



Global Community Health Volunteers (GCHV)
Education Team

- Following is a sample itinerary for an *Education Team* composed of students that are interested in a profession as a **Teacher**.
- This draft itinerary is for a 9-day program, and includes 3 meals per day, in-country transportation, lodging, 24-hour staff assistance, and in-country orientation.
- This itinerary is adapted to the experience of each group in the area where the community is located, the type of program, and is subject to changes before and during the experience.
- Cost for the program is **\$1250.00** plus application fee **\$50.00**. Program cost is based on a minimum of 10 students.

Goal: To learn about global education, provide education and improvements in educational techniques where students and faculty have a lack of resources, experience Nicaraguan culture, and gain perspective on the global landscape.

Safety Measures: Built into every GCHV Program will be many safety precautions specific to the Coronavirus Pandemic to include all breakfasts and dinners at the hotel, lunch served at the school sites, dedicated transport to/from the schools with buses cleaned after each transportation, increased screening protocols in the schools, hand-wash/alcohol stations, masks provided for all students, GCHV employees, and additional/replacement masks provided for all students that arrive to the school, adherence to any/all State Department/Embassy calls for additional precautions, screenings, quarantines, etc. During house visits replacement/additional masks will be provided to local inhabitants that need them as a part of a public health campaign, and when doing the initial assessments at these houses the students will practice social distancing. Additionally, GCHV will have MD's on site to monitor student health on a daily basis to include temperature checks and health screenings prior to departure for the school, at lunchtime, and in the evenings after supper.

Day 1 (Saturday)

Meet GCHV staff at the International Airport of Managua.

Transport and settle into hotel

Welcome Dinner

Day 2 (Sunday)

Morning:

“Welcome to Nicaragua” orientation at the hotel.

Afternoon:

Seminars (Local Teachers and Staff)

Simulated School Scenarios

Evening:

Eco-Tourism Activity

Group reflection; discuss tomorrow’s agenda

Day 3 (Monday)

Morning:

Volunteers will do “home visits”, accompanied by GCHV staff and local community volunteers, letting the local residents know that we are providing educational assistance in the local schools, and while visiting the homes we will also be assessing living conditions of the students. Along with a team of teachers, and interpreters, we analyze the current living conditions and habits that affect the well-being of our students. This house visit program will allow the volunteers to correlate lifestyle with the ability of students to learn in the school setting.

Afternoon:

Student teaching experience at Gloria Palacios School

Evening:

Seminars (Local Teachers and Staff)

Group Reflection; discuss tomorrow’s agenda

Day 4 (Tuesday)

Morning/Afternoon:

Student teaching experience at Gloria Palacios School

Late Afternoon:

Eco-Tourism Activity

Evening:

Seminars (Local Teachers and Staff)

Group Reflection; discuss tomorrow’s agenda.

Day 5 (Wednesday)

Morning/Afternoon:

Student teaching experience at Gloria Palacios School

Late Afternoon:

Eco-Tourism Activity

Evening:

Seminars (Local Teachers and Staff)

Group Reflection; discuss tomorrow’s agenda

Day 6 (Thursday)

Morning/Afternoon:

Student teaching experience at Gloria Palacios School

Late Afternoon:

Eco-Tourism Activity

Evening:

Eco-Tourism Activity

Group Reflection; discuss tomorrow's agenda

Day 7 (Friday)

Morning:

Student teaching experience at Gloria Palacios School

Afternoon:

Education fair in assigned communities. On this day we will share educational resources and celebrate the successes of the students and their teachers.

Late Afternoon:

Eco-Tourism Activity

Evening:

Group Reflection; discuss tomorrow's agenda

Day 8 (Saturday)

Recreation day:

Eco-Tourism Activities

Day 9 (Sunday)

Departure

Specialty Seminars - to include but are not limited to the following:

- Introductory Spanish class
- Introductory English class for those with limited English proficiency
- Learning the Nicaraguan teaching system.
- How do the different levels of Primary (Elementary School), Secondary (High School) and University (College) differ?
- Educational resources in Nicaragua
- Community role in education
- Barriers to education
- Successes in education

Potential Eco-Tourism Opportunities: (Facilitated through collaboration with Nica Bike Ecotours)

- Granada Sightseeing
 - Granada Islets
 - Chocolate Museum
 - Zipline
 - Volcan Masaya (Day / Night)
 - San Juan De Oriente
 - Catarina
 - Mercado de Artesania
 - Coyotepe
 - Cultural Cooking Class
 - Cultural Dance Class / Zumba Dance Class
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