

## PANAMA SITE VISIT + PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM June 25-29, 2025

Join teachers from across the country as our Program Director and In-Country Team engage you in rewarding community service projects, cultural learning activities, and educational workshops. The program includes all airfare, food, lodging, transport and advertised activities. Take advantage of the opportunity for professional development while experiencing the rewards of our international volunteer programs and returning home with a sense of confidence and purpose to promote a future Squads Abroad program!

### SAMPLE PROGRAM ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: PANAMA CITY ARRIVAL & WELCOME DINNER WITH SQUADS PRESIDENT & GLOBAL BRIGADES' IN-COUNTRY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Faculty travel to Panama City where they are greeted by our staff at the airport and transported to a nearby hotel to meet our staff and get settled in.
- Welcome dinner in a traditional Panamanian restaurant with fellow faculty, the Squads Abroad staff and In-Country Directors.

#### DAY 2&3: COMMUNITY SITE VISITS, SERVICE PROJECTS, EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS IN RURAL/INDIGENOUS SCHOOLS/COMMUNITIES & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- Community site visits, service projects, educational workshops in rural/indigenous communities at host schools
- Cultural Panamanian activities (mola, painting, make your own artisan souvenir out of soapstone, cooking a traditional Panamanian dish, etc.







### DAY 4: PANAMA CANAL VISIT, TOUR AROUND CASCO VIEJO & FINAL CELEBRATORY DINNER

- Enrichment activities for this day includes a visit to the Panama Canal and tour around Casco Viejo where you are going to be able to do some shopping if wanted
- Final celebratory dinner with Squads President & in-country staff

# DAY 5: PROGRAM CLOSURE & DEPARTURE DAY

- Program closure
- Departure Day Transport will be provided from the Panama City hotel to the airport for those departing
- Faculty are welcome to stay and travel at own expense if they choose







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## FAQS

### Who is invited on a Site Visit?

Any High School Faculty, administrators, and/or adult club leaders from across the country who are interested in and serious about offering a Squads Abroad volunteer travel program at their school in the future!

Where do we stay during a Site Visit? Faculty stay in our nice partner 'homebase' hotel facilities throughout the program. Double rooms with private bath are provided by default and options to upgrade to individual rooms are provided upon availability at our facilities.

# Is there a cost to participate in an international Site Visit?

The Professional Development Fee of \$750 includes airfare (up to \$1,000) and all in-country expenses including food, lodging, transport, and advertised activities. Professional Development Fees are made in the form of a 'donation' to our 501c3 non-profit organization on behalf of the registered participant.

**Contact us** to request further supporting documentation to cover the Professional Development Fee through school and departmental budgets.

### **NEXT STEPS TO JOIN:**

- 1. Register: Please fill out the Site Visit Registration Form to confirm your attendance
- Submit Professional Development Fee: Following registration, you will receive an email with a link to submit the <u>\$750 per faculty member</u>
- **3. Book Your Flight:** After receiving your Registration & Fee, we connect you with our travel team to book your flight and provide pre-Site Visit materials and pre-program training



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