

The Reality Tour

An Educational Voyage to the Dominican Republic

Tour Highlights 2016

The Reality Tour weaves together **activities and experiences** that both enlighten and empower its participants.

- The tour begins in the city of Santo Domingo where students walk through the scenic and historic capital linking the days of Columbus to the present.
- We will take a Colonial train ride through the capital, have a 4D cinema experience, tour the Museum of Dominican Resistance, and explore the Pomier Caves Anthropological Reserve where we will see Taino cave art that is thousands of years old.
- Students will be able to interact with youth living in some of the world's most impoverished communities.
- We will discuss global migration and human rights in a global context, and learn about this critical issue first hand, from the communities that we visit.
- We will visit Alta Gracia, the only fair trade factory in the world, and learn about the issue of sweatshop labor in the developing world. Alta Gracia provides a living wage to all its workers.
- The trip will also include a midweek white water rafting on the Yaque del Norte River in the mountains of Jarabachoa in some of the most beautiful landscapes you will ever see.
- Students will do service learning with the Dream Project at the Batey Caraballo where we will interact with youth of both Haitian and Dominican descent, many of who cut sugar cane for a living.
- We will also visit a synagogue, connecting the history to today, and discuss migration and race relation and human rights in a global context. Students will learn about this critical issue first hand, from the communities that we visit.
- We will also perform a service project where we meet with children and families living at the local dump. Many of the children we will meet are orphans from the Haitian earthquake and survive by scavenging through the trash. We will be able to see first hand what it means to live off of a dollar a day.
- The experience comes to a close with a boat ride to a remote island to celebrate with an authentic Dominican bonfire and barbeque.

This experience will most definitely be life changing.

Come With Us!

