

Rotary Trips to Guatemala – February and March 2020

Winter is coming fast, and so is our Rotary work in Guatemala. Rotary will be building a school in TURBALÁ 2, Zacualpa, Quiché Guatemala. We may also build a second school in Tolana, Guatemala.

1. **Team #1** will arrive on Saturday, Feb 15, 2020 in Guatemala City
 - a. We will spend the night of Saturday, Feb 15, 2019 at the Barceló Hotel in Guatemala City. Here is a link to the hotel which is rated as 4.5 stars. I have stayed there many times and it is a very nice hotel and I feel very safe and I trust the food at the hotel also.
<https://www.reservations.com/hotel/barcelo-guatemala-city?rmcid=rcc4&msclkid=b5043f04965011e2135a6468cd4e9840>
 - b. Sunday, Feb 16th we will depart Guatemala City at approximately 8:00 a.m. for Zacualpa. Here is a link related to Zacualpa: <https://binged.it/2vx8QMq>. We will stay in Zacualpa from Sunday, Feb 16, to Friday, Feb 2. Every morning during this time period we will travel to TURBALÁ 2, Guatemala, to work on the schools mentioned above. The drive-time is about a half-hour west of Zacualpa and we will return each evening to Zacualpa.
 - c. Friday, Feb 21, we will depart Zacualpa in the early afternoon for 2 days of R&R. The location will be determined soon.
 - d. On Sunday, Feb 23, will depart for Guatemala City and spend the night at the Barceló Hotel.
 - e. Most people will fly out of Guatemala for the US on Monday, Feb 24.
2. **Team #2:**
 - a. Members of Team #2 will arrive in Guatemala City on Saturday, March 14, and spend the night at the Barceló Hotel.
 - b. Sunday, March 15, the Team will depart Guatemala City at approximately 8:00 a.m. for Zacualpa and stay there through Friday, March 20. Like Team #1, every morning from Monday, March 16 to Friday, March 20, Team #2 will travel to TURBALÁ 2 Guatemala to also work on building a school. Again, the drive time is approximately one half-hour each way.

- c. On Friday, March 20, Team #2 will depart Zacualpa for 2 days of R&R. Again, the location is to be determined.
 - d. On Sunday, March 22, Team #2 will depart for Guatemala City and spend the night at the Barceló Hotel.
 - e. On Monday, March 23, Team #2 will depart Guatemala for the US.
3. **Team #3?**
- If a high number of people are interested in going to Guatemala, a third team may be set up. The time frame will be very similar to the Team #2 above, but will be a week or two later.

Please let me know if you are interested in going and which team you prefer. Last year the cost was approximately \$900 for flights and \$700 for hotels, food and local transportation for a total of \$1,600. I will be working with a travel agency to see if they can get a better price. Once I have this info, I will share it with you.

That's all for now and thank you for all you do.

Yours In Rotary,
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