Cultural Activities

From the indigenous weaving community of El Chile to the colonial architecture of Granada, you’ll experience the beauty and variety of Nicaraguan culture.

While in San Ramon we’ll meet local artisans and craftspeople to explore the opportunities and challenges facing fair trade producers in the global market.

Homestay Families

- Experience life in the village of San Ramon with Nicaraguan host families who have years of experience in caring for international guests
- Families offer guests clean and safe accommodations
- Hosts provide purified water, mosquito nets and carefully prepared meals
- Practice your Spanish & non-verbal language skills
- Experience Nicaraguan culture & its traditions with family members
Focusing on: Sustainability, Community and Youth Development

Building on the work of last year's successful CCE/ESP exploratory brigade, this trip will focus on collaborative work with Nicaraguan partners. We are planning for a number of short (5 day) projects focused within the general topic areas of sustainability, community and youth development.

We have identified some potential projects which can serve as guides to the type of work we are hoping to accomplish. We will work with you during the planning (pre-trip) stages to ensure that collaborators and conditions in Nicaragua are in place.

We will spend the first 4 days of the trip together, as a group, in San Ramon. The middle of the trip includes the 5 day project period, with participants dispersing to one of four locations across Nicaragua. The final days will re-unite the group as a whole for reporting and reflection.

Cost:

Cost for the trip: $1200.00
(not including airfare)
Cost includes all transportation in Nicaragua, Meals, Lodging and activities.
Knowledge of Spanish not required.

Questions?
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Potential Project Areas

- Women's economic development
  - Microenterprise—San Ramon and/or Leon
  - Economic empowerment and impacts

- Youth Development
  - Cesesma—San Ramon
  - Peace Corp—Nagarote
  - Biblioteca La Chispa—Matagalpa

- Community development
  - Community mapping—San Ramon
  - Comparative demographics
  - Library / Community center—Matagalpa

- Agriculture and education
  - UCA (cooperatives) - San Ramon
  - Agroecology/IPM —UNAN Leon
  - Sustainable Ag development—Leon

Tentative Schedule

August 3 Arrive Nicaragua
August 4 Travel to San Ramon for orientation and group activities
August 5 San Ramon, Matagalpa Cooperatives and Coffee Production
August 6 San Ramon & El Chile—Microenterprise, women's development projects
August 7—11 Working period. San Ramon, Leon and Nagarote—Group projects will take place during this 5 day period.
August 12 & 13 Granada—Reconvene in Granada. Time for reporting, reflection.
August 14 Depart Nicaragua