

Western University | Scholars Alternative Spring Break in Nicaragua
February 18-25, 2017

	SAT 18	SUN 19	MON 20	TUE 21	WED 22	THU 23	FRI 24	SAT 25
7:00 Break		Hostal	Hostal	Hostal	Hostal	Hostal	Hostal	
8:00 - 12:00	Travel to Nicaragua	Rural Orientation	Service Learning Project @ Coffee Farm	Service Learning Project @ Coffee Farm	Service Learning Project @ Coffee Farm	Media and Communication Workshop	Evaluation Colonial Granada	Travel to Canada
12:30 Lunch		CESESMA	CESESMA	CESESMA	CESESMA	CESESMA	En route	
1:30 - 5:00		Service Learning Project @ Coffee Farm	Service Learning Project @ Coffee Farm	Service Learning Project @ Coffee Farm	Service Learning Project @ Coffee Farm	Media and Communication Workshop	Colonial Granada	
6:00 Dinner	En route	Hostal		Hostal		Hostal	En route	
EVE	Travel to Matagalpa	Group Reflection	Hostal	Group Reflection	Hostal	Group Reflection	Colonial Granada	

Participant Goals:

1. To learn about people, issues, and organizations that are agents of civic change in your local and international community.
2. To contribute to short-term (housing, water, mural) and long-term (education, health) projects identified by Nicaraguan partners.
3. To explore and inspire your own and other people's personal growth, academic interests, and career direction.

Expectations of Participants:

1. Respect the Standards of Practice of Global Service Learning.
2. Attend and fulfill your group's pre-departure requirements.
3. Pay and/or fundraise for your program costs as necessary.
4. Independently research and read about Nicaragua.
5. Learn and practice useful Spanish phrases.
6. Be flexible and cooperative in a cross-cultural context.
7. Return to Canada and share the benefits of your experience widely.

Price, based on 13 students + 2 staff/faculty:

Transportation	= \$134 (10%) includes 2 airport transfers, daily transport to/from program and project destinations, on-call access
Accommodation	= \$168 (12%) includes shared bedroom, bathroom, internet, 8 breakfasts and 6 dinners
Excursions, Meals Out	= \$102 (7%) includes entrance to volcano, events, zipline, colonial Granada, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
Community Project	= \$500 (36%) includes advance planning, equipment, materials, delivery, local labour, and 5 community lunches
Coordinators, Interpreters	= \$333 (24%) includes advance planning, orientation, facilitation, interpretation, health, safety, and group management 24/7
Continuous Operations	= \$163 (11%) includes administration, accounting, communications, office space, and supplies

Total USD = \$1,400 per person **Subject to revision in September 2016**

Not included:

Personal excursions and activities not listed on the itinerary. Out-of-country health and travel insurance. Entry and/or exit visas to Nicaragua, if applicable. Airfare to/from Managua (MGA) where this itinerary begins and ends. Fluctuations in currency, fuel, service, or gratuity rates resulting in unforeseen surcharges.

Terms & Conditions:

USD\$200 per person deposit payable by cheque, e-transfer, direct deposit, or wire transfer (plus \$15 fee) to "Compañeros Inc" account at Bank of Montreal. **Due Sep 19, 2016.**
USD\$1,200 final payment by same method as deposit. **Due January 27, 2017.** Late penalty of 5% on past due outstanding balance.

Participants must carry a valid **passport** with an expiry date 6 months beyond the date of return. The name in their passport must match their bus or plane ticket and Registration document. Participants are responsible for ensuring **proper documentation** for entry/exit via countries of transit and destination.

Participants are responsible for determining their own out-of-country health and trip cancellation, interruption, and baggage **insurance** coverage needs and demonstrating proof of coverage before departure upon request.

The organizers reserve the right at any time before or during the trip to **cancel and revoke registrations** and refund participants in part or in full should they perceive correctly or incorrectly the participant constitutes a threat to the well-being and security of the program, other participants, and/or partner organizations. Should Compañeros Inc not be able to deliver the stated program it will endeavour to provide comparable alternatives and/or refund amounts remaining after existing liabilities are paid. **Refunds** for voluntary participant withdrawal after payment are entirely at the discretion of Compañeros Inc.

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