



Welcome to the border, *la frontera*, where a fence punctuates the land, creating two worlds. Here at the intersection of cultures, languages and nations you will encounter spiritual, emotional, political and justice issues that will change you forever.



## Schedule

Step out of your everyday life – out of your comfort zone – and into experiential learning and cultural immersion.



The Border Immersion Program is an opportunity to learn about the issues that affect the lives of people living on the border. The program includes:

- Bilingual worship at Cristo Rey
- Fellowship at El Paso/Ciudad Juárez fence
- Presentations at various social justice ministries
- Assisting with After School Program
- Personal accounts of border life
- Exposure to Mexican & Mexican-American culture
- Tours of colonias (rural settlements) in El Paso
- Bible studies and daily processing, available upon request.
- Visit to ministries in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico available upon request
- Immigration Lawyer presentation

## Details

This week has a potential to be overwhelming physically, emotionally and spiritually. For this reason, the minimum age for participants is 15. Historically, church, high school, university, and seminary student groups have participated. The most effective group size is ten to fifteen people. (We have room for 20-25 when needed)

**\*We do not ask that participants identify with a particular religion/belief in order to take part in our program. All are welcome.**

## Cost

- \$350 per participant fee
- \$350 non-refundable deposit (applies toward group total) / \$400 for groups larger than 15
- \$250 cash gratuity for cleaning & transportation
- Food & other personal expenses

## Housing

Groups stay in two dorm-style rooms complete with bunks, shower facilities, towels and linens. Free wi-fi available.

## Meals

Groups prepare the majority of meals throughout the week. One to two meals are provided as a part of the experience. There are additional opportunities for local restaurant dining. Kitchen facilities are available for use.

## Transportation

Cristo Rey provides transportation while in El Paso, including trips to and from the airport. Please note that additional transportation fees will be charged for groups larger than 18.

## Language

Spanish language skills are helpful, but not necessary. Translators are provided.

## Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey

We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We minister to people on both sides of the international border. We are a community called to share the Good News and make disciples everywhere. We are committed to love God, above all things, and our neighbors. Because of this, we strive to offer a beautiful worship, to be hospitable, to meet the needs of the community, and to share of ourselves with all cultures.



## Ministries

Since Cristo Rey began in 1990, its projects and programs have been a visible sign of its mission within the community. These ministries include:

- Border Immersion Program
- Bible Studies & Prayer Group
- Partnership with Border Servant Corps
- Central El Paso Community Organization
- Ciudad Juarez Medical Ministry
- Cristo Rey After School Program
- Downtown Church Connection
- English Classes
- Youth Ministry

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“1010 East Yandell Drive El Paso, TX 79902”

Donations are tax deductible.

## **BORDER IMMERSION PROGRAM**



**Cristo Rey Border Immersion Program seeks to educate participants about border issues through shared learning, experience, work and prayer.**

*Come to the border.  
Come to be changed.*