

YWAM St.Lucia

Short Term Team Information List



Hello Team!

We look forward to having you here with us in Simply Beautiful Saint Lucia! Saint Lucia is also known as the Helen of the West;

We know you will enjoy your ministry experience here. We are here to help you have the very best outreach possible, we want to work with you to tailor a specific experience for your team and their different skills and passions.

We are a pioneering ministry at YWAM St.Lucia, we opened our doors only in 2012, and we are grateful for teams like you to come and invest in us so we can continue developing our base and the different ministries we have around the island.

There are many different ministries you can get involved in here: prayer station, homeless shelter, orphanage, kid's club, community development, evangelism, seniors home, and working with different churches/youth groups



Orphanage



Prayer Station



Kid's Club

Here are just a few things you should know about your time here with us. We hope this information help prepares you for joining us here. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

With a population of 170,000 Saint Lucia is a small Island on the Eastern Caribbean chain.

With a rapidly changing economy moving from mainly agriculture to tourism; for the past few years St. Lucia has been known as one of the top honeymoon destinations, Saint Lucia's society is going through a real metamorphosis with challenges that offer countless opportunities.

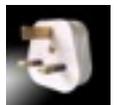
The official language is English but the majority of Saint Lucian also speak and understand French Creole especially in rural area; as part of their rich and diverse history.

RELIGION:

Over 90 % of Saint Lucia claim to be Christian the major group being : The Roman Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist, Pentecostal, Anglican, Baptist and similar, but also an important number of Marginal such as the Jehovah witness etc.... According to Operation World 2010 The more Historic churches are in significant decline, and increasing materialism undermines spiritual life; a staggering 86 % of children are born out of wedlock and over 45 % of household are led by women only. Young people especially young men are in great need of transformation and true faith. There is also a growing number of Rastafarians, Hindu and other.

ELECTRICITY

In Saint Lucia Electricity is 220 volts, 50 Hz, AC. Most sockets take 3-pin square plugs (UK standard). If your personal appliances are for a different voltage you will need to bring an appropriate adapter with you or plan to buy one here. It will be useful to have your own adapter/transformer to plug mobile devices.



MONEY

For your personal spending money you can consider bringing a bankcard where you can access your own bank account through an ATM here. That way you won't have to travel with a lot of cash or bother purchasing travelers' cheques. Bank machines will dispense local currency. You will need extra spending money for things like: laundry, souvenirs, favorite snacks, communication, extra activities, etc.

Exchange Rate - there is a fixed exchange rate: 1 US\$ = 2.7 EC \$ (Eastern Caribbean Dollars). Most shopping malls and important stores can take US\$ notes from US \$50 and lower.



TRANSPORTATION

The base has a 9 seater van which we can use for ministry and other activities ... The public bus system can be quite reliable on some lines. We are about 3 minutes from the bus route on one end and about 10 minutes walk from another route (more reliable one) that can also take you into the city centre. (There is also the possibility of hiring vehicles at affordable rates). A public bus from the base to the city cost a little less than US\$1.00 per person.



FOOD

- If anyone in the team has a food allergy or any allergy that we should know of, please let us know before you arrive.

- Not all fruits you see on a tree around the Island or around the YWAM Base are edible please ask before giving a bite.

CLOTHING GUIDELINES

Bring cool, cotton clothes. It is very warm and humid here! Average temperature is between 27-30° C (78-86° F). Please bring modest clothing and keep in mind that Caribbean church culture is generally more conservative. We ask you to dress modestly because some of the areas you will be ministering in can be very traditional and even legalistic

Ladies –

Mid-thigh shorts Sleeveless shirts and tank tops (except spaghetti straps, tube tops) are quite acceptable. Please bring nicer dresses/skirts for church. Flip-flops are not appropriate for church.

Please leave all short-shorts and tight clothing at home. We are still getting the churches familiar with us here on the island, and the church culture here is very modest.

Knee length or just above the knee is OK but capris are comfortable and acceptable. Each situation will vary and some more relaxed but we don't want to make an issue out of how to dress, we just ask you to come willing to respect the culture.

We can not change people overnight, it takes respect. Women dress up on Sundays, especially if you are ministering.

For swimming, modest one or two piece tankini swim suits (no bikinis).

Gentlemen –

Please bring nicer slacks, dress shirts for church. Flip-flops are not appropriate for church.

Men, a nice dress shirt with a couple pairs of dress pants for ministry is good.

If any men wear earrings we ask you to remove them during this outreach especially when ministering in some churches.

To all -

Please bring comfortable walking shoes or sandals as well as you may be doing some walking.

Bring along some clothing you don't mind getting dirty or working with since we may be doing some practical ministry.'

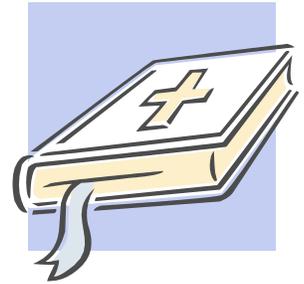
We ask team members to refrain from consuming alcoholic drinks and smoking while on the Island.

We are here to serve you and don't want these little cultural do's and don'ts to distract you from what God would have you do in this nation. Each one of you has a purpose here and it will be exciting to see how God uses you in Saint Lucia.

We look forward to serving with you!

PACKING CHECKLIST

- Personal Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, etc)
- A Bible (preferably a small one you can easily carry with you daily)
- A notebook/journal for notes
- We encourage teams to bring any musical instruments they can play.
- You are free to bring your laptop/ tablet since there will be internet connection at the base for a reasonable cost
- Sleeping Bag (optional),
- Bed sheets, pillow & pillow case
- Mosquito net
- Sunscreen,
- insect repellent
- spending money
- Personal Medicines
- Towels and washcloths
- Umbrella/Raincoat
- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- your team should bring their own first aid kit. (Pain/fever pills; cold pills, allergy, antibiotic creams, bandage, sunburn relief, etc...)



Additional Note: If anyone on your team has a **food allergy**, please make us aware of it before your arrival.

COMMUNICATION

- It is free to receive calls here on the YWAM telephone. But there are charges for all calls made any base phone; please check before making any calls.
- You are also free to bring your laptop or tablet since there will be internet connection (WIFI) at the YWAM centre at a reasonable cost for individual or the whole team.



ARRIVAL AND IMMIGRATION

There are two airports in Saint Lucia :

- George F. L. Charles Airport (SLU) – located in Castries (north of the Island) ,
- Hewanorra International Airport (UVF) – located in Vieux-Fort (South of the Island). There is at least 1h:30 minutes drive between the two, please send us your itinerary in advance to arrange the airport pick up.



YWAM is registered as a Faith Base and Training provider with the corresponding Government ministry, We have to keep especially the ministry of Social transformation updated when we have volunteers coming service or internship; for that purpose **we need your team to send us a list of the team members with the following information** for each team member: 1- Full Name, 2- Date of birth 3- Passport number and 4- country of Citizenship (if you have completed and send your team application form it should be ok; the team application form is available on the Link <http://ywamsl.org/download-forms-and-documents/>). Also if there is any minor (less than 18 years of age) traveling with the team without his/her parent, we ask that you send us a signed copy of the parent consent form that you can download on the same web site link and/ or a letter from the parent or legal Guardian indicating their consent for the minor traveling and participating with the program. The letter or form must have all their contact information (address, Home phone and cell phone number etc...)

NB: keep the original and travel with it since we will need it when you arrive. In some cases the immigration may want to see it at the port of entry.

When you arrive at the airport, just tell immigration that your host is **Guy and Marylin Inglis Weka Fotso**. The address you can use on your landing form is: **La Retraite Road, Rodney Heights, Gros Islet, Saint Lucia. Tel: 450-9926 / 286-2967 / 712-7498**

When everything is ok you should be given a stamp at the port of entry for a stay of up to 6 weeks if you are from North America or any EU country. After the 6 weeks if you are staying longer you will be required to pay an extension fee of US\$80 per month. so budget for that in case. We should be giving you a cover letter to facilitate the extension process there after in which case a passport size photo is needed.

MONEY TRANSFER

To pay your team fees or room and board we recommend you to do a wire transfer or bring along cash with you if possible, we accept US dollars.

If you do a wire transfer, make sure bank charges and transfer charges are not taken out of the fees and make sure the wire transfer arrives before you arrive in St.Lucia.

Our Bank Details are as follows:

Account Number: 2004433

Branch Transit Number: 60475002

Bank of Nova Scotia

6 William Peter Boulevard, P. O. Box 301, Castries, Saint LUCIA

Name on the account: Youth With A Mission Inc. SWIFT CODE: NOSCLCLC

(if outside St. Lucia)

For International transfer, some banks require US corresponding banks, in that case

Provide the following details; Transfer To:

US corresponding Bank:

JP Morgan Chase Bank NA

270 Park Avenue, New York NY

USA 10017 ,

Swift BIC: CHASUS33

CHIPS ABA #: 02

ABA#021000021

For Transfer to:

Bank of Nova Scotia

William Peter Boulevard

P O Box 301, Castries, St Lucia

Transit# 60475

Swift Address: NOSCLCLC

For Beneficiary Name:

Youth With A Mission Inc

Bank Account #: 2004433

Our Address if needed is:

YWAM Saint Lucia

P.O. Box 4029 Bocage,

Castries,

SAINT LUCIA (Eastern Caribbean)



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The Team

Youth With a Mission Saint Lucia.