

HOW MUCH SPENDING MONEY SHOULD I BRING?

There are many unique things to buy, restaurants to eat in, and activities to participate in, etc. Because of the cheap prices, many volunteers buy Christmas and birthday presents, etc. for months in advance. Some volunteers do not carefully budget their spending and run short of money. The amount you spend varies depending on how much you go out to eat, rent movies, take taxis, participate in “extra” activity options, etc. and on how many souvenirs you buy for yourself and/or for others as gifts. You can “get by” on around \$200. A recent survey showed that the average volunteer spends around \$500. Some volunteers end up spending as much as \$600-\$700 and some more than that. These figures generally apply to all volunteers, regardless of whether they stay four weeks or twelve weeks. You’re the only one who can estimate how much to bring.