

**Please note before signing up for a Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity GLOBAL VILLAGE trips!**

Global Village trips ARE:

1. Amazing volunteer opportunities, centered on service to others, for those who enjoy construction and who want to increase access to simple, decent, affordable housing to families throughout the world.
2. Meaningful, rewarding, and thought-provoking cultural immersion experiences.
3. Team experiences that afford unparalleled camaraderie between team members, partner families, and host coordinators. In the spirit of teamwork, the following are valued above speed on site: inclusion, encouragement, and living in the moment.
4. Exhausting! Expect heat, altitude, or some other condition on the build site that you're not accustomed to. Pair that with a variety of building tasks, some more physically demanding than others, and you can rest assured that you'll need lots of rest!
5. Rejuvenating! Despite the aching muscles and being dog-tired at the end of each day, you'll draw energy from your team, the work, and the overall experience. Be ready to not want to come home at the end of the week!

Global Village trips ARE NOT:

1. Vacations! Even though you'll have a ton of fun throughout the trip, let's make sure we're clear that these are awesome service trips, not vacations! We encourage anyone who wants to see more of the host affiliate country/region to book their individual travel after the official Global Village trip wraps up.
2. Opportunities to proselytize or save others. Habitat for Humanity welcomes people from all faiths, people who are searching, and people who do not prioritize religion. In order to be exceptional guests wherever we build, we maintain a strict anti-proselytizing policy. Our goal is simple and impactful: to help families access a better housing situation within their unique context in communities/countries that may be very different from what we are used to.
3. Old boys' clubs. Twin Cities Habitat team leaders are committed to providing as comfortable an experience as possible to everyone on the team, as well as to our host communities, regardless of gender identity, race, sexual orientation, age, religion, or any other differences that make a difference. Team members are expected to be respectful, period. We want Habitat to set the high bar for inclusion and respect among international travelers!
4. Easy to resist once you've gone once! If you return home and find yourself wondering when the next trip is scheduled, you aren't alone. All of our team leaders, and an impressive number of volunteers, try to make these trips as regular an occurrence as possible.
5. For everyone. If you want to help Habitat improve partner families' trajectories, we'd love to tell you about our Global Village trips! But if a week of building, sweating, aching, and just generally *being* with twenty or so other volunteers in a foreign country doesn't sound like fun to you, we certainly don't want to set you up to have anything less than an outstanding, enjoyable, and rewarding experience; there are so many ways to help Habitat fulfill its mission, so let's make sure you find the one(s) that are right for you!