



# Houston Short-term Trip Information & Guidelines

We are excited to partner with you in the work God has given us in Houston. We are praying that God would bless your time and ministry with us that many from around the world might come to know Him! Please read the following information carefully.

## Prerequisites for Participation

**\*MUST BE COMPLETELY REGISTERED 2 WEEKS BEFORE ARRIVAL\*** (if these requirements are not met by the date sent to you by the Volunteer Coordinator, you will still be liable to pay your trip fees minus lodging and will not be allowed to participate in ministry activities.)

- Able and ready to share the gospel
- Good health so as to be able to move and work independently
- Able to engage with strangers at least in a small group setting
- 17 years of age or older (unless specified)
- **Clear background check**
  - All team members 17+ will be required to get a background check.
  - You may use the resource your church/organization uses or otherwise we recommend checkr.com, we require it to cover criminal and sexual history.
  - Once your church/organization has completed these, please email them all together in one email to [safety@globalgates.info](mailto:safety@globalgates.info) with “Global Gates Houston,” the name of your church/organization, and your trip dates in the subject line. Only our HR Director will have access to these background checks.
- **Signed Child Safety Policy and completed Indemnity and Release Form**
  - <https://globalgates.info/form/houston-ministry-child-safety/>
    - Please have each participant use this link to sign and complete the Child Safety Policy and Indemnity and Release Form, as well as, upload their MinistrySafe certificate.
    - **Note: You need to complete the MinistrySafe training before signing the policy and release forms.**
- **MinistrySafe training certificate**
  - Each participant must complete [MinistrySafe’s "Sexual Abuse Awareness Training"](#) (or another pre-approved similar training that you have discussed with Global Gates’ team).



- This training is \$10 if participants sign-in and pay themselves. If your church/organization has a membership, the cost is \$5 per person. Each participant will receive a completion certificate that can be uploaded at the above link. Each individual person will need to complete the training.
- If someone has already completed the MinistrySafe sexual abuse awareness training in the last 2 years, they may upload their certificate and do not have to complete the training again.

### Dress Code

- Pants, long skirts, sleeved shirts, modest neck lines
  - No shorts
  - No pants that are tight or have holes or fringe
  - No sleeveless shirts
  - No crop tops
  - Ladies, if wearing pants, please wear a long top that covers your bottom.
- Ladies may want to bring their own scarf to cover their head in some of the places of worship.

### Team Size

- Minimum of 4 people
- Maximum of 15 people, unless discussed otherwise and approved by volunteer coordinator and Team Lead.
- Recommended team size of 4-10 people

### Cost, Meals, and Transportation

- General trip participation fee as of Jan 1, 2023 (for general ministry expenses; **does not include food and housing**)
  - 1-Day Temple Tour: \$45/person (cost includes lunch)
  - 2-3 day trip: \$100/person
  - 4-5 day trip: \$150/person (This option includes the understanding that 1-2 days of the trip schedule is self-directed by the short-term team.)
  - There is a non-refundable deposit of \$180 for weekend trips and \$320 for 4-5 day trips. This is due 6 weeks prior to each trip and will go towards final costs.
- Meals
  - Suggested budget of \$15/person/meal
  - We will eat both ethnic and comfort meals. Please communicate any dietary restrictions or concerns as your team becomes established.



- Transportation
  - Responsibility of the short-term team
  - No more than 3 cars/team
  - Vans, if possible, need to not have religious signs on them
  - If there is no price difference, HOB (Hobby) airport is easier and closer than IAH (George Bush) airport.

### Payment

- All payments can be made online at <https://tinyurl.com/GGHoustonVolunteers> or sent via check made out to Global Gates at 236 W 72nd St, New York, NY 10023 with “Houston Volunteers/22500” in the memo line. A deposit of \$320 (for 4+ days) or \$180 (for 2-3 days) is due 6 weeks prior to your trip.

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I have read and understand the following guidelines and agree to abide by them. I understand if I do not follow these guidelines, I may not be allowed to participate in the trip I have signed up for, and by discretion of the Houston Team and Volunteer Coordinator, may be allowed to modify my trip so as to only do non-ministry related activities (I.E. Temple Tours).

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## Other Information

### Packing List

- Bible, notebook, and pen
- Appropriate clothing (see dress code)
- Scarf to cover hair (for women, when we visit places of worship)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Backpack and water bottle (recommended)
- If staying in Houston team members' homes:
  - Towel, toiletries, pillow, and bedding (i.e. sleeping bag, blanket, etc.)

### Sample Schedule (subject to change based on group and opportunities)

- Weekend Trip
  - Friday
    - Arrive in afternoon
    - Orientation + Training
    - Dinner
    - Outreach (prayer walking, meeting people, sharing Christ with them)
  - Saturday
    - Ends of Earth Temple Tours
    - Lunch
    - Finish Ends of Earth Temple Tours
    - Break
    - Outreach/dinner
  - Sunday
    - House Church
    - Lunch
    - Afternoon outreach
    - Head Home
- 4-5 Day Trip
  - Wednesday
    - Arrive
    - Orientation + Training
  - Thursday - Saturday
    - Bible study modeling
    - Place of worship tour
    - Lunch at cultural restaurant



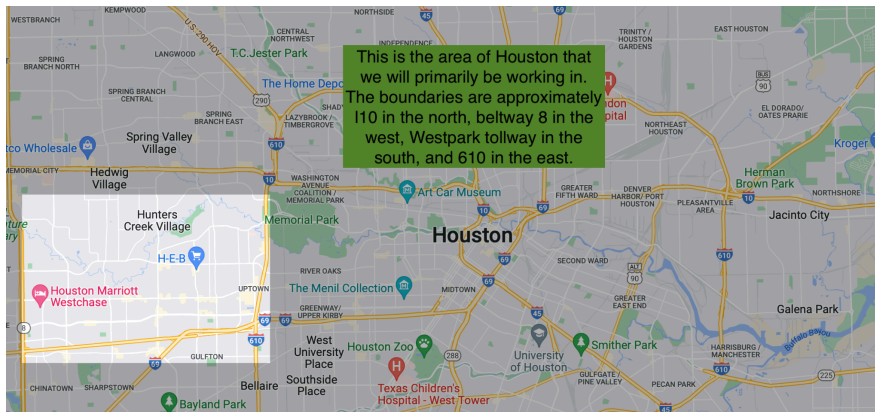
- Break
- Training
- Dinner
- Outreach
- Sunday
  - Free day / schedule up to short-term team leader

### Primary Ministry Locations

- If you are staying in a hotel or Airbnb, please try to find one in your team's primary ministry area.
- [Map with approximate locations.](#)

### **Arab Team**

- [AirBnB options in area](#)



**Afghan Team:** primary ministry area is Gulfton and Sharpstown (around Westward Square apartments).

**Pakistan Team:** primary ministry area is Aliana.



## FAQ's

### **How should we get our background checks done?**

- You may use the resource your church/organization uses or otherwise we recommend checkr.com.

### **Who will see the background checks?**

- Only Global Gates HR, if correctly emailed to [safety@globalgates.info](mailto:safety@globalgates.info).

### **I have already taken Ministry Safe, do I need to take it again?**

- We will accept certificates that have been taken in the last 2 years. Please upload this when you sign your Child Safety Policy Indemnity and Release.

### **What if my church does not have a Ministry Safe subscription?**

- You can sign up and pay \$10 as an individual here:  
<https://safetysystem.ministrysafe.com/purchases/new>