



2020 Booking Information

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Dear group leaders,

It's that time of year again: time to start thinking about your 2020 trip to Agua Viva! (Did I really just type "2020"??) I am so happy to be sending out this year's new booking information, looking expectantly to what God has in store for us next year.

This year, our 2019 theme was Asombro, which means "awe". The verse that accompanied it was Hosea 3:5 which says "But afterward the people will return and devote themselves to the Lord their God and to David's descendant, their king. In the last days, they will tremble in awe of the Lord and of his goodness." We spent this year reminding ourselves to stand in awe of what God has done and is doing here in Mexico and at Agua Viva. And we saw him work in incredible ways!

Between our two youth camps this year, 90 Mexican teenagers made decisions for the Lord! These are teenagers going through things that no one, especially youth, should have to deal with, but they come to Agua Viva and through their interactions with the staff, counselors, U.S. groups, and other campers, find hope in Jesus.

This was also the first year we had two "Embrace" missions camps. About 130 campers participated in each one. Nine teams went throughout Ensenada, working at VBS, sports camps, construction sites, special needs orphanages, rehab centers, medical clinics, among others. In the August event, not only did we have campers from the U.S. and Mexico, but we had a team from Brazil and Chile come as well! What a blessing to get a glimpse of the kingdom of God, worshiping in multiple languages but with one heart!

And of course, the short-term mission groups that visited us blessed us more than we can say! Not only do we have the pleasure of knowing you and seeing you year after year, but we get to watch the Lord work through you, teach you, and grow you. Seeing groups work alongside the local church, learning from them, is a beautiful picture of the global church. What you do is not just crafts with kids or a volleyball game at a rehab center or a roof on a house. It is a prophetic picture of God bringing the Church together for His glory.

We look forward to what God has in store for us (and you!) in 2020. In the pages ahead you will find logistic information you need for your trip, as well as cost information, and a softcopy registration form (an online form is available on our website as well). As always, feel free to email me with any and all questions you have.

See you soon!

Immigration Requirements

Passports

Both the Mexican and United States immigration departments *require passports for all travelers of all ages* as of June 2009. We encourage you to start obtaining passports now, as **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE**. The process may take several months and can be started through your local DMV office, post office, or even some insurance companies. You can also get information about passport requirements at www.travel.state.gov/passport. We encourage you to start now, to ensure you have your passport in time and that your passage back to the United States is quick and painless! The U.S. government is issuing passport cards, which are valid for any land travel to and from Mexico. The passport cards are not stamped when crossing into Mexico and can make exiting Mexico much smoother.

Tourist Visas

A second requirement for immigration is acquiring a tourist visa when crossing the border. The 7-day visa is free and does not need to be turned in at the end of the trip.

These visas can easily be obtained at the immigration office when your group crosses the border and the Ensenada immigration office requires that those serving with a ministry obtain a visa. **THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH US TO KEEP AVM IN GOOD LEGAL STANDING AND MAINTAIN A GOOD TESTIMONY BY ENSURING THAT EACH MEMBER OF YOUR GROUP HAS A VISA.**

Forms

Send *immigration template*, copies of all *passports*, and *permission* slips *one month prior* to your group's arrival. These documents are required by the Mexican immigration office in order to obtain permission for the various ministries you are planning. If you would rather complete this on your computer, download the form at <https://www.aguaviva.com/avm/our-ministries/stm/resources/>.

All persons under the age of 18 years old must send a copy of a **notarized** permission slip signed by parent(s) or legal guardians. Persons over the age of 18 still need permission slips, but they don't need to be notarized. Copies of permission slips must be sent (or scans can be emailed) to Agua Viva and the originals must be brought with a group leader during the trip.

Returning Groups

If you would like the same week for 2020 that you had in 2019, you may confirm by sending in a nonrefundable deposit and the completed registration form by **November 1st**. You will receive a confirmation letter acknowledging receipt of the deposit and the date for which you are scheduled. (See 2020 costs sheet for explanation of nonrefundable deposit.)

If you would like to change your dates for the 2020 season, please fill out the enclosed registration form stating your requested date, two alternate dates and the nonrefundable deposit. After **December 15th** we will apply your nonrefundable deposit toward the requested date if it is still open. If it is not still open, we will attempt to schedule your two alternate dates. If no satisfactory date can be found, we will send the unapplied deposit back to you.

Please note that if we do not receive registration and deposit by November 1st your group will lose priority for the same week you had previously.

New Groups

If you would like to book a date for the 2020 season, please send in a completed registration form (enclosed) and a nonrefundable deposit. If the deposit cannot be applied to any of your requested dates, it will be sent back to you. **No booking will be considered without a deposit.** (See 2020 costs sheet for an explanation of the nonrefundable deposit).

Border Escorts

We offer to meet your group stateside, escort you through immigration, and caravan with you all the way to Agua Viva. The cost for this service is **\$100 each direction** and if you plan on using it we ask that you let us know **one month** in advance.

If you opt for this service, border escorts to Ensenada will depart from San Diego at 1:00pm on arrival day to ensure the group's timeliness to dinner. Border escorts to San Diego will leave Agua Viva no later than 10:00am on the day of departure, unless prior arrangements have been made.

If you do not opt into this service, we highly suggest giving yourself *at least* 4 hours from San Diego to Agua Viva. This allows for plenty of time in case the border takes longer than expected.

Construction Funds

Groups planning construction projects: In order to ensure your group will have all the materials and tools you need for your project, we need to receive your **project money** at least **2 months prior** to your scheduled dates.

In order to ensure that the project planning can be completed in time for your ministry, we also need to know your **project budget** at least **4 months** ahead of time. *New this year:* project budget minimum is \$1,500.

Medication Funds

4-day medical clinic fee¹: \$1,200

Clinic groups *must* bring at least one doctor or provider who can see patients and write prescriptions.

Groups planning medical or dental clinics: In order to ensure your group will have all the medications and supplies you need for your clinics, we need to receive your **medication money** at least **2 months prior** to your scheduled dates.

Training Manuals

In order to reduce paper waste and unnecessary cost, we will send an electronic copy of the group training manual, leaders' manual, and songbook to each group. Feel free to print out as many as you need for group training. If you would like hard copies sent to you, please let us know at booking@aguaviva.com.

We require all groups to work through the training material provided while preparing for their ministry time here in Mexico.

An excellent tool for preparing a team for a short-term missions trip is the book *Helping without Hurting in Short-Term Missions* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert along with the participant's guide. It has great training and debrief ideas, as well as videos. We highly recommend it!

¹ Clinic fee is based on groups of 25 people or less. Fee will change if group is larger than 25. Contact us for more information.

Deadlines

For your convenience, here is a list summarizing the different forms, fees and information that need to be turned in prior to your trip and when we need them by:

- If anyone needs a passport- apply **6 months prior**.
- Completed registration form and deposit check- **At least 4 months prior** (but the sooner we receive it, the better chance you have at getting your first choice of dates)
- Construction Funds (if applicable)- **2 months prior**.
- Medication Funds (if applicable)- **2 months prior**.
- Copies of passports- **1 month prior**.
- Immigration Template- **1 month prior**.
- Notarized permission slips- **1 month prior**.
- List of dietary restrictions (allergies, vegetarians, gluten free, etc.)- **2 weeks prior**.

In His Service,

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"If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.'" John 7:38

2020 Costs

updated September 2019

5-Day Experience

Costs

Per adult: **\$320**

Per child ages 4-12: **\$220**

Per child 3 and under: **\$50**

Weeklong Ministry available year-round:

Arrival on Sunday between 4:30pm and 6:00pm; departure on Friday before 10:00am. You are welcome to arrive earlier than 4:30, but our staff will not be available to assist you until 4:30.

***See below for interpreter and intern fees.**

Nonrefundable deposit* required: minimum for group of 15 or less: \$1,250. For group of 15 or more, deposit is 20% of estimated total cost of trip.

Total Payment due six weeks before trip.

4-Day Experience

Costs

Per adult: **\$275**

Per child ages 4-12: **\$200**

Per child 3 and under: **\$50**

Three days of ministry available Sep-Feb:

Arrival Friday night after dinner; departure Monday night after dinner or Tuesday morning after breakfast.

***See below for interpreter and intern fees.**

Nonrefundable deposit required: \$1,000

Total payment due six weeks before trip.

3-Day Experience

Costs

Per adult: **\$195**

Per child ages 4-12: **\$150**

Per child 3 and under: **\$40**

Two days of ministry available Sep-Feb:

Arrival Friday night after dinner; departure Sunday night after dinner or Monday morning after breakfast.

***See below for interpreter and intern fees.**

Nonrefundable deposit required: \$700

Total payment due six weeks before trip.

2-Day Experience

Costs

Per adult: **\$160**

Per child ages 4-12: **\$110**

Per child 3 and under: **\$35**

One day of ministry available Sep-Feb:

Arrival Friday night after dinner; departure Saturday night after dinner or Sunday morning after breakfast.

***See below for interpreter and intern fees.**

Nonrefundable deposit required: \$700

Total payment due six weeks before trip.

***Nonrefundable Deposit:** Deposit is applied to total cost of trip.

***Interpreter:** We provide one interpreter per 25 persons. Ministries requiring additional interpreters carry a **\$60** per week additional fee per extra interpreter.

***Intern:** Each group will have at least 2 interns per 25 persons. The fee for these interns is **\$100**.

***Minimum construction fee:** \$1,500

***Clinic fee:** \$1,200 for groups of 25 or less, 5-day experience.

***Tool Fee:** Each group planning a work project will be charged a **\$200** tool fee to replace used, broken, or lost tools. This enables us to be fully stocked and prepared for your- and future- ministry projects.

Registration Form

You can find an online form at www.aguaviva.com/stm.
Please return this completed form with your nonrefundable deposit.
If you have any questions please contact us at booking@aguaviva.com

Name of group/organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. (_____) _____

Contact Person: _____ Fax. (_____) _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Work Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____ Church/Organization Web: _____

Name of Head Pastor: _____ Head Pastor Email: _____

Name of Missions Pastor: _____ Missions Pastor Email: _____

Check here if this is new contact information.

Signature

I have read and agree to follow the guidelines addressed in the booking information and cover letter. I, as group leader, commit to leading my group through the training material to be provided by Agua Viva Ministries upon acceptance of this registration form.

Signature: _____

Returning Groups

We will hold for you the same week you had last year until October 15th. If you would like it, please write the date for that particular week and your initials.

Date: _____ Initials: _____

New Groups

We'd like to get to know your church/organization a bit better to know how to best match you in ministry with churches and organizations in Ensenada.

What's your denomination? _____

Tell us the vision for your mission trip: _____

Are you more: Traditional or Contemporary? (Circle one)

The majority of your group members are: Children Youth Adults Mix (Circle one)

Any other pertinent information? _____

Desired Dates

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

Approximate group size: _____

Check # _____ Amount _____

Desired Ministry

VBS

Sports Outreach

Women's Outreach

Breakfast Ministry

(Available weekends)

Youth Camp (Ask about

dates)

Medical/Dental Ministry

Men's Outreach

Youth Outreach

Construction Project

Rehab Center Ministry

Other