

## Step-by-Step Guide for Leaders

Working alongside a family trapped by poverty, to build them a new home.

This Guide will take you through all the tasks you need to complete in order to prepare yourself and your group for your Mexico trip.

### Stage 1: Application Process

- Go to <https://www.amoreurope.org/build> and fill in the online **Group Registration Form**. We will then send you a link to an online **Application Form** for you to forward to each member of your group.
- Each team member, including yourself, will need to fill in and submit the online **Application Form**. This will require uploading a **picture of the photo page of their passport** and paying a **non-returnable deposit of £150**.

Please ensure you have at least one adult leader (over the age of 18) for every five young people in your group. If you are bringing male and female young people, you will also need male and female leaders.

**Note:** the deadline for all applications is **October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**.

### Stage 2: Preparing Your Group

#### Just Life

- To compliment the 11 day experience in Mexico, we would love to invite your group to take part in the JUST LIFE discipleship course. Please ensure your young people and leaders are aware of the dates of the three Just Life weekends, and have written them in their diaries.
- Make travel arrangements for these weekends.
- Full information about JUST LIFE, including the dates and venues of the three residential training weekends will be added to this document by the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

#### Information Packs

Ensure each person in your group is given an **Info Pack**, including the following documents, which can be downloaded from the Amor Europe website - <https://www.amoreurope.org/build>

- **About Your Trip**
- **Fundraising Ideas**
- **Sponsor Forms**
- **Donation Slips**

#### Parents

Keep in touch with parents. We recommend that you contact the parents of each person in your group who is under the age of 18, to introduce yourself to them and to answer any questions they may have.

## Finance

- Please ensure that the following financial systems and processes have been put in place:
  - Familiarise yourself with the **Money Matters** section in the **About Your Trip** document.
  - Open a bank account. Alternatively, agree an existing account that will be used for money to be paid into from your group's fundraising.
  - Ensure all money paid in is properly documented and accounted for.
  - Once we have received your group registration form, Amor Europe will send you the bank details and reference number for you to make regular payments to Protected Trust Services, where the money will be held until it is needed to pay for flights, insurance, house materials etc. Please ensure these payments are regular (we suggest monthly) as there are number of costs we need to pay prior to the trip.
  - Ensure your group meets the following payment deadlines:
    - end of October 2022 — £150
    - end of December 2022 — £600
    - end of February 2023 — £1,050
    - end of April 2023 — £1,500
    - by the 15 June 2023 — £2,075
- Please note, £1,850 is the estimated cost. The actual cost will be confirmed once the flights have been booked.*
- Ensure all in your group understand how to use the **Sponsor Forms** and **Donation Slips**.

## Fundraising

Establish a fundraising strategy. We recommend that you plan your fundraising strategy as a group, and agree what will be done individually and what will be done together.

## Medical

- Ensure each person in your group books an appointment with their own doctor or travel clinic to discuss vaccine recommendations.
- Read through the medical sections of your group's **Application Forms** to ensure that you are aware of all medical issues in your group
- Check whether anyone in your group has a premedical condition. If so, to ensure they are covered by our trip insurance, please ensure the following is in place at time of travel:
  - They are safe & fit to travel
  - They have received a medical professional's confirmation that they are ok to travel
  - Their condition is well controlled

Please note that cover for anyone with a pre-existing condition under the policy arranged by Amor Europe is dependent on these details being in place. It is your responsibility to do this. Failure to make these arrangements exposes you or your group member to uninsured medical cost which could potentially be very expensive.

## Travel

Put in place your transport arrangements to and from the departure airport. Please note, you are responsible for this element of the trip, and it is not covered by the trip fee.

## Visa Waiver Programme

To be allowed access into the USA, each member of your team will need to apply for an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation). Every group leader must take full responsibility for this. If you fail to do this, your group will not be allowed into the USA.

How to apply for ESTA

- ESTA applications should be made online by going to <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta>
- All ESTA applications must be done no later than 72 hours before departure, although we strongly advise that this should be done between 4 to 6 weeks before your trip.
- When filling in your ESTA application please use the following address for where you will be staying:  
Amor Ministries  
3636 Camino Del Rio N Suite 215  
San Diego 92108
- ESTA applications are likely to cost about \$14 (£11) per person. This will be an additional cost to your trip.
- If you have obtained an ESTA in the last 2 years then this will still be valid and can be used for this trip. To check that it is still active you can simply go onto the above website, log in and enter this trip's flight details.

**Well done!** — your group is now ready for their trip. Once you arrive at the airport all other practical arrangements (onward transport, accommodation, food, house building, and so on) will be arranged for you. This will allow you to focus on supporting and supervising your young people.

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