

SAFE PASSAGE ADOPTIVE FAMILIES WEEK FAQs

Safe Passage is offering a special trip for families with adopted Guatemalan children during the week of **July 26 - August 2, 2020**. Similar to a standard "Support Team" week, the Adoptive Families Week offers a mix of cultural activities and time spent at Safe Passage's program in Guatemala City.

General questions about the Support Team experience are answered in the Open & Special Support Teams Handbook, which can be found here: www.safepassage.org/Open-Teams

We've put together answers to some common questions about this special week:

1. How much does the trip cost and what's included in that price?

The Adoptive Families Week costs \$695 per person. This price does *not* include airfare but *does* include:

- Transport to and from the airport in Guatemala City
- Hotel accommodations in Antigua from Sunday to Thursday (double occupancy rooms)
 - If you'd like to stay at the same hotel in Antigua any additional nights, we're happy to make those arrangements. The additional cost will be \$35 per person, per night.
- Breakfasts and lunches Monday to Thursday, dinners on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday
- Daily transportation in our private van
- A dedicated Safe Passage guide during the week

2. Is there an age requirement?

No. We're hoping for a mix of ages, as that will make the experience rich and interesting! For families who have young children, we leave that decision up to you, asking that you keep in mind the intensity of the poverty your family will witness firsthand. Please feel free to contact us to discuss further if you like.

3. Where do we eat meals?

Breakfasts are provided at the hotel, lunches are provided at Safe Passage, and the Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday group dinners will be at restaurants in Antigua. On the nights we don't provide dinner, you can explore Antigua and try some of the other delicious restaurants.

4. What happens after Thursday?

We've structured this special Support Team experience to provide you and your family with some time to explore Guatemala independently. We understand that as families with children adopted from Guatemala, you may have a specific agenda you'd like to accomplish while in-country. If you're looking for places to visit or fun activities to do as a family, we'd be happy to make recommendations!

5. What types of cultural experiences will be included?

In addition to spending time learning about Safe Passage and participating in fun activities with our students, we'll be including some special cultural activities so you and your family can connect with the Guatemalan culture. These activities may include:

- A Guatemalan cooking class at a cooking school in Antigua
- A visit to *Museo Ixchel*, an indigenous textile museum in Guatemala City
- A Mayan language class taught by some of the moms in our program
- A guided tour of historical ruins in Antigua

6. What if I don't speak Spanish?

No worries! Your Safe Passage guide is a native English speaker who will be translating when needed!

Thank you for your interest in this special Safe Passage experience! If you have additional questions, please write to teams@safepassage.org or call our U.S. office at 207-846-1188.