



**Wherever your travels take you...whatever ministry you do....
EO will get you there for less!**

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"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20



Discounted Airfare for Short-Term Missions Teams



WHERE DO WE START?

To begin the booking process, send the following information to EO at missions@travelwithus.com:

(1) Departure City in the U.S. (2) Destination City (3) Departure and return dates (4) Anticipated number of Travelers

DETAILS AND TIMELINE BY THE NUMBERS:

- 10** – The **minimum number of seats** required for a group is 10. With 10 or more you can hold seats with a deposit and provide the names and final payment closer to departure. Groups of less than 10 can be booked on an instant purchase basis only.
- 14** – **Deposits** are due 14-30 days after confirmation, and in most cases will be \$50-\$100 per seat. The amount and date due will vary depending on the airline, destination, and time of year you are traveling.
- 90** – For most airlines, deposits are **fully refundable** up to approximately 90 days before departure. You can reduce the seats or cancel in full if needed up to this point with no penalty. Once you enter the cancellation period, you only have to use 90% of the seats you are holding to avoid a penalty.
- 06** – **Final Names are due** approximately six weeks before departure. Names should match the passport or government issued ID for domestic travel, and should be provided along with the gender and date of birth. A final invoice is issued upon receipt.
- 05** – **Final payment** is due approximately five weeks before departure and tickets are issued upon receipt. Tickets are issued electronically, and a confirmation letter with the itinerary, names, ticket numbers, and confirmation numbers will be sent via email no later than 30 days prior to departure.



Providing discounted airfare from anywhere in the U.S.A. to destinations all over the world!

Our mission is to reduce the cost of travel expenses so that more people are able to participate in missions projects, and more dollars are available to support the work of missionaries in the field.

SHH! THE SECRET TO GETTING THE BEST PRICES:

- **START EARLY** – Airline seats can be booked as early as 11 months prior to your return date. You will have better access to lower fares and seat availability if you book early.
- **BE FLEXIBLE** – Flexibility on your dates can give you a price advantage. A one day date change can sometimes make a big difference in price.
- **TRAVEL MIDWEEK** – Most groups travel on the weekends, so if your group can travel Monday – Thursday round trip, there will be more availability of seats, which will give you a better chance of getting a lower fare.
- **CONSIDER THE SEASON** – Avoiding peak travel times like June – August will help you to get lower fares. For most destinations, Low season is considered November – March, excluding holidays.
- **DON'T OVERESTIMATE** – Book as many seats as you need, but try to avoid overestimating. Airlines limit the number of seats that are allocated for groups, and smaller groups are more likely to get lower prices than larger ones.
- **CONTACT EO FIRST** – Shopping around can actually hurt your chances of getting a better price. There are a finite number of seats, and every travel provider you contact will be trying to confirm the same seats. The first one to book the seats will keep the others from confirming them, or will run up the price for everyone else. The first one to book isn't necessarily the one who has the ability to get the best price for you. If you want to shop around, check with EO first.

PASSPORTS, VISAS, AND VACCINATIONS:

- The U.S. State Department provides accurate entry requirement information for each country, and is updated regularly. Visit www.travel.state.gov, and go to International Travel and then Country Information for more information.
- Collect passport copies from all participants early in the process to verify they are all valid. You may also need this information if the airline requires it for ticketing, or if a visa is required.
- Some destinations require the passport to be valid 3-6 months beyond your dates of travel.
- All travelers who will not be traveling with a U.S. Passport should contact the Embassy of the country you are visiting for entry requirements. Additional documents may be required.
- A Visa Service can be helpful in obtaining a visa when one is required. EO can recommend several good agencies that can provide this type of assistance.
- Some destinations will require an arrival tax or exit tax to be paid at the airport. In most cases this is now being included in the airline ticket, though it is still excluded for some destinations.
- Vaccinations are required for some destinations, and airlines and immigration officials will require proof of vaccination. Vaccination may not be possible close to your departure date, so it is best to look into the requirements and availability well in advance of your trip.

WHAT ABOUT BAGS?

- Check the airline's website at least 2 weeks before your scheduled departure to verify current baggage policies as they pertain to your trip.
- With the exception of Transatlantic and Transpacific travel, most airlines are charging additional for bags. In some cases, they even charge for your carry-on.
- If more than one airline is in your itinerary, the baggage policy of the first airline in your itinerary in each direction applies. If two separate tickets are issued, airlines may not check your bags all the way through.
- Some airlines prohibit boxes or large containers and restrict oversized or overweight bags during certain peak travel times.
- Airlines in general are not waiving baggage charges for Missions Teams. Only one airline allows you to apply for an exception, and EO will provide the details on how to do this when it applies.

MY FLIGHT IS CANCELLED. NOW WHAT?

- The airline representatives at the airport will be the fastest and most effective way to have your flights rebooked, but if you need additional assistance EO provides after hours Emergency service for a travel interruption.
- When flights are cancelled or delayed due to weather or something else beyond the control of the airline, they will rebook you on their first available flight. If it is due to a mechanical reason or something else within their direct control, they will rebook you on other carriers.
- When a cancellation or delay under the airline's responsibility causes you to have a long layover or a stopover, the airline will cover the cost of your hotel, transportation to/from the hotel, and meals.
- EO highly recommends Travel Insurance for your group to provide protection from a variety of unforeseen circumstances that may occur.

CONTACT EO FOR DISCOUNTED AIRFARE FOR YOUR SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAM

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OUR CORE VALUES

EO is Ministry Focused — we provide travel opportunities with a purpose. The focus of our Missions Department is not on maximizing profits.....but on minimizing costs. We pass the savings on to you, fulfilling our mission to provide highly discounted airfare for short-term mission teams.

EO is Service Oriented — the ever changing travel industry can be challenging at times. EO provides solutions to these challenges, often before a Mission Team is even aware that a problem exists. We strive to exceed expectations, and do our best to provide a hassle free travel experience.

EO is Trustworthy and Reliable — since 1974, EO has been changing the Church, the Ministry, and Individual Lives through Christian Travel. Our organization operates with the utmost integrity, representing Christian values and character in our business practices. Tried and true for over 40 years, EO is a name you can trust.



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