



## Service Travel

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Expand your service horizon by prioritizing travel to visit and serve with other Lions clubs, either within your own country or across borders. The benefits are plentiful!

- Expand your circle of fellowship, cultural learning and service learning.
- Increase global understanding and broaden your cultural intelligence.
- Grow your project planning skills or technical expertise.
- Serve as a support system to other Lions clubs that are helping to fulfill unmet needs in developing countries around the world.

### How to connect with clubs and engage in service beyond borders

- Connect with clubs who are interested in traveling or hosting fellow Lions. Use the [club locator](#), Lion Portal, [GAT Facebook Page](#), the [Lions Blog](#), and other Lions social media sites.
- Attend district and state conventions, [Lion Forums](#) and [International Conventions](#) to learn from other Lions.
- Explore Lions [Youth Camps & Exchange](#) programs.
- Stay up to date on service projects that [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#) (LCIF) supports.

## Safety

- Research health and safety advisories well in advance of your travels. Use travel alert mobile apps that provide real-time updates on everything from disease outbreaks to political unrest.
- If applicable, register with your government's travel program so they can locate you in case of an emergency.



## Cultural Sensitivity

- Don't make assumptions about what another community needs. Ask those who live in the community or have experience serving the community.
- Always ask permission before taking photos of people.
- Be open to new foods and learn local table manners.
- What you wear is a sign of respect for the local culture — do your research and pack accordingly.



- What's considered acceptable in public and religious spaces varies greatly; when in doubt, be conservative and take time to ask/observe.

## Service Impact

- Share your travel and service experiences to expand your network – explore [marketing resources](#) to grow the good!
- Practice Sustainability: focus on projects that empower local communities, build capacity, and share knowledge.
- It may be easier or more effective to provide money than to travel with material goods.
- Build Relationships: Spend time getting to know the people you're working with. Relationships lead to trust, deeper understanding, and longer-lasting impact.
- Don't forget to report your service travel in the Lion Portal or in your regional Lions service reporting system.



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