

## THE VISION TRIP EXPERIENCE: WHAT TO EXPECT



### PURPOSE

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Vision Trips are unique experiences that allow Plant With Purpose supporters and advocates to learn more about our programs and to see the transformation taking root in the communities where we work. Throughout a trip we explore the complexity and connection between rural poverty and environmental degradation. These trips promote learning from partnering farmers, hearing stories of empowerment, and witnessing pride and restoration as cross-cultural friendships develop. The following is a representation of a typical Vision Trip timeline:

### DAY 1: TRAVEL DAY & ORIENTATION

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- **Arrive to airport**
- **Transportation from airport to lodging**
- **Introduction to Plant With Purpose and in-country staff**
- **Receive an overview/orientation of country program:** Understanding the problem of poverty and deforestation and how our model addresses the solution.
- **Dinner and relax**

### DAY 2: COMMUNITY VISITS

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- **Devotion with in-country staff:** Meet the team.
- **Breakfast**
- **Visit tree nursery:** Nurseries are located on an individual's property, but are upkept by members of the community. Members of the community are encouraged to plant seedlings from the nursery on their own land and in common spaces in their villages. This allows all individuals to become involved in environmental restoration.

- **Visit a participant's agroforestry plots:** Agroforestry is a land management technique that encourages farmers to plant trees among shrubs and crops. This is encouraged by Plant With Purpose's agriculture technicians as it is used to decrease erosion and increase biodiversity. It leads to increased crops yields and plant growth, healthier diets, and long-term soil health.
- **Lunch**
- **Attend savings group meeting:** Witness a savings-based microfinance system made for rural communities. These groups create environmentally sustainable economic opportunities and enable participants to invest in their own future.
- **Dinner and relax**

## DAY 3: FINAL COMMUNITY VISITS

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- **Devotion with in-country staff**
- **Breakfast**
- **Visit participants farm:** Exchange experiences with a participant family. Engage in a time of meaningful conversation where families share their stories and experience with Plant With Purpose.
- **Lunch**
- **Visit church service:** Plant With Purpose sees church mobilization as a primary vehicle for spiritual renewal. Through partnerships with local churches, members of Plant With Purpose programs are given the opportunity to attend Bible studies and spiritual leadership workshops. This training emphasizes topics such as identity in Christ, the importance of work, and God-given talents.
- **Sustainable agriculture technique demonstration:** Members of Plant With Purpose programs receive training on sustainable agriculture and environmental restoration. Learned techniques include composting, agroforestry, and erosion barriers. Your group will get a hands-on experience in tree planting, and/or help participants with soil erosion barriers.
- **Dinner and relax**

## DAY 4: SIGHTSEEING & DEBRIEF

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- **Drive back from communities to city closest to the airport**
- **Breakfast**
- **Check into hotel**
- **Local sightseeing experience:** This could include exploring a local museum, attraction, or market where souvenirs can be purchased.
- **Lunch**
- **Debrief with team:** Process experiences from your trip with your team and trip leader. Exchange personal observations and reflections, and discuss any follow-up questions with your trip leader during this time.
- **Dinner and relax**

## DAY 5: TRAVEL DAY

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- **Return to airport**
- **Travel home**