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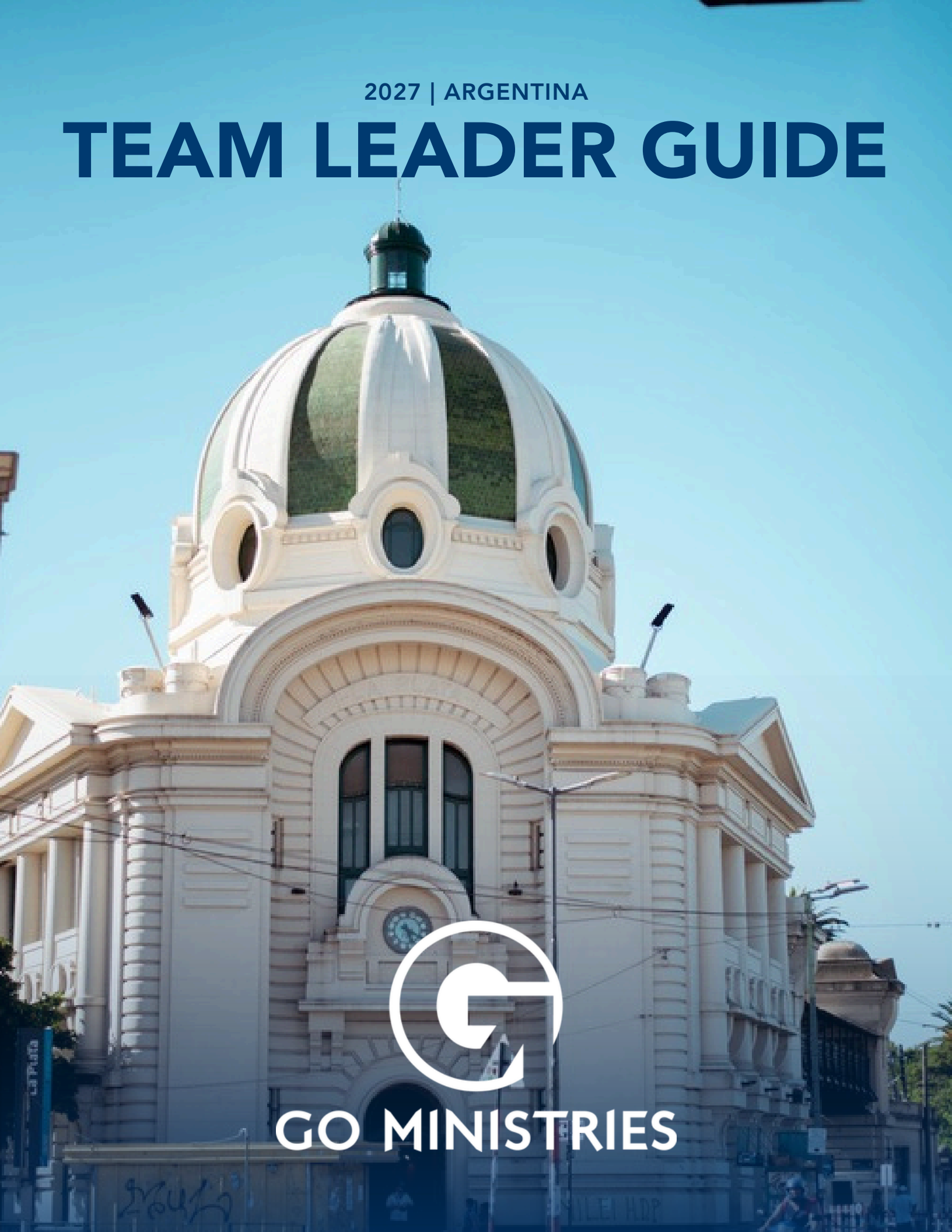
# TEAM LEADER GUIDE



GO MINISTRIES

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# WELCOME TO GO!

**GO Ministries is a global missions organization with a mission to empower local leaders to make disciples as God redeems people, renews communities and restores creation.**

For more than 30 years, short-term mission trips have been an integral part of that mission.

When you come on a trip with GO, you get to spend eight days experiencing Argentinian culture and GO's disciple-making culture.

## WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

It means that you get a front row seat to see how God is using local leaders to make disciples in their cultures and contexts. It means that you get to experience the Holy-Spirit-led power of mutual transformation while serving alongside our local leaders. And it means that you go home empowered to be a local leader in your own context.

Mission trips with GO are so much more than an opportunity to serve overseas. We pray that your time on the island will help you understand your identity and purpose as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

## OUR APPROACH TO DISCIPLE-MAKING

**At GO Ministries,** we believe that disciple-making means trusting and following Jesus while entering into relationships with others to help them trust and follow Jesus.

### MENTORSHIP:

Cultivating one-on-one relationships that create opportunities for God to redeem and transform lives.

### MISSION:

Meeting the needs of your community and creating opportunities for God to renew lives and communities. As we live on mission, we witness the Church emerge and grow.

### MULTIPLICATION:

When we mentor others and live on mission, we equip them to do the same. As the Church multiplies around the world, God uses this movement to bring restoration to His creation.

These three big concepts are woven into everything we do, and throughout your trip, you'll see mentorship, mission, and multiplication lived out through our local leaders and staff. Don't worry—we'll take intentional time to unpack each of these concepts and explore what they look like in practice. We can't wait for you to experience our disciple-making culture and discover how you can carry these principles with you and live them out long after you return home!

# WHAT YOU NEED

## VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

To safely participate in a GO Ministries trip, we strongly recommend you have a current TDAP (tetanus) vaccination before arriving. The CDC may have additional travel recommendations for Argentina, which you can review at your discretion (cdc.gov)

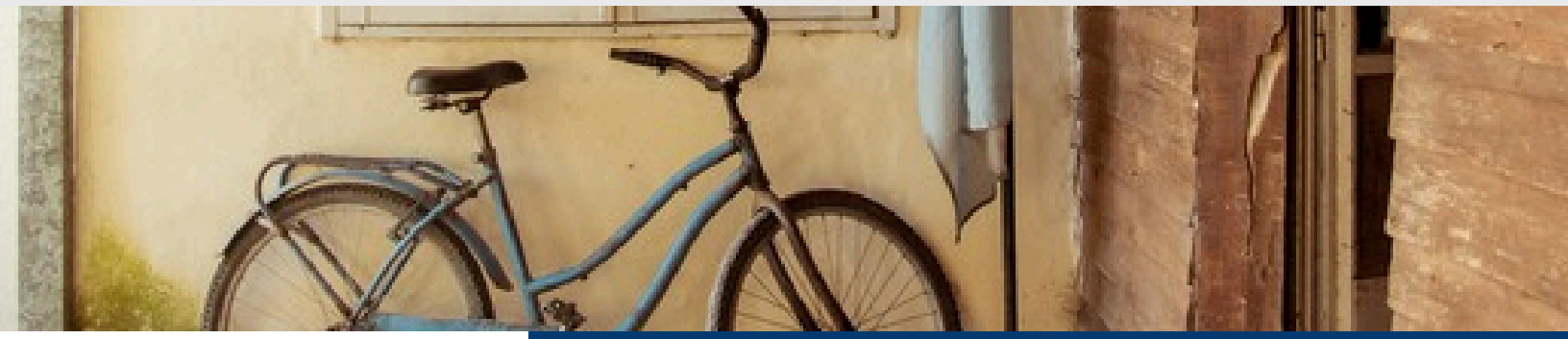
## TRAVEL INSURANCE OPTION BY INSURANCE SERVICES OF AMERICA:

**Travel Insurance is now required for all visitors to Argentina.** Travel insurance through Insurance Services of America is included in your team member fee, so no additional purchase is required. Each team member will receive proof of coverage approximately four weeks before departure.

## TRAVEL AGENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

High Point
www.highpointgo.com
866.532.7580

In light of inflated air travel costs, we encourage you to seek airfare options as soon as possible. Most travel agencies can reserve a group fare with just dates and a maximum seat count. Please remind team members to factor baggage fees into their trip costs.



## HAVE QUESTIONS?

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# GO Mission trips at a glance

**HOW MUCH IS IT?**

- Per person cost: $1450 for ages 12+. $680 for 11 & under.
- Flight costs

**HOW LONG ARE THE TRIPS?**

- 7-9 days, including travel

**DOES GO MAKE FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS?**

- No, GO Ministries does not make flight arrangements. We do have a travel agency we recommend (see pg 2). Many of our teams go through a travel agency or buy directly off an airline website. Flight arrangements should be made to EZE (Buenos Aires).

**WHAT WILL WE DO?**

- Each team is curated to the gifts and interests of the team! You will work directly with Randy Caldwell, who will help make your itinerary for the week. This can consist of construction, children's ministry, sports clinics, or many other activities.

**WHAT IS INCLUDED IN OUR TRIP FEES?**

- All lodging, transportation, work materials, and meals are included in the team fee. We recommend each team member bring approximately $50 in cash for other miscellaneous purchases during the week.

**WHERE WILL WE SLEEP?**

- Each team stays at the church on mattresses on the floor. We have seperate space for males & females and community bathrooms for each.

**WHAT WILL WE EAT?**

- All of our meals are prepared by local cooks in the church kitchen and we can accommodate most diets and allergies. Team members can expect a variety of traditional Argentine fare, including barbequed meats of all types.

**WHAT DOES A TYPICAL TEAM DO?**

- A typical team will have 2 days of travel and 4 days of service. Teams also attend a local church service and head to Buenos Aires to explore the city.

**WHO LEADS THE TRIP ON THE ISLAND?**

- Randy Caldwell and his wife, Valeria, will be with you along with their team. They will be with your team every day to lead devotions, explain work projects, translate, and answer any questions throughout the week!

*CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF TEAMS, ABBY MULLINS, AT AMULLINS@GOMIN.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS.*

# Team Leader Responsibilities

## 1

### The Basics

- Recruiting a team of 8 people or more
- Leading team meetings
- Sharing information with their team
- Encouraging team fundraising efforts
- Overseeing pre-trip preparations, such as lesson development, material/donation gathering, etc.
- Ensuring all forms are completed
- Acting as spiritual leader for the team

## 2

### Making Flight Arrangements

- We encourage you to begin making flight arrangements as soon as possible to ensure availability of seats and best prices for your airfare. All flights, unless specified by your Team Coordinator, will be in and out of Buenos Aires [EZE]
- See page 2 for travel agent recommendations. You may use your own travel agent or book your own flights. We require that you let us review your flight itinerary prior to booking.
- The Argentine government requires proof of Travel Insurance to enter the country. This will be provided to you approximately 4 weeks before travel.

## 3

### Tracking Team Finances

- Your $1,000 team deposit is due 30 days after choosing dates. This and a completed application & covenant mean you are officially booked!
- Keep track of team members' balances as they receive donations. Donations for individual team members should NOT be sent directly to the GO Ministries office.
- Make final payment ($1450/person) four weeks prior to travel.
- See note on p. 9 for information on cancellations.

# Team Leader Timeline

**6+ months before trip**

- Get Started - Contact GO Ministries TEAMS to request a week.
- Welcome Email - After dates are confirmed, you will receive a Welcome email with your team's timeline, application/covenant and information for paying the team deposit ($1,000 non-refundable, non-transferable). Deposit, Application & Covenant are due within 30 days of Welcome Email.

**8 weeks before the trip**

- All team members are registered, flights are reserved and sent to GO Ministries for approval, and an invoice is sent.
- **All team members should be registered 8 weeks prior to the trip. Unregistered team members will not be permitted to attend.**. See p. 9 for more information.

**2 weeks prior to trip**

- Reminder Email - All team members will receive an automated reminder email with travel information including emergency phone numbers.

**4 -5 months before the trip**

- Online forms - When your team is officially on the calendar (your application/ covenant and deposit are all on file) you will receive a link to our online registration forms
  - Every team member will need to complete a registration form which includes a medical release.
- Coordinator Introduction & Vision Call - While your team is getting registered, you will begin working with a team coordinator to plan your time in Argentina.

**4 weeks prior to trip**

- Trip fees are paid in full
  - Please see important information regarding trip fees on p. 9
- Team t-shirts are mailed to you

**Final Team Meeting – Packing Party**

- Gather to distribute donations, field day supplies or other ministry supplies so no one bears all the weight or has all of one item.
- Pass out team shirts (or wait until travel day, if your team members are likely to misplace them)

**Arrival** - Your facilitator will be waiting for your team outside of the airport. Please have all team members wear their GO tshirts, as it will make the airport pick-up more seamless.

# Fundraising Ideas

## 1

### Prayer Team

Before you begin any fundraising, begin with prayer. We often plan, prepare, and then pray for the best, but we want to start by asking God to lead and provide every step of the way.

As you prepare for your trip, begin building a prayer support team of at least ten people who will commit to praying for you regularly throughout your preparation and daily while you are on the trip. The pre-trip devotional is a great tool to help you identify people who may be willing to join your prayer team.

Choose people whose faith and prayer life you know and trust. They should be mature Christians who will take this commitment seriously and should not be members of your team.

Share prayer requests with your team throughout your preparation and before you leave. Ask them to pray for things like fatigue, your attitude, your reactions, flexibility, safety, and health. Their prayers will be an important source of support throughout your trip, especially when you encounter situations that are beyond your own strength.

## 2

### Letter Writing

We have found that one of the most effective ways to raise support for a trip is through personal letters. This can require setting aside our pride and inviting others to be part of what God is doing through the trip. When people support you, they become part of your journey and the ministry you are joining.

People are more likely to support missions when they understand the opportunity, believe their gift can make a difference, feel personally connected to the trip, and see your excitement about what God is doing.

Start by making a list of family members, friends, and church members who may be interested in supporting you.

In your letter, be sure to:

- Explain the purpose of your trip
- Share how God has led you to participate
- Explain why you chose to go
- Describe the activities you will be involved in
- Explain the needs your trip will help address
- Invite the reader to take a specific action based on those needs

A sample fundraising letter can be found on p. 9

## 3

### Host a Potluck or Pancake Breakfast

A pancake breakfast fundraiser is a wonderful way to raise money. The concept is simple: gather your community together and raise money by serving a pancake breakfast or potluck meal. You can keep it basic with pancakes and juice or get creative and do a potluck with different food. You charge a set price for them to eat and you keep the profits. Basic items for this fundraiser can be purchased at places like Costco and Sam's Club to buy in bulk at a cheap price. Make sure you make fliers and let your town know of the event and be sure to leave a donation jar out for people to chip in a little extra if they choose.
There is a lot of good insight for these events online; just search for "Pancake fundraising Ideas"!

# Sample Fundraising Letter

Dear Friends and Family,

I'm excited to share about an upcoming opportunity I have to serve in Argentina with GO Ministries. During my trip, I'll have the opportunity to serve alongside local church leaders and support the work they are doing in their communities.

This will be my _____ year serving with GO Ministries. I'm looking forward to joining local leaders as they make disciples, invest in their communities, and share the hope of the Gospel.

GO Ministries is a faith-based, nonprofit organization that believes the local church and local leaders are at the heart of lasting ministry. My goal is not only to serve while I am in the Argentina, but also to learn from the leaders I serve alongside so that I can return home as a deeper disciple and better serve the people in my own community.

During our time in the Argentina, we will serve alongside local leaders in a variety of ways, meeting the practical needs of the communities and supporting the ministry already taking place.

I'm asking you to consider partnering with me in two important ways:

1. Pray.
Please pray for me, our team, and the people we will meet in Argentina. Pray that our team would serve with humility, listen well, and be a blessing to the local leaders and communities we encounter. Please also pray for the pastors, ministry leaders, and GO Ministries staff who faithfully serve throughout the year.
Prayer is one of the most important ways you can participate in this mission, even from home.

2. Consider supporting my trip financially.
The total cost of my trip is $_____, which covers travel, food, lodging, and the ministry expenses associated with serving in the Argentina. My final payment is due by _____.
Would you prayerfully consider making a financial contribution toward my trip? Any amount would be a meaningful part of sending me and our team to serve alongside local leaders.

To give, please send a check to _____ and write my name in the memo line along with "Argentina Mission Trip."

I would love to keep you updated as we prepare for the trip and as we see what God is doing through GO Ministries and the local leaders we will serve alongside. You can learn more about GO Ministries at www.gomin.org. If you would like more information about the trip or GO please do not hesitate to call or email me at _____.

Thank you for considering being part of this opportunity with me. Whether you pray, give, or simply encourage me as I prepare to go, you are helping make it possible for me to serve alongside our brothers and sisters in Argentina.

Dios le bendiga!
(God bless you!)

# RESPONSIBILITY OF GO MINISTRIES

GO Ministries is committed to providing our teams with a safe environment to serve the local population and experience mutual transformation. We provide transportation, sleeping arrangements, meals, a GO Ministries facilitator, and opportunities to serve.

# RESPONSIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS

In order for us to provide every team with an awesome experience here are the things we need from you:

- ALL team members registered through the link provided you no later than 8 weeks prior to travel. This allows our team to successfully prepare for your arrival!
- ALL trip fees paid in full no later than 4 weeks prior to travel.

GO Ministries is committed to providing an excellent experience for all of our teams. In order to do that we carefully plan and customize each trip to best fit every group. Because of this, we need advanced notice of any change to the number of team members. **Any team member that cancels 0-7 days before travel (for any reason) will forfeit 100% of the trip cost**. **Any team member that cancels 8-14 days before travel will forfeit 50% of the trip cost.** All trip fees are non refundable. Trip fees paid and not forfeited can be used as a credit towards a future trip within the next 12 months.

