Dominican Republic Study Abroad Trip FAQ  
May 22-29, 2017

1. Will you be traveling with us?

   Yes, I will be traveling with you during the course of this trip. Depending on how many students we have another faculty member will also join the trip.

2. Do I need a passport?

   Yes, you will need a passport to travel with us to the Dominican Republic. I recommend visiting https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en.html, enter your zip code and take the appropriate steps in order to receive your passport in time. Passports can take 2-3 months (sometimes longer) to receive so you want to start the process ASAP. If you do not have a passport by May 22\textsuperscript{nd}, you will not be able to travel with us, but can still take the course RMRT 3010.

3. What if I can’t afford it?

   Traveling abroad can be costly but the experiences afforded to the opportunity are invaluable. OSU and other programs offer numerous scholarships to cut down on the cost associated with the trip. I would recommend applying for:

   OSU scholarships (Link: https://abroad.okstate.edu/outgoing/funding)

   EF College Study Tours (Link: http://www.efcollegestudytours.com/scholarship?utm_medium=email&utm_source=inside&utm_campaign=CSTF17ScholarshipEMPipe&individualid=203773256)
And any additional scholarship opportunities or fund raising efforts, such as GoFundMe (Link: https://www.gofundme.com/) or EF College Study Tours TripFunder website found during EF sign-up.

If you are having issues figuring out funding please come and speak with me and we can search together. I do not want you to miss out on this opportunity due to funding concerns.

4. When are the final payments due?

Due to the flexible payment options the payment options for this trip vary. You can sign up today and pay in full, pay over time (Condition: $500 down payment, another $500 payment within 90 days, and full payment by mid March 2017), or pay in full by March 2017. Please see EF’s attachment for additional information regarding refund/cancellation policy (or Link: http://www.eftours.com/eliterature/bookingconditions_etus_17.pdf). Don’t hesitate to contact me to discuss your options.

Also, please review the EF booking conditions (attached) regarding automatic payment plans, manual payment plans, and their cancellation policy.

5. Can I purchase my own flight?

Yes, you can purchase your own flight. If you decide to purchase your own RT flight this will potentially lower the cost of your payment. However, specific details of the group’s travel plans
(arrival/departure times) will not be provided until February/March 2017.

6. What are the housing arrangements?

The living arrangements for this trip are 4 to a room of the same sex. If there are not enough female or male students to fill one room, that/those students will have an extra space to themselves. For example, if only 2 girls and 2 boys are left to share a room, one of our rooms will only consist of 2 girls and the remaining 2 boys be positioned in another room. Men and women will be kept separately for housing, no exceptions.

7. Can I not go on the trip, but still take the class?

Absolutely. Even though your presence will be missed, you do not have to travel abroad to take the course. Though it works best when students travel abroad and take the course for credit. The course can serve as an elective for almost any degree plan.

8. Do I need to speak another language?

Great question. No, you will not need to speak another language to travel with us to the Dominican Republic. We will have a tour guide with us for the majority of the trip to alleviate any language barriers that may exist. Who knows, you may pick up on a few words/sentences by the time we come back to the States.

Note: Once 9 students have agreed to travel, the price of the trip will decrease. In such cases, your money can then be spent on purchasing cultural cuisine, gifts, etc. to bring back home.
If you come up with additional questions, feel free to send them to me directly: taryn.price@okstate.edu. You may find them on future FAQ’s.

OK to DR, kinda catchy, right?