro Sula in the afternoon. Debriefing dinner that night in San Pedro Sula.

DAY SIX – Saturday

Fly home – out of San Pedro Sula

Logistics:

Flights: Recommend flying into Tegucigalpa and out of San Pedro Sula

Hotels: Hotels TBA – price range will be \$130 – \$250 / per person per night.



Opportunity InSight Trip to Honduras – April 2017

Rotary Registration Form

Please complete one Registration Form per trip attendee and
return by Feb 15, 2017

*Deposit is required by Feb 15th; remainder by March 31st. Airfare and hotel are not included.

Name as it appears on passport:

Address _____

City, Province _____

Postal Code _____

Phone #1 _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Passport number and expiration date

Citizenship _____

Birth date _____

Trip Deposit \$600 (required by Feb 15); remaining
amount \$650 (excluding flight and hotels) by March 31st.

- ☐ I have included by mail a cheque with Trip Deposit of \$600
☐ I will call the office at 1-877-867-2448 to make Trip Deposit
☐ I would like to pay Trip Deposit by credit card (below).

Number: _____

Expiry: ____/____ ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

3 Digit Security Code: _____

Emergency Contact (name, contact info, & relationship)

Please List Arrival Flight Info for Pick-Up Arrangements:

Date: _____ Time: _____

Airline: _____

and Departure Flight info:

Date: _____ Time: _____

Airline: _____

Activity Restricting Conditions :

*Please note any limitations that would inhibit you from
walking or sitting for extended periods of time, easily
entering or exiting vehicles, or walking on uneven
ground.*

Current Medications _____

Allergies _____

Food preferences/restrictions _____

PLEASE E-MAIL or FAX THIS FORM TO:

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ADDITIONAL ADVANCE PREPARATION:

- Canadian Passport required. Must be valid for nine months after *return* date from Honduras.
- Tourist visa not required for Canadian citizens for tourist stay up to 60 days.
- Non-Canadian citizens may require a visa. Check with your consulate office.
- Regarding immunizations and vaccinations: check with your family doctor, the Canadian government's website for health information on Honduran travel, and / or consult a traveler's health clinic near you.
- Ensure that you are covered with Traveler's Insurance.