



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q: Where may I see some photos of homes that have been built in the past?

A: You can see many photos of previous home builds on our website:

<https://www.dwellingsnow.com/gallery>

Q: How many people are needed for building a home?

A: Although we find it's optimal to have 6-8 team members, we have had groups with as few as 3 and as many as 12. If your team wants to build 2 homes in a week, we can accommodate a bigger team. You can even come by yourself to build a home. In addition to your team members, our local staff and the recipient family will work alongside of you to build the home.

Q: I can't travel to Roatán. Can I still fund the costs to build a home for a family?

A: Absolutely. There are several organizations and individuals who generously take it upon themselves to raise and/or provide the funds needed to provide a home for a family. Our local staff & volunteers, along with the recipient family, will work together to build the home. If you would like, we can assist your fundraising activity by creating a campaign page that you can share with others.

Q: How do I get to Roatán?

A: There are several international carriers that fly directly to Juan Galvez International Airport on Roatán (usually through Houston, Dallas, Miami, or Atlanta). You can also fly into San Pedro Sula, Tegucigalpa, and La Ceiba on mainland Honduras and then take a regularly scheduled domestic flight to Roatán.

Q: What is needed to travel to Roatán?

A: Your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond your departure date from Honduras. Your passport must have at least one blank page available for the entry and exit stamp. Although a Visa is not required, it is mandatory for guests entering and leaving Honduras to complete the Honduras Customs Declaration Form (also called Traveler's Declaration). This can be done online within 5 days of traveling to Honduras. Use the link in our Pre-Travel Documents under Trip Details.

Q: Do I need any vaccinations to Roatán?

A: Vaccinations are not required. Effective March 22, 2023: Travelers are no longer required to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or negative test results prior to entry.

Q: What are the standard accommodations?

A: The ground fee includes double bed rooms at the hotel. As teams arrive on a Saturday and leave on the following Saturday, we will book your stay at the hotel for 7 nights.

Q: Will drinking water be available?

A: We will have purified drinking water at the site. We recommend that your team members bring their own refillable water bottles, so that they can refill them throughout the day. The hotel also has purified water dispensers that can be used to refill the water bottles.

Q: Can we bring other drinks and snacks to the job site?

A: Yes. Each morning we will stop at a gas station to pick up ice. The team is more than welcome to purchase Gatorades and put them in the ice chest along with your water bottles and/or any snacks. It is recommended that you bring currency no larger than \$20 bills and which are in good condition (i.e., not torn or stained), or pay with a debit/credit card.

Q: What can we expect as to meals?

A: With the ground fee, all meals are included with the exception dinner on Sunday, and possibly lunches on the “Free days” if the team is away from the hotel during lunchtime. Breakfast will be served at the hotel each day. During the build days, lunch will be served at the job site and during the non-build days, lunch will be served at the hotel restaurant. We will take the team out to a different restaurant each night for dinner and probably go back to your favorite restaurant on the last night.

Q: Does my team need to bring any tools or supplies?

A: No. We will have all the materials and tools on site for your team to jump right in and build the home.

Q: What’s the weather like in Roatán?

A: Year-round, the high temperatures are in the 80’s and the low temperatures are in the 70’s. The rainy season is between October and January.

Q: Will there be a bathroom at the job site?

A: Yes. We will have a bathroom at the job site.

Q: Is there a dress code?

A: There is not a dress code at the job site nor anywhere you may go on the island. As temperatures will be in the 80’s, light clothes are recommended. We encourage team members to wear close-toed shoes at the job site (for safety reasons). Keep in mind that you will be on a construction job site and using hand and power tools.

Q: What are some other items we should bring?

A: We suggest that you bring sunscreen, insect repellent, a hat, and sunglasses. Please see our complete packing list suggestions.

Q: Is it appropriate to bring/buy gifts for the family and for the local volunteers?

A: Yes. Gifts for the family and others who help with the build are appropriate and appreciated.

Q: How will we spend the week in Roatán?

A: The typical schedule for the Team is as follows:

Saturday – Arrival (Day 1)

Teams usually arrive in Roatán in the afternoon and will have the afternoon free to themselves. We will go out for dinner at which time we will go over the details of the build schedule.

Sunday – Free Time (Day 2)

Team members can go off and explore the island. They may opt to go swimming, snorkeling, diving, and even zip-line. Several guided tours are available and plenty of shops where they can purchase souvenirs. Transportation and dinner on this day is the responsibility of the team members. (Lunch is included at the hotel, but not included if the team is away during the lunchtime hours.)

Monday thru Wednesday - Home Construction (Days 3-5)

Breakfast will be served at 7:00am and the team will be picked up around 7:30am and taken to the job site. The work day will wrap up around 4:00-4:30pm. We'll take the team out to a different restaurant each night (time to be determined with the team).

Thursday– Dedication & Presentation of Keys (Day 6)

Breakfast will be served at 7:00am and if there are any details to finish on the home, the team will be picked up around 7:30am and taken to the job site. Otherwise, the morning is free to enjoy as desired. At 4:00pm we'll go to present the keys to the family.

Friday – Free Time (Day 7)

Team members can go off and explore the island. They may opt to go swimming, snorkeling, diving, and even zip-line. Several guided tours are available and plenty of shops where they can purchase souvenirs. Transportation on this day is the responsibility of the team members. (Lunch is included at the hotel, but not included if the team is away during the lunchtime hours.) Dinner IS included on this day.

Saturday – Departure Day (Day 8)

The team can have breakfast at the hotel or elsewhere and has the rest of the morning off until it is time to head to the airport. (We provide transportation to and from the airport on the days of arrival and departure.)