



# El Refugio Fundación, A.C.

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## Schedule of Costs for Individuals

**The following are fees for *individuals* coming to serve with El Refugio. Your fee covers room and board (3 meals a day), bedding, laundry access one day per week, limited internet and limited phone access.**

*\*\*Please note: Group fees are different from the prices listed below.\*\**

Service in Missions (1 to 2 weeks)	\$295 US per week (must be paid prior to coming)
Short term (3 weeks to 2 months)	\$125 US per week
Internship (2 months to 1 year)	\$90 US per week
Missionary Service (1 year or longer)	\$75 US per week (if staying on property)

### **Transportation to and from El Refugio:**

There are several options to get to El Refugio.

Option 1: 1-way Bus ticket from Tijuana to Ensenada, approx. \$30 US

Option 2: Rent a vehicle in San Diego

Option 3: 1 way pick up/drop off by car from San Diego, \$100 US each way

### **FMM Visa (tourist visa):**

To be in Mexico legally you will need to purchase a visa upon arriving at the border of Mexico. The visa costs around 280 pesos (approx. \$25 US) and is valid for 180 days.

### **Criminal record Check:**

If accepted you may be asked to provide a criminal record check from your local police authorities before you arrive in Mexico.

### **Cell Phone:**

If you are planning on staying as an intern, we ask that you carry a cell phone that works in Mexico. If you have one already, great! If not, there are basic phones available in Mexico for \$10 to \$50 and then you would need to buy a phone card approximately once a month for 100 pesos (about \$8). We ask that you do not use your cell phone to "chat" or text during ministry hours.

### **Internet:**

We do have limited access to the internet for those who have their own computer.

### **Laundry:**

You will be assigned a laundry day. You are responsible for all of your own laundry supplies. If you wish to wash clothing more than once a week there is a Laundromat close by.



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## **Meals:**

The fee includes 3 meals a day. If you would like extra snacks, we ask that you buy your own. Eating out is the responsibility of the intern. Many meals will be eaten together but for some you will be on your own with access to our kitchen. When we eat together you will be asked to help in the kitchen with meal preparation and kitchen clean up. As we share the kitchen you are expected to keep the kitchen clean and in order.

## **Drugs and Alcohol:**

We are a mission base and our witness in the community as well as your safety is very important. During your stay with us we ask that you refrain from the use of illicit drugs, as well as the use of alcohol. We may require an anti-doping test after your arrival in Mexico.

## **Immunization:**

You must have up to date tetanus shots and provide documentation. Check with your doctor or local public health to see what they recommend for other immunization. If you are flying in to the USA, you are required to have your Covid vaccine.

## **Transportation in the community of Ensenada:**

As we are a small but growing ministry we do not have vehicles for leisure use. If you wish to participate in an event outside of approved ministry you will be expected to find your own transportation through a friend or via public transportation. Currently the cost is 13 pesos per trip. An average trip will cost you 26 pesos.

## **Security:**

Anyone staying on base is required to install and activate the app Life 360 (or similar) for safety reasons. The app keeps track of your location and comes with a panic button which will send your location to the group. If you are staying off base but driving a ministry vehicle or girls from the ministry in your personal vehicle, you must also have it active during those events.

## **Payment Schedule:**

Your fee helps to cover your costs. Please note the fee does not include toiletries, laundry supplies, extra activities, snack food, or meals away from the base.

First month room and board is due one month before arrival.

Second month room and board is due upon arrival.

Room and board for the following months is due the beginning of the month.

## **Refunds:**

Commitment to the time that we have agreed upon is very important as our ministry plans are based on staff. Refunds will not be given.

## **Fundraising:**

If you are planning on fundraising and would like some guidance in this area, please ask.

**We welcome your comments and questions. Feel free to contact us at [info@therefugemx.com](mailto:info@therefugemx.com).**

**Thanks!**