

# **HAITI TRAVEL GUIDE**

## **TRAVEL:**

**VALID PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED.** Visas are not required. You will be given an immigration tourist card on the plane to present at the customs counter with your passport just after deplaning. **KEEP IT WITH YOUR PASSPORT.** You **MUST** present it when you leave the country. In the place requesting the name and address of the guest house, put **JEREMIE.**

## **BAGGAGE REQUIREMENTS:**

We ask everyone who is flying from the Washington DC area to put all their belongings in a carry on. You are also allowed a purse/briefcase which can be a large tote bag. We will need your check-in allotment for medicines and supplies. We will be using the Jeremie airplane to transport medicines and supplies to Jeremie. For the trip to Jeremie each passenger is only allowed 70 lbs. It is therefore important to keep your total baggage as light as possible. Your carry on bag will need to be checked for the flight to Jeremie. Within your carry on bag, it is a good idea to separate 2 days of clothing/necessities in a small bag. Carry this with you on the plane in case your luggage doesn't reach Jeremie immediately.

## **IMMUNIZATIONS:**

You should take Chloroquine for malaria prophylaxis. You can consult your Doctor, Travel Clinic or the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Website on Haiti <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/haiti.aspx> about additional health recommendations.

## **EXPENSES:**

The major expense will be the airfare to Haiti. In addition, the airfare to and from Jeremie is \$160. Taxi costs will be \$10 as well as \$50 to offset the cost of food. If you wish to purchase craft items such as hand embroidered tablecloths, Haitian garments or Haitian coffee or rum, tack on additional funds.

## **CLIMATE & CLOTHING:**

Temperatures are in the high 80's during the day. Bring comfortable, lightweight summer clothes and comfortable shoes. **Don't forget to bring a bathing suit.** Most Haitian women wear skirts and dresses, although it is acceptable to wear pants, skirt-like shorts or above-the-knee shorts. Please make sure that your clothing is modest.

## **CURRENCY:**

The unit of Haitian currency is the gourde. There are five gourdes to the Haitian dollar. There is a varying exchange rate on American currency. Your US money can be exchanged upon arrival and unspent Haitian money can be exchanged back into US dollars before departing. Traveler's checks can be difficult to exchange. It is preferable to bring cash or checks.



