

## **Flight & airport arrival information: FSD Tola**

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### **General Information**

**Your responsibilities:** Participants are responsible for making their own flight arrangements to and from the program site. Participants are also solely responsible for any airfare or other travel fees, charges, expenses or penalties, that might result from any cancellation of or change in the Participant's program, whether the Participant cancels the program or it is cancelled or altered by FSD. With this in mind, it would be prudent to consider purchasing flight insurance when buying your ticket abroad.

**Arrival:** All participants need to arrive at the Managua International airport on the designated session start date IF they wish to be picked up from the airport and escorted to the orientation site. The FSD program fee only covers travel costs for those being picked up at on the specified start date. Those arriving prior to the session start date will be responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodation, as well as any expenses incurred. Please make sure to keep this information in mind when booking your flight.

**Departure:** Please keep in mind your program end date when booking your flights. FSD will only cover the cost of transport and accommodation up until the program end date; travel arrangements following the program end date will be the responsibility of the participant.

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### **What airport should I fly into?**

You should fly into the Augusto C. Sandino International Airport in Managua, Airport code MGA.

### **Which airlines are recommended?**

It is recommended to choose one of the following recommended carriers: American Airlines, United, Continental, and Delta. Please try to choose a flight without an international layover.

### **How far is the orientation site from Managua?**

The average travel time from Managua to the orientation site depends on the whether the orientation site is in Tola or in the communities of Las Salinas/Limon. Average travel time by bus to Tola is between 3 and 4 hours. Travel to Las Salinas/Limon takes an additional 1 ½ to 2 hours. Two weeks prior to your session start date, the Site Team will send you an orientation itinerary with detailed information.

### **What happens if I arrive prior to the specified program start date?**

It is fine to arrive before the specified program start date. If you do, you should contact your site team to coordinate your arrival. They will be able to give you arrival information and tips to help ensure your safety and comfort.

### **What time should my flight arrive in Managua?**

Flights that arrive in Managua in the morning are easiest, because you can go directly to the orientation site without spending the night in Managua.

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## **What time should I book my return flight?**

Afternoon flights are recommended as they give plenty of time to travel from your host site to the airport.

## **Are there any other tips for arrival?**

The Site Team will send you Arrival Information one week prior to the session start date. This document will have the Site Team's contact information. Please make sure to keep this information on you at all times so if you are delayed or have any questions you can easily contact them.

If you are not able to arrive on the specified session start date or will be arriving ahead of time for travel please make sure to contact your site team. The following are guidelines to help ensure your safety in case you need to take a taxi:

- Make sure there is a red/white license plate on the back end of the taxi.
- Make sure the driver's cedula (identification) is pasted or hanging on the front window (it's pretty large, around 6 by 8 inches, and has a color photo of the driver).
- If there are others in the taxi, notice who they are: if they look sketchy, don't get in!
- Always determine the price before getting in. Ask: "por cuanto me llevo a (destination)?" Be ready with an approximate price in mind of what you are willing to pay.