



Dominican Republic

Training Tour

We are committed to ensuring every new Group Leader is fully prepared to lead an EF Educational Tour with their students. Our training tour program includes online, classroom, and experiential learning components, which are facilitated by EF staff, EF Tour Directors, and Global Education Ambassadors from across the United States. The combination of a simulated tour experience and classroom learnings will provide Group Leaders with all the tools, practice, and knowledge necessary to be confident and organized when they travel with their own students.



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5 Days

Key Learnings:

- Experience international travel while considering how to navigate the airport with your group.
- Familiarize yourself with the pace of a student tour.
- Discuss safety on tour as it applies to your role as a Group Leader
- Gain a better understand of EF’s worldwide presence and approach to safety
- Learn how to safely move as a large group in a major city
- Understand how to set expectations and provide structure during free time on tour
- Practice reflection exercises to connect on-tour learning with classroom lessons
- Collaborate with fellow educators and staff on EF’s Learning Outcomes

Day 1 | D

Board your day flight to the Dominican Republic.

Arrive in Santo Domingo: At the airport, you will be greeted by your Tour Director and EF staff who will remain with you for the duration of the tour. While waiting for your fellow educators to arrive, take the time to stop at the ATM, freshen up in the restroom, or buy a water.

Guided sightseeing of Santo Domingo: Time permitting, take a stroll through the Colonial Zone to see sites like the oldest cathedral in the New World, Christopher Columbus’ fort, and the Alcázar de Colón—the seat of the Colonial Government of Hispaniola.

Welcome dinner: Become acquainted with your colleagues, experienced EF Group Leaders, and EF staff members as you enjoy a typical on-tour meal.

Day 2 | BLD

Instituto del Ambiente: Depart Santo Domingo and continue into the Central Mountain Range to Jarabacoa. Arrive at the Instituto del Ambiente, the National Environmental Institute, which teaches young adults from the Dominican Republic and other Caribbean nations about forestry and environmental sustainability. After orientation and lunch, explore the work of former EF students before engaging in your own small project that models the service and reflection you and your students will experience.

Training seminar one: In this first seminar, we will have a group meeting to identify specific questions and needs you have in preparing to lead your upcoming tour. This session also offers the opportunity to hear from our experienced Group Leader about the on-tour experience with EF.

What’s included:

- Full-time Tour Director with EF staff
- Round-trip flights on major carriers
- Upgraded hotel accommodations
- Comfortable motorcoach
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner (BLD) included as specified per day
- Sightseeing to select attractions
- Entrances to select attractions
- Training seminar with EF & Experienced Group Leaders
- 25 Professional Development Hours

Not included:

- Free time activities
- Select meals (see itinerary)
- Global Travel Protection
- Tips



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Itinerary continued

In a panel discussion, review best practices and collaborate in small groups on a range of important topics, such as curricular alignment, student-driven learning, and engagement.

Waterfall hike and dinner: Enjoy a waterfall hike and an optional swim next to the Environmental Institute campus. Afterwards, enjoy dinner.

Day 3 | BLD

Angostura: This morning, depart for Angostura, a community whose residents promote sustainable energy use and production through green cooking methods and hydroelectricity. Enjoy lunch prepared by the local community.

Training seminar two: Return to the Environmental Institute where you'll have the opportunity to reflect on lessons you can implement in your classroom. Discuss best practices for creating a sustainable program at your school as you consider how to help your students get the most out of their Service Learning experience. From here, split up for a more in-depth look at the projects and itinerary of your destination. Afterwards, enjoy dinner.

Day 4 | BLD

Pottery workshop: Head north and get your hands dirty on a visit to a local artisan cooperative to sculpt your own clay model of a Dominican national symbol, the faceless doll. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional lunch in Santiago.

Cabarete: Continue north to the Atlantic Coast to take a refreshing swim in the area's picturesque waters. Enjoy a bit of free time.

Final wrap-up: Come together as a group to share learnings from the past few days. Share knowledge and advice with your new friends from across the country as you prepare for your trip ahead. Ask any last questions and visualize your upcoming tour.

Farewell dinner: Reflect on what you've learned during your last evening in the Dominican Republic at tonight's farewell dinner.

Day 5 | B

Your Tour Director will facilitate your transport to the airport, where you will check in for your return flight home.

*Itinerary subject to change.
Accommodations and flight details to be announced approximately 14 days prior to departure.*



"This experience has truly given me not just the tools, but also the confidence that leading a student group requires."

-Carie H.



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