



MX New Years 2023

Ages: 14+ • Length: 9 days • Service Hours: 40

Fundraising Goal: \$2,150 + Self Managed Airfare

Dec 27, 2023 - Jan 4, 2024

On a Build to Mexico, the opportunity to make a difference meets beautiful Mexican culture in the rural countryside of Baja California. During your time with us, you'll meet new friends and create lasting memories while working with a family to help build them a safe home. On top of that, you'll have the chance to take part in a local excursion while trying some of the best, authentic Mexican cuisine around!

After being greeted by our staff at the San Diego airport, you'll spend the night in Chula Vista and head down to San Quintin in the Baja Peninsula. Once we show you around the communities that we work in, we'll introduce you to the family that you will be building alongside. Then, at the end of the week, you'll be able to celebrate together as they enter their new home for the first time.

Over the years, people like you have joined us to help build homes, schools, and clinics in the area nearby.

We're thrilled you're interested in learning more about how you can help make a difference in Mexico. Please read through the following information and feel free to contact us at any time if you have questions about our Builds.

Minimum Fundraising Requirements:

\$1,900 - This is the amount each volunteer has been asked to fundraise/contribute in order to join us on this LiveDifferent Build, **with an initial \$300 due within two weeks of being notified that we have reached the minimum requirement of registrations needed to move forward with the Build.** Please note, volunteers may choose to start fundraising anytime after registering with the understanding that all donations are non-refundable. LiveDifferent is a registered charity and issues tax receipts for up to 100% of all donations made over \$20. Please reference our Donation Policy for more information.

What's Included

- Airport shuttles to and from the hotel on the day your Build starts and the day your Build ends
- Hotel in San Diego, CA (first and last night of the Build)
- All ground transportation needs from the time you land in San Diego on the first day of the Build until you fly out again on the final Build day
- Tourist fees for Mexico (if required)
- Dorm style accommodations and family-style meals (traditional Mexican meals with North American options) while at the host location in Mexico
- Materials and local labour required for your Build project(s)
- Construction foreman on site
- Translators(s)
- Group hosting and facilitation
- Evening debriefings and activities
- LiveDifferent staff on-site and available 24/7
- Family Visit Experience
- Furniture and groceries for the family's new home

What's Not Included

- Flights to and from the San Diego International Airport (SAN)
- Any immunizations or testing required for travel (please consult your family physician or local travel clinic)
- Airport shuttles to and from the resort **if** arriving before the Build starts or leaving after the Build ends
- Emergency Travel Medical Insurance (**required**, please see [here](#) for important considerations outlined by the Government of Canada)
- Trip Interruption and Cancellation Insurance
- Team dinner out: \$25 USD
- Excursion: \$25 - \$60 USD (optional)
- Spending money and meals while in San Diego, CA and traveling to and from San Diego, CA and Mexico (suggested min of \$80 USD)

Please Note: LiveDifferent is not responsible for flight delays or cancellations.

Itinerary

Day 1

Fly into San Diego International Airport (SAN), California.

Orientation at the hotel.

Stay overnight.

Day 2

Drive to Vicente Guerrero, Mexico (approx 4-5 hours).

Meet the family you will be building for.

Further orientation and debriefing.

Day 3 - 5

House Building Days

When you first show up at the worksite, there will be a concrete slab waiting for its four walls, roof, and your enthusiasm! Together, with the family, you and your team will be a part of making their dream a reality. Through this experience, you will develop friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

Day 6

Last Building Day

The first half of the day will be spent adding the finishing touches to the home.

Explore the Baja!

We fully support taking advantage of the beauty and excitement of each host country! After finishing up at the worksite in the morning, each volunteer will enjoy the afternoon off for relaxation and/or adventure! You'll have the option to enjoy the natural beauty that the Baja has to offer or take the day off to relax at the Guest House, just know that you've earned it!

Day 7

Time to celebrate!

You'll spend the morning preparing for the house celebration, and in the afternoon, you'll be there to welcome the family into their new house that you helped build! It's a moment that will be etched in your memory for many years to come.

Preparation for what's next!

Your LiveDifferent Build is going to be one of the most intense and life-changing experiences you will ever have. We believe that this is just the beginning and want to help prepare you as you integrate this experience into your everyday life. We'll have a final debrief where we talk about how to continue making a difference in our local and global communities.

Day 8

Drive up to San Diego, California and stay overnight.

Day 9

Fly home out of San Diego International Airport (SAN), California.