



GENERAL INFORMATION

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

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## LOCATION

SCORE International's headquarters and main complex in the Dominican Republic is located in the town of Juan Dolio. It is on the southern shore of the island, about 20 minutes east of Las Americas International Airport.

## FAST FACTS ABOUT THE COUNTRY

The D.R. shares the island Hispaniola with the country of Haiti. It is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea. Nearly 80% of the country's 49,000 sq. km. is covered with mountains, but some 20 different topographical areas exist in the country. About 2.5 million of the country's 10 million residents live in the capital, Santo Domingo. Over 10% of the population is of Haitian descent. Roman Catholicism is the country's official religion and about 85% of the people profess this. About half of the population is believed to be involved in occult practices. Average annual income is \$5,000 per person.

## PASSPORT INFO

Passports are now **REQUIRED** for all U.S. citizens traveling to the Dominican Republic!! You need to apply at your local post office to obtain a passport. The cost is about \$120 and it is good for 10 years. Before the trip you will need to make a photocopy of your passport and carry it with you in a different suitcase in case you lose your passport. **Passports must be valid at least 90 days after the date of travel.**



## AIRPORT CODE: SDQ

If you would like to fly into Punta Cana it will be an additional charge of \$300 each way per bus for transportation to and from the airport. One bus fits 25 people and their luggage.

## INSURANCE

SCORE includes insurance in the cost of your trip. Insurance coverage is provided by Faith Ventures. Each trip participant will be covered for \$10,000 emergency accident medical expense, \$10,000 emergency sickness medical expense and \$500 emergency dental expense among other benefits. Each participant will receive an individual insurance card with information how to contact Faith Ventures.

## TELEPHONE CALLS

Telephone calls to the SCORE MTC should be for emergencies **ONLY**. There is an internet phone at the Juan Dolio MTC that can be used for only 35 cents per minute. Callings cards bought in the United States will **NOT** work. Even if they specifically say they will work in the Dominican they will not work.

## PHOTOS & VIDEOS

We use photos and videos to tell the stories of what God is doing all over the world. When you travel with us, you may have your picture taken and shared across our platforms. If you do not want your picture taken or shared, be sure to contact our home office before your trip, and we will be sure not to share any images of you.



## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SCORE MTC: 809-526-1320  
Gio Valdez: 809-875-0074



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## LUGGAGE AND PACKING

Airlines are constantly changing and updating their policies concerning luggage. Many now have restrictions on weight and may also impose fees for checked bags. Please check with your airline company for up to date information concerning luggage and fees. SCORE International is not responsible for baggage fees.

### Items to pack:

1. You may want to bring some power bars, granola bars, or crackers to snack on during the day.
2. Bring a beach towel, sunscreen, bug repellent and hand sanitizer.
3. Pack a flashlight and alarm clock.
4. Put a change of clothes in your carry-on bag in case your luggage is delayed or lost.
5. Please get to the airport at least 2 hours in advance.
6. Bring earplugs if noise is a problem when sleeping.
7. There is no wireless internet connection at the complex. There is one connector for groups to share. This connection is only to be used by group leaders to contact home when necessary and to report the day's activities.
8. Bring small bills with you. It is hard to break \$20 bills and if you find a place that takes U.S. money, they will give you change in Dominican money. Do not bring personal or travelers checks, they are hard to cash! Catalina Island and all other activities (food distribution, Barcelo, Argentine BBQ, etc,) must be paid in U.S. dollars only!
9. Don't buy U.S. phone cards, they will not work there. We have a phone at the SCORE Complex that you can use.

## MEALS

All meals will be eaten at the SCORE MTC. There will be a variety of food served, such as spaghetti, rice and chicken, taco salad, chicken fettuccine, rice and beans, sandwiches, etc. Breakfast will be various fruit, eggs, pancakes, etc. Please bring a box of your favorite cereal, if you desire cereal. Groups may choose to eat out at a restaurant or fast food if they want to pay themselves. This is up to the group leader to decide. Please let us know in advance to notify our kitchen staff to NOT make a meal. Thank you!

**\* IMPORTANT ALLERGY INFORMATION** - If there are any food allergies, please inform us before your trip and bring your own specialty food items, your epi pen and any other medication. You cannot get these items on your trip.

## LAUNDRY

Please do not plan on doing laundry. Bring enough clothes to last for your entire trip. Athletic teams will have their uniforms only washed after each game.

## CURRENCY

The currency is the Dominican Peso. The dollar value in terms of the peso varies from day to day. The group leader will let you know when and where you may exchange money. It is best to exchange small amounts at a time as you can NOT exchange back into dollars once you have pesos.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

When posting to social media be sure to tag @scoreintl1 or use the #WhySCORE to show us what's happening on the field.

## HOUSING

All persons will be staying in the SCORE MTC unless specifically told otherwise. Each room has a private bathroom. All rooms have air conditioners. Linens and bath towels are provided. Beach towels are not provided.



**Remember to check with your airlines for baggage fees. In most cases, you can pre-pay for your bags.**

## GENERAL INFO AND GUIDELINES

- Be prepared to be very flexible. Plans will change daily!!
- Be on time every time. Each night the next day's schedule will be posted.
- Stay together at all times. Never leave the group without first talking to your group leader.  
Stay with groups of at least 4 at all times.
- Everyone must be in the complex by 9:00 pm.
- Do not give out money or candy or toys to ANYONE unless specifically told to do so by your SCORE representative.  
This can be very dangerous if done in the wrong manner.
- Any Spanish that you can practice or learn before you come will be a big bonus.
- Be prepared to share your testimony at any time.
- Look for God to do something amazing in your life on this trip!!



### CLOTHING

We ask that each person would help us to stay above reproach in this area. What may not be a problem in the USA can be identified as a problem in this culture. What is appropriate in the U.S. may not be appropriate there. Please do not offend or hurt the testimony of your group by wearing inappropriate clothes. The following standards are strictly enforced.

#### Concerning Ladies:

Two-piece suits will not be allowed even with a shirt worn over the suit. No Tankinis please. If one piece is not available, shorts and a dark t-shirt are acceptable. Plan on wearing a modest dress or skirt (top of the knee) and modest top (no tank tops, spaghetti straps or racer back styles.) to church. Pants, capris or shorts (top of the knee) may be worn at times of ministry and at SCORE and partnering facilities. No short shorts or spaghetti strap tank tops are allowed at any time. Modest, sleeveless shirts are OK. Bare midriffs are not allowed. When traveling on a sports team you will be allowed to wear athletic shorts for the event only, please change when returned to MTC or partnering facilities.

**Concerning Men:** Pants, collared shirts and shoes are required for Sunday church. Shorts and t-shirts may be worn for ministry. No shorts or t-shirts allowed when visiting churches. No sandals or t-shirts may be worn for church ministry. No tank tops or sleeveless shirts are to be worn except for athletic events or around the pool or to the beach. At no time are pants, or your bathing suit, to be worn low enough to expose your underwear. Shorts may be worn to do work projects. Guys must wear shirts around the SCORE MTC except around the pool.



## SCORE MTC

God has blessed SCORE with a beautiful complex in the Dominican Republic. The Missionary Training Center is located in the town of Juan Dolio, only one block from the beach. Juan Dolio is on the southern coastline close to San Pedro de Macoris. All rooms are air conditioned and have a private bathroom.



In the back portion of the property there is a swimming pool. Groups will enjoy spending some of their free time relaxing by the pool. If the pool is not your choice, you can walk one block to the beautiful Caribbean Sea for a swim. Along the way you will find restaurants and street vendors.

Pictured here is the courtyard at the SCORE MTC. It is a two story building that is capable of holding up to 100 total occupants. SCORE also has a full staff of cooks, maids, and bus drivers to take care of you during your trip.

*"It was such a great week! Thank you so much to all of the parents and supporters who allowed us to come on this trip to share the love of Christ with the Dominican people. It will definitely be a "mile marker" in our individual lives and our youth group as a whole."*

*-Central Baptist*





## Hodelpa Garden Suites

Hodelpa Garden Suites, formerly known as Embassy Suites is located in Juan Dolio. The resort has a meeting room and a pool area. It is only minutes away from our SCORE Missionary Training Center. Most rooms come with two queen size beds and a pull-out sofa. Located near the golf course.



## Metro House

Metro House is located in the Metro Country Club area near the golf course. This house has 4 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms, 1 half bath, and can sleep 26 people comfortably. It has a TV room with a pull-out sofa and a pool in the back yard. The metro house is also only minutes away from our SCORE Missionary Training Center in Juan Dolio.



## DR Ministry and Leisure Opportunities

### Ministry Opportunities

*Here is just a sample listing of ministry Opportunities available:*

**Vacation Bible Schools (bring your own supplies)**

**Puppet Shows**

**Sports Games and Clinics**

**Musical Presentations**

**Skits and Dramas**

**Mime Presentations**

**Painting Projects (supplies cost extra)**

**Construction Work (supplies cost extra)**

**Street Evangelism**

**Orphanage Work**

**Evangelistic Campaigns**

**Medical/Dental Teams**

**Tract Distribution**

**Food Distribution (\$15 to feed one family)**

**Back-Yard Bible Clubs**

### Leisure Opportunities

*Here are your choices for leisure activities. Please bring U.S. dollars to pay for these activities.*

#### ***Sightseeing in Santo Domingo (\$5)***

There are many historical things to see in Santo Domingo such as: The First Church of the New World, The National Pantheon where political leaders are buried, The Fort, Columbus Lighthouse, and the Columbus House.

#### ***Beach Day at Costa Carribe (\$45)***

This is one of our most popular activities. Groups take a 5 minute bus ride and then relax by the beach, swim, or participate in the on site activities. The beach is pristine and the water is crystal clear. There will also be a lunch buffet.

#### ***White Water Rafting (\$70)***

Travel north from Santo Domingo to Jarabacoa for this exciting adventure. Groups will enjoy great rafting as well as seeing parts of the island most tourists miss.

#### ***Argentine Barbeque (\$20)***

This is a special meal provided by our national pastors. Meal includes steak, pork, chicken, salad, potatoes, dessert and drink. Make reservations for your group. The proceeds support our national pastors and church planting ministry.

#### ***Horseback Riding (\$10 an hour)***

#### ***Catelina Island (\$60)***

Snorkeling, swimming, and relaxing by the beach.

#### ***Shopping in the "Straw Market"***

## ***Suggested List of Donation Items for the DR***

Many of you have asked what the needs are in the Dominican Republic. We purchase some of the needed medications and many are donated. There is a great need for Over the Counter Medications. Many items can be purchased with the Equate Brand (Wal-Mart) at reduced cost.

THANK YOU!

### OVER THE COUNTER MEDS

- Benadryl (Diphenhydramine HCL)
- (Equate Brand is fine) Adult and Children's
- Infant Cough & Cold
- Antifungal Creams (Clotrimazole)
- Equate Allergy (Cetirizine HCL)
- Infant Vitamin drops, NO Iron
- Equate Daytime Cold and Flu
- Adult Vits (Equate Men's, Women's)
- Infant Tylenol
- Children's Chewable (NO Gummies)
- Infant Motrin
- (Flintstones-NO Iron) Orange Box
- Claritin Tabs (Loratidine)
- Children's Claritin
- Refresh or Artificial Tears (Single Use Vials)
  
- Children's Cough Syrup
- Dramamine
- Neosporin (Equate)
- Tums
- Tussin and Tussin DM
- Afrin Nasal Spray
- Pepto Bismol
- Cough Drops (Benzocane)
- Acne Medicine (cream)
- Triple Antibiotic Ointment (Neomycin)
- Selsun Blue Shampoo

### OTHER ITEMS:

- Personal Hygiene - Shampoo, Conditioner Toothbrush/Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Deodorant, Soap, Lotion, Combs/Brushes, Hair ribbons and clips
- Baby Needs - Disposable Diapers, Wet Wipes, Diaper Rash Ointment, Baby Shampoo, Powdered Formula, Powdered Cereal, T-shirts
- Miscellaneous Items - Books written in Spanish, new Children's Clothes, Children's toys, Baseball equipment, Colorful Stickers, Stationery, small balls, balloons, Individually wrapped gum, hard candy (NO Chocolate)
- School Supplies - Notebooks, Paper, Pencils/Pens, Erasers, Crayons, Rulers, Notepads, Folders w/ Pockets
- Cleaning Items - dishwashing gloves (all sizes), plastic hand held scrub brushes, cleaning rags, 16-24 oz. spray bottles.

### Items for our facility in the DR

Below is a list of items that we currently need at the SCORE Complex. These items wear out quickly and need to be replaced. Anything you can bring would be a help.

1) White towels and washcloths are needed. If you could help us with the project it would be greatly appreciated. We would like Standard size towels and regular size washcloths. Please do not get the really large bath towels as they are too bulky and heavy in the washer and dryer.

2) White sheets and pillow cases, mattress and pillow protectors are equally needed. The size we need are for twin beds, cotton/polyester blend.



Thank you for thinking of our missionaries in the Dominican Republic. Remember the greatest support is your prayer support. Listed are their personal requests. God bless you and praying for you and your group.

**Margaret Morris Director of Missionary Care: Revised May 15, 2018**

- Trail Mix (Wal-Mart Indulgent Chocolate, Cajun Mix and Omega 3 (cranberries, Walnut, Almonds, pumpkin seeds, dark chocolate, coconut)
- Protein Bars: Kind Bars (especially dark chocolate) or Cliff Bars
- Original Cheese 'It's
- Goldfish crackers
- Honey Nut cheerio's or other cereal
- Pistachio's Almonds Cashews
- Baby Food especially vegetables; Baby snack like Swedish Fish and Puffs
- M&M Peanuts and Original M&M
- Tennis Balls; Wilson US Open or Penn. (a case). Please do not take out of cans to transport
- Detergent for washing (pods)
- Deodorant (Old Spice Sport or Secret)
- Diapers: size newborn, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and baby wipes
- Golden Grahams cereal Chocolate covered raisins Blow Pops
- Individual creamers (boxed Hazelnut, Vanilla, Caramel)
- Size 7 and 12 boy's shoes and size 6 and 7 for girl's shoes
- School supplies for next school year: composition notebooks (not spiral) pencils, markers, scissors, folders, wide ruled notebook paper, construction paper, printer paper, erasers, pens
- Children's back packs; lunch boxes; small water bottles
- Lysol spray, hand sanitizers
- Zarbees natural children's cough syrup plus mucus nighttime
- Small and Medium Size T-shirts for the youth camp for Juan Dolio due before July 10th
- Beef Jerky

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