

# **India Missions Trip 2025**

Locations: Chennai, India
Cost: Approximately \$3,500 CAD
Dates: May 2025

As a team member on this mission team you will play a crucial role in supporting our global workers Pastor Christo and Sarah at Living God Church in Chennai with their annual Kids Camp, catering to over 1000 children. Your primary responsibility will be to assist in organizing and facilitating activities during the camp while establishing long-lasting connections with the children. Additionally, you will collaborate with our local partners to provide ongoing support and empowerment initiatives beyond the camp duration.

## **OVERVIEW**

If you are interested in participating in a short-term missions trip with Coastline Church, please read the following:

- 1. Every applicant applying for a short-term mission trip must fill out an application and complete each individual section. This includes spouses and children 12 and older.
- 2. Applications can be filled out and handed in at Coastline Church.
- 3. Acceptance to go on a trip is not guaranteed. Acceptance to a trip is dependent on multiple factors including trip capacity, skill sets, ministry gifts, and experience, etc. As part of the application process, short-term trip leaders may choose to hold informational interviews with the applicants. Non-refundable application fee is due at the time you apply.
- 4. A background check may be performed on applicants applying to a short-term missions trip.
- 5. Upon approval of the application, the short-term trip leader will provide further information about the next preparation steps. NOTE: DO NOT solicit any funds for support and/or make any commitments on behalf of Coastline Church without prior approval.
- 6. Applicants must be at least 12 years of age unless otherwise noted for a specific trip. All applicants 18 years and under must receive parental approval.
- 7. Team members are expected to attend all mandatory team training meetings.
- 8. Short-term missions trips can be rewarding and life-changing; however, they can also be stressful. Please consider factors in your personal life at this time that may distract and prohibit you from fully committing to the mission of the trip and adapting to unusual conditions.

- 9. If you have physical limitations, please apply for a trip which you are physically able to participate in. Some trips may be prohibitive for certain physical conditions. Please discuss with the team leader if you have concerns.
- 10. Team members assume responsibility for their personal belongings on the trip. Coastline Church will not reimburse team members for items that are lost, stolen, or confiscated during the trip.

## **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

• Donations can be collected in the form of cash, cheque, and e-transfer.

## TRIP COSTS

Each team budget will contain a number of major category expenses, including airfare, visas, vehicle rental, housing costs, food and drink, ministry materials, gifts for hosts and team building activities. Every effort is made to minimize costs without jeopardizing the quality, effectiveness, or safety of the ministry. We work with travel agents who specialize in working with short-term missions groups. These travel agents can find discounted rates for ministry work and are able to provide help working with foreign governments, international banking, passports, and visas. The travel agents also provide invaluable help dealing with emergency changes in travel itineraries approved by the short-term trip leader.

Trip cost covers food, transportation, housing, airfare to/from Victoria. **Team members will be responsible to book and pay for their own immunizations and passports.** Team members will be able to offer friends and family members tax receipts for any donations given to team members for the missions trip. All donations will be sent through Coastline Church.

\*\*The actual cost of the trip will be confirmed once airline tickets are booked and may be slightly more or less than the estimated costs.

**Passport Check:** Please check your passport expiration date. Some countries require that you have a valid passport for up to 6 months from the date you are expected to leave that country.

**Vaccinations:** Please check your up to date vaccinations ie:... Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Japanese Encephalitis, Rabies. It is recommended that each team member book an appointment with a travel vaccine centre to determine which vaccinations they will need for their trip.

## **SEPARATE ITINERARIES**

Separate itineraries arranged by the individual short-term participants are not allowed. Travel arrangements go much smoother if everyone has the same itinerary. Separate itineraries make planning more complicated and more difficult to arrange group discounts. Separate itineraries also disrupt team bonding and unity.

## **DEPOSIT INFORMATION**

- A \$50 non-refundable application fee is required.
- The \$50 application fee will go towards the total cost of your trip in the form of travel insurance.

## **PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Once we have received your confirmation there will be a there will be a \$50 CAD non-refundable deposit required to hold a spot on team (Due by May 31st)

First Deposit: \$525 Due August 31st, 2024

**Second Deposit:** \$1750 Due October 31st, 2024 (IMPORTANT: This 50% deadline is mandatory in order to book international tickets. You must have 50% of funds and your passport by this date)

Third Deposit: \$1050 Due February 31st, 2025

Forth Deposit: \$125 Due April 1st, 2025

The trip leader will have more information or an adjusted schedule based on the cost of the trip.

#### CANCELLATION

All mission trip donations are made to Coastline Church and have been given to Coastline Church in order to accomplish the mission and work of the church.

- Trip
  - In the event, a trip has been canceled due to lack of team fundraising, safety concerns of participants, natural disasters, or other unforeseen events, monies donated are non-refundable and will be used for other missions or outreach ministries for the work of the church.
- Participant
  - o In the event, the participant cannot go on the mission trip for any reason, they will be responsible for the reimbursement to Coastline Church for any fees incurred as a result of cancellation (e.g., purchased airline tickets).
  - In the event, the participant cannot go on the mission trip for any reason, donations made by the participant or anyone on their behalf are non-refundable.
     All materials, including airline and other travel tickets, that have been purchased with donated funds cannot be transferred outside of the trip.

Break Down of Individual Budget		
Host Gift Cost	1 Host	\$10.00
Cost of Training night meals (per night)	12 Training nights	\$96.00
Supplies needed for Ministry Supplies		\$139.00
Lodging and Meals	\$75 Cost Per Day	\$750.00
Heritage Day (on Field)	1 Excursion Day	\$100.00
Cost per Airport meal	4 Meals	\$100.00
In Transit Transport costs	2 transit trips	\$30.00
Cost of Debrief Meal at home	1	\$25.00
Airfair/Main Transport Cost	1	\$2,000.00
Travel Insurance	1	\$250.00
	Total	\$3500.00