



# Dominican Republic Villa Hermosa



Dates	Location	Туре	Cost
June 17 - 24, 2023 Other date options available	Villa Hermosa,	Intergenerational	\$1,350 per person Plus airfare cost per person
	A barrio of La Romana		
			Group Size: 15 - 50
			participants

### Where are we going?

World Servants is working alongside Foundation Mi Refugio Eterno in Villa Hermosa to continue construction of the primary and vocational schools. Villa Hermosa is a large barrio just outside La Romana, Dominican Republic. We have future plans to expand the building of the current Eye and Ear Clinic by constructing a second level.

The people living in Villa Hermosa are hard-working, friendly and family-oriented. The normal household income is less than \$5,000.00 per year. Living conditions are simple, but challenging. Most families live in one or two room houses made of handmade mud bricks/wood or concrete blocks, with roofs that often leak and latrines located outside.

## What are we doing?

The team will participate in experiential cross-cultural training, attend a worship service in the community, and visit families to learn about life in Villa Hermosa. There will be many opportunities to interact with children. We plan to host a Kids' Club that includes Bible Stories, crafts, and games.

The team will also be working to help with the next construction phase of the much needed educational buildings. We will work alongside the community on tasks such as hauling sand, mixing concrete, laying foundations, carpentry, finishing concrete and possibly painting.

The team will spend their day off at the beach.







## Travel, Lodging, and Food

You'll fly into Punta Cana, Dominican Republic where World Servants will meet you and transport you to your lodgings. We will be lodging at a Methodist Mission house in Villa Hermosa. There are separate dorm style bedrooms for boys and girls. There are male and female bathrooms with showers. We will have bus transportation daily between the lodging and work site.

All meals will be prepared for us by local Dominican volunteers who understand the need for good, healthy meals. The main diet consists of bread, potatoes, cornmeal, some beef and chicken, eggs, rice, tomatoes, cabbage, carrots, beans, avocados, along with fresh pineapple, mango, bananas, and papaya. Clean, safe water will be available to the team at all times.



#### Is it safe?

Trip safety is extremely important to World Servants and our host community. While Dominican Republic has been in the news lately, the community we are working and staying in is considered very safe and we do not anticipate any safety issues.

#### **COVID-19 Safety Response**

We are working diligently to address the directives of the communities we serve in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19). Be assured, World Servants will not hesitate to cancel or suspend a trip if appropriate. Please see our website for information regarding COVID protocol for all World Servants trips.

## Registration

Please register online at www.worldservants.org by March 1, 2023.

#### **Questions?**

Feel free to contact the Community Specialist for Villa Hermosa, Tim Gibson, at tgibson@worldservants.org or cell 612-839-2580 or the World Servants office at 800-881-2170, if you have any questions.





World Servants is a worldwide, interdenominational organization. For more than 35 years, we have sent people to communities around the globe to be learners, servants, and storytellers open to the works and teachings that God has prepared. Mission participants are challenged and developed through learner-driven cross-cultural training and dynamic short-term mission projects. These projects have a long-term impact both on volunteer participants and local communities while assisting these communities to become self-sustaining and interdependent. Our hope is participants will be inspired to continue to serve people in need upon their return home. We believe as people develop as servants and leaders, they implement servant hood into all areas of life: business, family, community, congregations, government, and international relationships.