

The Immigrant Journey – San Diego Tijuana Border Trip FAQs:

1) ***Can I support-raise funds to pay for the experience?*** Yes. You have the choice of self-funding your trip or raising support through your personal network (or a combination of both). Each participant is ultimately responsible for the cost of the trip but we will provide simple training and basic materials for raising support. The costs of this trip are fully tax deductible.

2) ***Are there scholarships available?*** Yes, there are limited scholarships available. We recognize that each person / family has different financial means and we want this trip to be widely accessible. We encourage support-raising as a means for making this trip possible. If you are concerned about your ability to raise funds and/or fund this experience please reach out to us so we can discuss this further.

3) ***What will we do?*** At DCC we share many of the same missional values with the Global Immersion Project. One of those values is mutuality and learning as a primary posture for mission. Tijuana, Mexico is one of the most evangelized cities in the world, constantly inundated by short-term missions groups year-round. These charitable efforts have often produced adverse affects in this context. Our primary purpose for this trip is to learn from this context, explore the first-hand realities of immigration, and bring this learning home in order to inform how we understand peacemaking in our local context.

4) ***Can I use Frequent Fly Miles to pay for airfare?*** Yes. Each participant will be responsible booking and paying for their flight unless you are support raising your entire trip.

5) ***How many People can go?*** 20-30 participants. In order for these trips to be sustainable GIP needs at least 20 people to make it work financially. But, in order for the trip to be logistically feasible and to stay agile and intimate as a group, we cannot have more than 30 participants.

7) ***Why do I need to apply?*** There are a variety of reasons that the application process is helpful for us. We want to get a participant profile for each applicant, a more informed understanding of your cross-experiences, and it provides an easy way for us to communicate with you. In the case that we have more than 30 apply, we will be able to better discern who is best prepared for this first experience.

8) ***Do I need a passport?*** Yes, because we will be crossing the border into Mexico you will need a valid US Passport that does not expire in the next 6 months. If you need to get a passport or renew a passport there is still time but you will need to do this ASAP!

9) ***Can children come?*** Due to the nature of the experience the trip is limited to those 13 and older. Minors (under 18 years of age) must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

10) ***What is the group commitment before and after the trip?*** We will plan to meet 4 times before the trip as a group to learn and connect as preparation for the trip. Then, we will plan to meet at least twice following the trip to reflect on our experience and discuss implications for our own context here in Denver.

11) ***How much does it cost?*** The tuition for the entire trip included the pre-learning process is \$850. This includes all transportation, food, lodging, and facilitation costs. In addition to the costs of the trip, these funds go toward the operations of the Global Immersion Project in order to sustain their peacemaking work. DCC does not receive any of these funds.