

International Trips –FAQ

What is an International Trip?

[International Trips](#) are for individuals or groups who are invited by C&MA international workers (IWs) to visit them in their country of assignment for a short period of time (1-2 weeks typically). This would include Visitors, Intercessors, Pastors or Church Leaders, Groups or Individuals from churches, etc.

These trips have a predetermined, specific purpose (i.e. volunteers serving during regional field forums, visits by Intercessors to teams, visits by pastors or church leadership to IWs they support, personal visits by family or friends, Alliance International Work Projects, etc.)

As of January 2018, it is highly recommended that *every person* traveling to a global ministry location complete the requirements listed in the [International Trip Checklist](#) as part of a routine screening process, to protect the traveler(s) as well as the hosting IW and teams. Minors must be accompanied by an adult (parent or guardian) who can complete and sign the checklist on their behalf.

Who qualifies for an International Trip?

Travelers may include friends and family of C&MA international workers, Pastors, Elders, mission committee members and intercessors. No matter who is traveling, it's important that an invitation to visit is first extended by the international worker.

Rationale for International Trips Guide/Checklist?

Protection for Traveler & Hosting IW: Regardless of who you are hosting, whether it be family and friends or church members, it is important that anyone traveling to visit you, has fulfilled the basic requirements of the International Trips Guide. While we do not pray for adverse situations, life does happen and we want you and your guests to be as prepared as possible, in the event of an emergency.

Better screening and due diligence: Pointing people to the International Trips page and corresponding checklist will result in people arriving to their locations better screened and equipped with what they need (insurance, understanding of risks, child safety training etc.). IWs are encouraged to communicate any additional country-specific requirements and guidelines.

Ownership from IWs: As the hosts, it is now the responsibility of the IW to ensure visitors have completed the checklist and signed off on what is expected of them. This will not be managed by the national office, relieving any need for administrative fees or added capacity.

What is the process to go on an International Trip?

The process is simple! Once an invitation to visit an IW is received, simply visit the International Trips webpage [here](#), and complete the screening requirements listed in the International Trip checklist.

It is the responsibility of the traveler and hosting IW to ensure all requirements are completed.

Why is the Background Check & Child safety training included in the checklist?

If at any point during a trip, individuals will be involved in ministry related activities, it is beneficial to ensure that they have relevant safety training, particularly when children or vulnerable persons are being reached. It is up to the IW host to determine whether this is essential, based on the planned itinerary for each trip.

NOTE:

The International Trips checklist is something that's encouraged as a process of screening/ preparation for IWs to guide their visitors to. It will be up to the IW to use this as a resource and will not be mandated or tracked by the National Ministry Centre.