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About Haiti:

The population of Haiti is 8.9 million people. There are more than 250,000 orphans in Haiti. Haiti is known as the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The temperature is as cold as 68 degrees in the coldest months and as hot as 93 in the hottest months.

Haitian People/Culture:

The people in Haiti are very friendly. The children get very excited to see you and will greet you with a kiss or a hug. You should expect runny noses and hear wet coughs. You can also expect there to be some fighting. We believe that the relationships are special and very spirit-led. Do not feel obligated to know every child here, or to spread your attention. We do want you to let the relationship unfold naturally.

How the trip goes:

Trip Types:

AOP schedules trips several times per year. We run our trips through our trusted field partners in Haiti. An Orphan's Prayer has worked hard at binding relationships with various missions, missionaries, and pastors in Haiti. When choosing a trip through AOP, it is required to respect and follow the guidelines of our field partners.

Team Leader:

Each trip will have a team leader that leads the trip. On each trip we have a morning and evening devotional time with the whole group. You are welcomed, but not obligated to join at this time. We advise daily discussion with your team in the morning and at night. Your team leader will be responsible for organizing the time and structure for your team. We ask that you enter this mission trip with an open mind and flexible agenda. The life in Haiti is very different from what we are used to in America. Haitians have their own set time and pace for things, so re-grouping in meeting/devo time helps everyone be on the same page.

What to expect:

The purpose of a mission trip is to care for God's children. Many of these children have been abandoned or orphaned. Our model is about forming a relationship with these children and showing them the example of God's Love for them. Somethings we do to interact are sing, play, hug, laugh, create activities, play sports, paint nails, do hair, etc. There will be times our trips are specialty trips: Medical, Farming, Building, Painting, Teaching Money Management, etc.. At no time should you be alone with a child. You can love on the child, but please do so in public. The ministry of caring for orphaned and abandoned children belongs to the local church. We are serving and

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looked at as missionaries and we represent Christ. If you need to go somewhere in private or away from the group it is to be run by the group leader.

It is required to respect An Orphans Prayer view on the Biblical mandate to care for orphans. We serve as a mission field for Christ, therefore, develop and maintain an accommodating, supportive, and cooperative attitude toward the people we work with on this mission trip, the trip leaders, and other teammates.

- Speak positively, please be uplifting as everyone has their own way with coping in a third world country.
- Stay with the group at all times
- Work with, get to know, and make every effort to include all the members of the team.
- Electronics are allowed but we ask to spend limited time on social media, text, electronic devices. We are here to form relationships and we do not want the children or ourselves to be focused on the distractions of our mobil devices.

Accommodations:

During your stay, you will stay in gender separated dorm rooms. There will be bathrooms with toilets and running water. The compound that you will be staying in has one entrance, that is locked and guarded at night. At both our field partner's facilities, you will have the orphanage attached to the accommodating dorm rooms. You will be interacting with the children during the whole stay.

Food and Water:

Any food that we provide will be safe to eat. You will enjoy two meals each day; breakfast and dinner. Some foods that you can expect to eat will be beans and rice in many different ways. You can also expect seasonal fruits, goat, chicken and vegetables, and Haitian spaghetti. Do not drink the tap water during your stay. Safe drinking water will be available for you. Please bring refillable water bottles at all times. You will use your bottled water for brushing your teeth.

Electricity/ internet:

Electricity can be a challenge during your stay in Haiti. The national power company will provides unpredictable service. We will do our best to provide electricity during your stay, however you may be without power at times. Please bring flash lights and extra batteries for fans, etc.. Most of our accommodations do not have internet access. Some mobile providers do allow international connection. Check into switching your cell to 'international' before leaving on your trip. The group leader will coordinated people to use a cell phone for emergencies or to contact back home- if need be.

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Immunizations & Medications:

Before your trip to Haiti, you will need to see a medical professional to make sure you have all the appropriate immunizations and medications. The shots you will most likely need to be updated on are as followed:

- Tetanus
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Malaria medication (Ask your doctor for a prescription for Chloroquine or Lariam)
- Typhoid

*To ensure you get the appropriate medical coverage please ask your healthcare provider, local health dept or CDC: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/haiti>

What to pack:

All personal items should be packed in a carry on bag.

- Passport- Your passport must be valid. Make sure that it is valid for a minimum of 7 months, as they will not let you leave the country or return if it expires in less than 6 months.
- Bible
- Clothes for woman: short-sleeved shirts and pants. Please only wear skirts or capri pants. Sunday church clothes (Long skirt or dress), pajamas.
- Clothes for men: Long pants or shorts and short-sleeved shirts, Sunday church clothes (Collared shirt with tie, no jeans, no need for a jacket), pajamas.
- Shoes: shower shoes, dress shoes, sandals, tennis shoes.
- Toiletries: Bring your own towel, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush & toothpaste.
- Bedding: bedding is provided but you can bring your own sleep sack if you wish.
- Reusable water bottle
- battery Fan
- Snacks
- Medicines, (sleep aid- optional)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Bug Repellent
- Camera and film/memory cards, batteries, and charger
- Flashlight
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Sunscreen

Do not bring anything that is valuable/ jewelry (except wedding ring).

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* You need to carry your passport, petty cash, ID, and any pertinent information in your back pack or carry on (do not check any valuable or important documents in your checked bags)

****You are allowed ONE checked bag and one Carry-on. Any additional bag is \$50 extra.***

Photography:

The children LOVE “photo”! They will take your camera and can work it better than you can. HOWEVER, please be observant of not snapping photos outside the compound, unless your group leader says it is okay. The Haitian people have been through many disasters and have had many foreigners coming in to take pictures of them and often times they feel like ‘guinea pigs’ or on display. While we do want you to capture the moment and carry the country as a testimony of you mission, please be observant to the privacy of the Haitian people.

FLIGHTS:

An Orphan’s Prayer or our field partners will book the flights. We book flights a couple weeks before the trips departure date to ensure the cheapest flight cost. All flights to Haiti are through American Airlines and stop in Florida for a layover and then onto Port Au Prince, Haiti.

[Click Here for the Rescheduling Policy](#)

Trip COST:

All trips to Haiti cost \$1,500.00. This is broken down into two parts. The deposit is \$750.00 for accommodations in Haiti, including travel expenses while in Haiti, accommodations, Meals/Clean water, translator, security. The remaining amount, \$750.00 is applied for the flight.

About 60% of all trip participants get their mission trip funds by fundraising! An Orphan’s Prayer has continually seen trip goers have their trips paid for by sending out a Mission Trip fundraiser letter to friends, family, church congregations, co-workers, etc.. It is a great way for people to help orphan care and feel involved. Feel free to make your own fundraising letter or use our sample: *[click here](#)*

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We ask you keep a tab on all your donations you receive personally so that it is organized when you hand it in. An Orphan's Prayer is a 501c3 and we send out tax donation letters within 30 days of receiving funds for the mission trips.

If God has lead you to this trip, He will open or close the door to you going! Pray for HIS plan and purpose to be fulfilled.