

Global Village International Volunteering 2011



- Give a few days to help renovate or build homes with communities around the world
- No previous construction experience required



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‘**Be the change you want
to see in the world**’

Mahatma Gandhi

Poverty housing is a home without hope

Over 1 billion people worldwide live in poverty housing, from dusty, insect-infested cramped mud shacks in Mozambique to crumbling, damp, freezing cold apartment blocks in Romania.

Living in poverty housing is unsafe and unhealthy. It robs families of the ability to earn a living, and leaves them with impossible choices to make about how to stretch their finances to cover essential needs – food, clothing, healthcare, an education for their children.

In short, living in poverty housing keeps people trapped in poverty, vulnerable and dependent, for generation after generation. A child born into poverty housing is unlikely to get a chance to fulfil their potential.

Breaking poverty through housing

Habitat for Humanity is an international Christian charity serving people in need. We aim to break the cycle of poverty by eliminating poverty housing and homelessness. We believe that having a safe, decent place to live is as much of a human right as having access to clean water and food. We champion that right, and seek to make poverty housing a matter for conscience and action.

But we do more than champion rights, we take practical action. We partner with communities in housing need to find appropriate, permanent, long-term solutions to their particular housing needs.

We help to build their capacity and capabilities, so that they are active participants in the solution to their housing problems and not passive recipients of aid. They emerge from the process not just with homes, but with the skills

and assets to be able to make further positive community-focused changes in their neighbourhood.

Across communities in over 90 countries including Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Habitat for Humanity has assisted more than 1.75 million people to have a safe, decent place to live since we were formed in 1976.

We invite you to join with us, and be part of the solution to poverty housing.

Come and build, come and learn

You can be part of it by joining one of our short-term Global Village trips, where an overseas community invites you and others to help them renovate or build homes over 1-2 weeks. You don't need any special skills as it's mainly manual labour: digging foundations, laying concrete floors, building walls, simple carpentry, mixing cement. The pace is quite relaxed by British standards, with lots of time to chat, joke and exchange stories with your hosts as you work side by side. Laughter is a universal language, and there is lots of it on a Global Village trip!

But you will also get a first hand insight into the obstacles that people living in poverty have to contend with on a daily basis, how they deal with them, and their hopes for the future. It's our hope that you will return home enriched by your experience, and better equipped and more motivated than ever to help us make poverty housing a thing of the past.



Ian Walkden

National Director, Habitat for Humanity Great Britain



Important Points to Note

- A Global Village trip is a unique and special opportunity for you to participate in the regular programme of Habitat for Humanity overseas. Our volunteering trips are not holidays, and there are always some obstacles inherent in development work. You need to be flexible and come with an open mind, ready to face any challenges of the project. Please consider this before booking with us.
- You will be covered by our specialist travel insurance for the duration of your trip. Please see the Frequently Asked Questions at the back of this booklet for more details.
- Participants need to be relatively fit and aged between 18 and 75 (or if aged 16 and 17, must be accompanied by an adult). If you are over 75 please contact us.
- We act as agents for Key Travel ATOL protected 3329 and shall issue an ATOL receipt to confirm that you are protected by Key Travel's ATOL bond.
- All prices and itineraries are drafts and may change. Final confirmation will be given by Habitat for Humanity GB (HFHGB).

What to do next:

The following pages outline our Global Village destinations for 2011.

If you are travelling as an individual or with a small group of friends or colleagues, look for destinations with 'Open Team'. These are trips of fixed duration at fixed times of year, with usually around 10-15 volunteers in total.

If you want to put together your own team of family, friends and/or work colleagues, look for destinations with 'Private Group'. Taking a private group gives you a wider choice of destinations, times of year, and duration. You usually need 10-15 people, but we can sometimes accommodate bigger teams.

Then look through the back pages for the next steps.



AFRICA



BOTSWANA

(Open Team, 6th August – 18th August 2011, £2,595, or Private Groups)

With a stable government, rich diamond wealth and a good economic growth record, Botswana is one of Africa's success stories. But the benefits have reached only the top two thirds of the population, creating extreme wealth inequality. Unofficial unemployment figures average 40%, and are even higher in rural areas.

HIV/AIDS is a major problem with over 37% of Botswana infected, and 20% of children orphaned through the epidemic. The burden of caring for them falls mainly to poor, rural families, many of whom are headed by women who themselves struggle to survive because of poverty.

Consequently, substandard housing is an overwhelming challenge. Most families live in traditional homes made of mud walls and thatch roofs, or inadequately constructed brick houses. Overcrowding exists in the majority of these houses, and a lack of natural light and ventilation are common problems, causing illness and other socially orientated problems.

Habitat for Humanity has worked here since 1991 by the invitation of the then-president. We now work in 17 communities, helping them to build homes with brick walls, concrete floors and tin roofs. The need is great, and so is the reward of being part of the solution – come and join us!

EGYPT

(Private Groups only)

Egypt's housing problems are driven by population growth of 1 million each year with only 3% of the land mass being available for habitation, the other 97% being desert.

In Upper Egypt where we work, overcrowding is common: typically 15+ people will share the same 45m² single room along with their livestock. It is cramped and unhealthy. Very few families have access to sanitation or clean water and many succumb to waterborne disease like bilharzia and typhoid.

But these farming families cannot afford more land to generate greater income, and cannot access loans to help improve their living conditions. Over 60% of them live on less than \$2 a day.

Habitat for Humanity partners with Egyptian charity CEOSS to provide access to microfinance, health and education services, alongside house construction/renovation, access to water and sanitation. Our aim is to help nearly 14,000 people in the next 3 years have a safe, decent place to live.



Adel: Back from the brink in Egypt

Adel, his wife and five children lived in a rickety mud shack with a straw roof. They shared it with their donkey – unhygienic, but common practice in Egypt. The donkey was key to their livelihood of selling scrap metal and therefore very precious. But one day, a snake fell from the rafters into the house, and bit the donkey, which died.

With their donkey gone, so was the family's income. Unable to afford to repair their old home, they built a tin hut next to it. Their old home promptly collapsed.

They were living on the edge of survival. The tin hut was so cramped there was barely room for them all to sleep side by side. It was stifling and dusty in summer, freezing

and damp in winter. The children could not do their homework and their grades declined. Adel despaired: not only was he falling into the abyss of poverty, but he was taking his children with him.

Habitat for Humanity gave him the break he needed: a loan and some help to build a new simple, decent home. There is space for everyone, even Adel's new donkey which lives in a separate, secure barn. The children's grades have improved at school. At last, life is looking up.

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AFRICA



KENYA

(Open Team, 13th August – 25th August 2011, £2,400, or Private Groups)

Kenya is dramatic and scenic, home to abundant wildlife and warm, welcoming people. Historically, it is one of Africa's most politically stable countries, but in 2008, post-election ethnic violence erupted, leaving thousands homeless. Habitat for Humanity is working to rehome these displaced people.

Rural poverty and urbanisation are lower profile but ultimately bigger and more ongoing challenges. Nearly 60% of Kenyans are rural subsistence farmers who struggle to live on less than \$2 a day, especially if they live in areas prone to increasing drought due to climate change.

Many people from rural areas migrate to the cities in search of work, and end up living in slums. Disease is rife, unemployment is high, and there is a widening gap between the rich and poor.

Homes in rural areas are typically small mud and wood constructions with thatch roof, dirt floor and little ventilation. Slum dwellings are made of whatever comes to hand, and overcrowding and lack of sanitation spreads disease including malaria, amoebic disorders and respiratory conditions.

In addition to the building of new homes and home renovations, Habitat for Humanity provides access to microfinance, and works with community groups in slum areas to help them solve their very particular housing needs.

MALAWI

(Open Team, 2nd July – 14th July 2011, £2,200, or Private Groups)

Malawi is a country of extremes. Immense natural beauty softens the hard face of poverty in this, one of the least developed countries in the world.

90% of the population lives in rural areas. 75% live on less than \$2 a day and typically live in huts comprising mud and daub walls with a dirt floor, thatch roof and poor ventilation. Living in such conditions causes widespread disease, especially during the annual rains when leaking roofs, mud floors and damp conditions attract disease-carrying insects. Malaria, respiratory illnesses and intestinal parasites are rife.

But without help, these families could never afford better homes. The economy is predominately agricultural and is dependent on substantial international assistance.

Habitat for Humanity houses comprise kiln-fired clay bricks on a solid foundation, glass windows, air vents for good ventilation and cement tile roofs. To spread the financial burden, homes are built in stages. A one room house can be paid off in 3-5 years, at which point further loans for extensions can be taken out. Such 'building in stages' makes homes affordable, and encourages good repayment rates.

For those less well off, Habitat for Humanity offers home improvement loans, to make modest improvements to an existing home, such as termite treatment, a solid floor, or a new roof.





Linet: A safe haven from nightmares in Kenya

Violence erupted in the village of Narok after the elections of 2008. Narok was where Linet was born and brought up, the place that she loved. But she will never return – her home was burned down during the violence, and her sister was killed, leaving her three children as orphans.

Linet fled with her own family and her sister's children, and for an entire year afterwards they lived in a tent (see photo left), too terrified to return home. Linet

is pictured with one of her nieces. It has been a real struggle, but Linet managed to raise enough money to club together with other refugee families and buy a piece of land in the area where they now live, and they are partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build new homes and a new beginning.

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MOZAMBIQUE

(Private Groups only)

Mozambique has been a very popular destination for the past few years, largely because our programme there supports orphans and vulnerable children. There are over 1.5 million orphans and vulnerable children in Mozambique, many of them having lost a parent or parents to HIV/AIDS. The adult population has been decimated – there are few local adult volunteers available, and so we need your strength, willing hands and good heart!

We build homes for the orphans, as most are too young and vulnerable to help. We apprentice some of the older orphans, training them up in construction skills to help with immediate needs, but also enabling them to earn a living afterwards.

The needs of orphans and vulnerable children are complex, and our bespoke programme is designed to meet those needs. We work with other non-profits to provide not just housing, but a holistic solution. This might include inheritance planning where a parent is still living but HIV/AIDS infected, grants for food and clothing, education and apprenticeships, health training and health solutions including ventilated pit latrines, mosquito nets and water purification.

In spite of the sad situation, you will be amazed at how much of the time you will spend laughing with the children and local people – your visit will be a real tonic to them as well as a practical help, and we suspect that you will receive back much more than you give.

ZAMBIA

(Private Groups only)

Formerly Northern Rhodesia, Zambia is named after the mighty Zambezi River that flows 1600 miles south east from its source to the Indian Ocean. Zambia is home to a rich abundance of animal and birdlife, and the spectacular 335ft Victoria Falls.

In the late 1960's, Zambia was the third largest copper producer in the world. But in the 1980's, the copper market collapsed and Zambia has never really recovered. More than 60% of the population live on less than \$1 a day, and just cannot afford a decent home. Commonly, houses are wattle and mud with grass thatch, and need constant repair to keep out rodents and insects which can spread disease. Families crowd into one room which usually serves as kitchen, bedroom and living area combined.

Since 1984, Habitat for Humanity has worked here with communities. A typical house design involves burnt bricks with a corrugated tin roof, with separate living, sleeping and cooking areas.

Taking part in a Global Village trip to Zambia is a joyful, colourful experience. The warmth of the people and the welcome they give is always memorable!



Marcelino: A home and a new trade in Mozambique

Marcelino watched his parents and his uncle and aunt die of AIDS. At sixteen, he became the carer for his sister and two young cousins. They could not afford to go to school, and huddled together in their crumbling, insect infested mud hut, whilst the regular rains poured through the wholly inadequate thatch roof. Marcelino couldn't find work and the family was always hungry.

What a different story now! With Habitat for Humanity's help, Marcelino is being apprenticed in construction skills and has built several homes – including his own. Each of the three rooms is bigger than the entire hut they used to live in. He plans to spend his new income on enabling his sister and cousins to go to school.

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EUROPE



ROMANIA

(Open Team, 14th August – 21st August 2011, £1,480, or Private Groups)

Romania joined the EU in 2007, but it will be some years yet before the benefits trickle down to those in greatest need. Some 2.4 million people live in extreme poverty, whilst another 1.2 million struggle to meet their basic daily needs. Most of those in poverty live in rural areas in homes of a quality that defy their survival of the harsh winters. Life in the cities is not much better, where 10,000 Soviet apartment blocks are almost uninhabitable.

Habitat for Humanity works directly with those in need, but also offers housing expertise to other organisations, and pioneering innovative new, cost-effective and environmentally-friendly build techniques. To join a team here is to see Europe as you've probably never seen it before. The consistent feedback that we get from teams is that it is a truly memorable, moving and motivating experience.



MACEDONIA

(Open Team, 23rd July – 4th August 2011, £1,825, or Private Groups)

The Republic of Macedonia holds a rich cultural legacy of its many past masters including Alexander the Great, and the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires. It was part of Socialist Yugoslavia in the 20th Century, peacefully gaining independence in 1991.

But, like many other ex-Communist countries, Macedonia has had a difficult transition to a free economy. Living conditions in rural areas are particularly bad, with over 320,000 people living in illegally constructed squatter buildings and a further 70,000 homes being substandard. Inadequate sanitation and sewerage commonly cause disease.

The main cause of housing issues is the disparity between salary and house cost. It would take a typical worker in the capital Skopje 16 years and 100% of their salary to buy a house. Bank loans are expensive, as is the alternative of renting. So it is common for several families or several generations to live together in cramped, stressful and uncomfortable conditions.

To tackle the enormous problem quickly, Habitat for Humanity and the local community work with microfinance organisations to help families borrow otherwise inaccessible funding to improve and renovate their homes, rather than building new.



Iosef: From a prison to a sanctuary in Romania

During the 70's, Roma families in Oradea were forcibly rehomed into Soviet apartment blocks, which have not been maintained since. Grey and forbidding with broken windows in warped frames, leaking roofs and damp, crumbling walls, the so-called 'NATO Blocks' could pass as military prisons.

Iosef, wife Hendre and three children used to live here in a flat, along with another family – 14 people in total. During the freezing winters, a constant icy draft blew through their rooms. There was no central heating and it was damp; Iosef made a woodburning stove from scrap metal. It smoked the flat out and they had to extinguish it at bedtime for fear of suffocation. At night, they could hear mice and rats scratching around the flat. Living in such conditions, the children were often ill.

Iosef tried not to dream of a better home. As a Roma, and having left school early, he struggles to earn a living, and a new home seemed impossible.

But then Iosef and other Roma were invited by Habitat for Humanity to build themselves a new community. Suddenly, unexpectedly, Iosef's dream came true. Now the family have heating, space, even a small garden. The kids are healthy and happy. Iosef says, "When Habitat asked us to choose our house, I chose this one, furthest from the blocks of flats, to be furthest away from the unpleasant memories."

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CAMBODIA

(Open Team, 15th January - 26th January 2012, £2,400, or Private Groups)

Cambodia is a country of various legacies: Angkor Wat's beautiful temple was built during the Khmer kingdom between the 9th and 15th Centuries. Cambodia was a French colony for a century and French architecture is commonplace. But the legacy of Cambodia's more recent past is a human one: the crushing of her people under the extremist rule of Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge. Thousands of Cambodians (then Kampuchean) were forced to migrate to rural areas, where over 1 million died from overwork, starvation and disease.

After Pol Pot's demise, there was a massive influx from rural areas back to the cities, leading to urban slums and rural poverty. The influx continues today, and 20% of Phnom Penh's population live in squatter camps. Few people here or in rural areas have access to piped water or decent sanitation. Homes are typically constructed of bamboo or wood with a thatch roof.

Habitat for Humanity aims to help 10,000 low-income families have a safe, decent place to live over the next five years, with projects incorporating land rights, the provision of water, sanitation and services, and income generation training. Come and build alongside local Cambodians and be part of the story of hope that is being written.



INDIA

(Private Groups only)

With over 1 billion people, India is the second most populous country in the world. Although the country is developing on the back of industry and IT, many do not experience the benefits: over 500 million people (more than the entire population of the United States) live on less than \$1.25 a day, and 50-60 million units of adequate housing are needed.

Three quarters of the population live in rural areas, where poverty is extensive. Access to sanitation and clean water is poor. A typical home is made of mud, thatch, grass or other easily degraded natural materials. In the cities, the poor live in crowded slums that run for miles, or under bridges, by railway tracks or canals.

Habitat for Humanity aims to help 250,000 people in India over the next 5 years with housing and sanitation solutions, both directly and through partner organisations to whom we offer our expertise. Across India we operate Habitat Resource Centres offering finance, construction and design services, and building materials to local people.

This is a very exciting time to visit India and take part in a Habitat for Humanity build – we are sure that you will have a warm welcome and an amazing time here.



Chea Marady: Disability no obstacle in Cambodia

Chea Marady has polio, but has never let it hold him back.

He used to make a living scavenging old shoes from the dumpsite of Stoeung Meanchey in Phnom Penh. He would carefully repair them, and sell them at market.

But then the dumpsite closed down. Chea, his wife and baby were evicted from the small shack they had built out of bits and pieces found on the dump. Homeless and jobless, the usually resourceful Chea struggled for a solution.

He heard that Habitat for Humanity planned to help dumpsite residents build new homes in Odong, a temple complex just outside the capital. Chea applied for a home, was accepted, and the way was clear to him. He went to set up a business in Odong a year before building even began, so he would have a steady income by the time he needed to start repaying the cost of his home. Chea's disability will never stop him from standing on his own two feet.

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NEPAL

(Open Team, 12th November – 25th November 2011, £2,340, or Private Groups)

Nepal, one of the poorest countries in the world, depends on agriculture, but severe floods, landslides and earthquakes threaten homes, fields and livestock. High unemployment and poverty, combined with ten years of rebel insurgency, has forced one in ten of the rural population to migrate to Kathmandu and other cities.

Around 430,000 families live in poor housing, typically with straw walls on a bamboo or wood frame, and thatch roofs. They collapse easily and 10,000 families lose their homes to fire every year. Safe water, sanitation and electricity are rare luxuries.

Habitat for Humanity has pioneered a method of building permanent homes using the fast growing and sustainable resource of bamboo. It is strong, environmentally friendly and durable, and can be used for a variety of construction purposes. Our programme also uses 'green' bricks made of sundried clay.

These build methods have also helped to build the local economy, as communities can grow and harvest bamboo and make bricks to earn a living.

VIETNAM

(Open Team, 12th June – 24th June 2011, £2,350, or Private Groups)

Vietnam is a socialist republic in Southeast Asia, bounded by China, Laos, Cambodia and the South China Sea. In spite of a difficult past, this is now one of the fastest growing economies in the world. However, there is still a way to go before the benefits reach those on the lowest rungs of society, and around 4.6 million people live in terrible poverty.

Habitat for Humanity has worked in Vietnam since 2002, and our ambitious plans aim is to serve 18,000 families by 2011.

Our programme incorporates more than just building and renovating homes: we partner with other non-profit organisations to provide microfinance loans for home improvement, and train local people in construction. We have mapped the housing, water and sanitation needs of most of Ho Chi Minh City to aid with future project planning, and have pioneered the use of new construction techniques such as environmentally friendly interlocking compressed earth blocks.



Dal: A refuge for his old age in Nepal

Dal, now aged 80, his wife and children fled rural Nepal in 1980 and arrived in the town of Jhapa with only the clothes they wore. Dal could only get work over the border in India. Over two years, he earned enough to return to Jhapa and build a modest home of wood, tin and mud with an area underneath for livestock. But as the children grew up and married, it became increasingly crowded and, as the untreated timbers began to rot and the roof began to leak, increasingly dangerous and uncomfortable.

Accepted onto a Habitat for Humanity project, Dal's daughter-in-law Deepa (shown in the photo with husband Samson) started a grocery store and saved a little money

each month. Dal's son Samson collected together some construction materials including bamboo. Habitat for Humanity provided the remaining funding, to be paid back with a low-cost loan.

With the help of local volunteers, the family built a new home with a concrete floor and pillars, a strong corrugated tin roof and a separate barn for animals. They will be safe, secure and comfortable for many years to come and Dal has a refuge in which to live out his days.

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HONDURAS

(Open Team, 8th October – 21st October 2011, £2,100, or Private Groups)

Honduras, in Central America, is one of the poorest and least developed countries in Latin America, with nearly two-thirds of Hondurans living in poverty conditions. Before 1998, Honduras had shown moderate economic growth as a result of government reforms.

Then came Hurricane Mitch: 75,000 people were left homeless, over 6,000 people died and over 70% of crops were destroyed and along with them, the economy (agriculture is the main export of Honduras). The cost was estimated at \$3 billion, and the then president Carlos Roberto Flores claimed that 50 years of progress were reversed. The economy is still recovering, over a decade later.

After Mitch, the housing deficit percentage increased from 63% in March 1998 to 66% percent in March 1999, representing an increase of 165,000 houses.

In addition to the building of new homes, Habitat for Humanity provides financial education to enable homepartners to manage their finances. We also work with the indigenous Chorti people, descendants of the Mayans. They live in shacks with mud and stick walls, which harbour bugs that bite and infect humans with Chagas disease. This debilitating sickness affects heart, digestion and nervous systems and can be fatal. The solution is simple: plaster the walls.



OPEN TEAMS: IF YOU WANT TO BOOK AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUP:

1. Choose your trip from the options below:

Country	Dates	Duration	Deposit	Balance	TOTAL	Flights ⁽¹⁾	Extra money ⁽²⁾
Vietnam	12th June – 24th June 2011	13 days	£300	£2,050	£2,350	40%	£100
Malawi	2nd July – 14th July 2011	13 days	£300	£1,900	£2,200	41%	none
Macedonia	23rd July – 4th August 2011	13 days	£300	£1,525	£1,825	23%	£80
Botswana	6th August – 18th August 2011	13 days	£300	£2,295	£2,595	39%	none
Romania	14th August – 21st August 2011	8 days	£300	£1,180	£1,480	23%	£40
Kenya ⁽³⁾	13th August – 25th August 2011	13 days	£300	£2,100	£2,400	40%	£40
Honduras	8th October – 21st October 2011	14 days	£300	£1,800	£2,100	36%	£80
Nepal	12th November – 25th November 2011	14 days	£300	£2,040	£2,340	38%	£60
Cambodia	15th January – 26th January 2012	12 days	£300	£2,100	£2,400	33%	£60

(1) Shown as a percentage of total cost.

(2) The cash you will need on your trip to pay for any scheduled excursions or local cultural activity.

(3) Kenya: Please note prices are based on teams staying in a school hall or church within the community, if our build location means we need to use a lodge or hotel as that option is not available then prices will increase accordingly.



2. Got lots of questions?

Please read the FAQs at the back of the brochure and see if your question is answered. If not, please do call us on 01295 264240 or email us at GlobalVillage@habitatforhumanity.org.uk.

3. Want to book?

Sign up for an Open Team on www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk and pay your £300 deposit online. Please contact us if you want a paper copy of the form.

The deposit is non-refundable, so it cannot be fundraised and is not eligible for Gift Aid.

We will then send you confirmation, permission to fundraise and your Fundraising Toolkit. You can fundraise the balance of the trip costs, pay them yourself, or combine the two. You will also receive information about your destination to help you prepare for your trip.

or email GlobalVillage@habitatforhumanity.org.uk

IF YOU WANT TO FORM YOUR OWN PRIVATE GROUP:

1. Choose your destination from the options below

Country	Time of year	Costs per person dependent on duration	Average team size
Botswana	April to October	From £2,170 to £2,730	10-15 people
Cambodia	All year except April, Sept and Oct	From £1,995 to £2,510	10-15 people
Egypt	All year except June to Sept	From £1,530 to £1,685	10-15 people
India	All year	From £1,795 to £2,235	10-15 people
Kenya	January to October	From £2,090 to £2,430	10-15 people
Macedonia	April to October	From £1,490 to £2,030	10-15 people
Malawi	April to October	From £1,850 to £2,250	10-15 people
Mozambique	March to October	From £1,995 to £2,400	10-15 people
Nepal	All year except July and August	From £2,195 to £2,460	10-15 people
Romania	March to November	From £1,500 to £1,750	10-15 people
Honduras	All year	From £2,050 to £2,320	10-15 people
Vietnam	All year except Jan, Feb and Oct	Please contact us	10-15 people
Zambia	January to November	From £1,995 to £2,450	12-20 people

NB: Special prices are available for schools, youth groups and student private groups. Please contact us for details.

Content: The rough costs above are based on standardised content. The lowest cost represents a 9 day trip without a Habitat for Humanity Team Leader, and the highest cost a 13 day trip with a Habitat for Humanity Team Leader.

Duration: Private group trips are either 9 days (Saturday to following Sunday) or 13 days (Saturday to a week Thursday)

Leadtimes: We strongly recommend that you allow an absolute minimum of 9 months to plan and fundraise your trip.

2. Got lots of questions?

Please consult the FAQ pages at the back of this brochure. If your question isn't answered there, please contact us.

3. What happens next

Stage 1:

Please contact us to discuss possibilities in more detail.

Stage 2:

Once the official framework of your trip has been agreed, we will provide you with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to sign and return. This enables both parties to understand our respective roles and responsibilities.

Stage 3:

Each of your team members will need to complete an application form and pay the non-refundable £300 deposit. We will send each registered team member confirmation and their Fundraising Toolkit for raising the balance of the trip costs.

Stage 4:

You will receive information about your destination to help you prepare for your trip. If you can get together at least 10 members of your team around 1-2 months ahead of your trip, we can run an Orientation Session at a central location. This will cover logistical and background information for your trip.





Money Matters

Costs

Costs include: Flights and accommodation, transfers in the host country, meals, water, specialist travel insurance, the services of an English speaking Habitat for Humanity team leader (on Open Teams and where requested for Private Groups), some cultural activities during your trip, and donation of £400.

Costs exclude: Visa and other travel documents, vaccinations, travel to and from UK airport, personal protective equipment (e.g. hard hat, boots etc - allow around £50), arrival or departure tax where required, spending money, and any allowance specified towards excursions.

Donation

The costs include a minimum donation of £400. However, we would love you to raise more – every penny counts in the fight to help people out of poverty housing!

Bear in mind that the cost of a typical Habitat for Humanity home in the developing world is just £1235. Could you take on the challenge to raise this much donation? You'll be helping a family escape poverty housing for good!

If you raise over the minimum donation of £400 we will use these funds where there is greatest need.

Fundraising

Once we have your deposit, you can choose to fundraise the remaining balance, including the donation. Please ensure that your sponsors understand that they are helping to pay for costs, and that it is not just a donation that they are making. You can choose to fundraise for everything but the £300 deposit - although many people also choose to put their own money towards the trip costs. If you are organising a company team, the company may also put money towards the trip costs.

When we receive your deposit, we will give you permission to start fundraising and send you:

- Your personal fundraising code.
- Fundraising support pack, including sponsor forms, order form for promotional materials, and fundraising ideas.
- A link to your personal fundraising page on our website where you can share information and photos with your sponsors and receive donations.

Fundraising Online

If you fundraise through your page on our website, the whole amount (minus Gift Aid) will count towards your

fundraising. You could also use JustGiving, but please note that they will deduct around 7.5% from the total by way of fees.

Gift Aid

We encourage you to ask your sponsors to Gift Aid their donations, but Gift Aid does not count towards the cost of your trip. It is used by Habitat for Humanity to help cover our general costs, as this kind of funding is hard for us to raise, but absolutely vital to our future.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Frequently asked questions

If your question isn't answered here, please contact our Supporter Services team on 01295 264240 or email GlobalVillage@habitatforhumanity.org.uk.

General Questions

Why volunteer – why not just send the money?

To provide practical support: In many of the places where we work, there are few machines and manual labour is a key element of a build. You will help us to build or renovate homes faster.

To provide encouragement: The excitement of your being there and your willingness to give up your time, money and energy will lift the spirits of the local community and give them fresh motivation.

To provide funding: The donation part of your costs will help further families to have decent homes.

To understand: This is your opportunity to be personally and practically involved in international development, through which you'll get a better understanding of the complex issues and impacts of housing poverty.

To raise awareness of poverty housing: Raising funds for your trip gives you the perfect excuse to tell others about the issue of poverty housing.

To pass it on: When you return from volunteering, you'll be able to show photos and videos of your trip to your sponsors, to spread the message about poverty housing and what can be done about it.





Practicalities and Limitations

Do I need experience of building or DIY?

No – most of the work is manual labour. Our homes or renovations are all designed to be volunteer friendly. You'll be shown what to do and supervised by an experienced local construction worker. All you need to do is arrive ready to get dirty, work up a sweat and have a great time.

Is there a minimum age?

We usually require people to be between 18 and 75 and of general good health. We can take 16/17 year old volunteers if accompanied by a parent or adult acting *in loco parentis*. If you are over 75 please contact the office as you may still be able to volunteer.

How fit do I need to be?

You will need to be relatively fit. The pace tends to be relaxed, but you are undertaking manual labour which by its nature is pretty physical. If there are certain activities you cannot do because of a health limitation (e.g. no lifting because of a bad back), you can do something else instead. It's about teamwork!

If you have any health concerns, seek your doctor's advice. Unfortunately we are unable to accept applications from volunteers who are travelling against the advice of their doctor.

How many people are on a team?

Generally 10-15 with a maximum of 20. Selected destinations can take larger teams

Who leads the team?

For Open Teams we provide a specially trained Team Leader. Their role is to look after your welfare and sort out any minor hiccups. In the unlikely event of a crisis, they will also implement our Emergency Plan.

We strongly recommend that Private Groups also use a Habitat for Humanity Team Leader. We would encourage you to consider this option, especially if you are travelling with us for the first time. Alternatively the group organiser and another member of the team can choose to undergo our Team Leader and first aid training and lead their own team.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Sample 9 day itinerary

Saturday

Depart UK

Sunday

Arrive, transfer to affiliate for welcome briefing and dinner

Monday to Thursday

Work on site

Friday

Work on site and farewell celebration*

Saturday

Cultural activities and depart destination

Sunday

Arrive UK

Sample 13 day itinerary

Saturday

Depart UK

Sunday

Arrive, transfer to affiliate for welcome briefing and dinner

Monday to Friday

Work on site

Saturday and Sunday

Some hosts build on Saturday but all will arrange cultural activities at the weekend

Monday and Tuesday

Work on site

Wednesday

Work on site, farewell celebration*

Thursday

Return to the UK

*Farewell celebration depends on the particular project, and is likely but not guaranteed.

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What will the accommodation be like?

You will stay in simple, clean accommodation which can vary from school or church halls to hostels, guesthouses or hotels, depending what is available at the location of your work-site. You will be advised if you will need to bring bedding and/or mosquito nets.

What is the food and drink like?

You will eat simple but satisfying local food. Bottled drinking water is provided on site. In the evenings, you will go to selected restaurants or eat at your accommodation.

Will I get the chance to do any sightseeing?

Our trips are about service, learning and involvement with the work of Habitat for Humanity, rather than hitting the tourist trail. Itineraries may include a little local sightseeing, and/or some local cultural activities involving the community. We are unable to organise any more general sightseeing for you at the end of your trip.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Trip Preparation

What about health and safety/insurance?

Personal travel insurance, including cover for your time on the work site, is included in the trip costs.

Health and safety in most countries where we work is not up to UK standards. We ensure that sites are as safe as possible for you to work on. We will provide safety briefings for you on site, and request that you comply with these, even if the local people do not.

Your team leader is trained in appropriate first aid and will be given information on any pre-existing medical conditions of team members in case of emergency.

We have an established emergency procedure, with a member of Habitat for Humanity personnel on standby in the UK and local country in case of emergency. Habitat for Humanity has full third party liability insurance.

What about Visas and Vaccinations?

We will provide a health brief which outlines recommended and optional vaccinations and medication for your destination. However, we require all volunteers to take advice from a medical practitioner before travel.

We will also provide information on how to obtain your visa if one is necessary.



Other ways to support us

Our Global Village volunteering programme is just one way in which you can support us. However, donations are crucial to our work. If you would like to support us in a different way, there are many choices, including:

HopeBuilders Club: The typical cost of building a safe, decent home for a family of five in the developing world is just £1235. Could you take on the challenge to raise that amount? We can provide you with lots of fundraising ideas to help you!

Regular Giving: Having dedicated supporters that provide a regular monthly donation enables us to plan ahead with confidence and thereby help more people have a safe,

decent place to live. Could you give £12.35 a month – or perhaps more – to help us in our vital work?

Sponsored Events and Challenges: We have a programme of sponsored events in which you can take part, including our own Hope Challenge in the Peak District which involves building and sleeping in shelters, Royal Parks Half Marathon in London, Just Walk on the South Downs and Just Bike in the Swindon area.

For more details on how to support us in these ways, please contact our Supporter Services team on 01295 264240 or email SupporterServices@habitatforhumanity.org.uk.

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