



Global Community Health Volunteers (GCHV)  
*Veterinary Team*

- Following is a sample itinerary for a *Veterinary Team* composed of students that are interested in a profession as a **Veterinarian**.
- 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 **\$1950.00** plus application fee **\$50.00**. Program cost is based on a minimum of 10 students.

**Goal:** To learn about global health issues in small and large animal species and pets, provide education to populations about pet health care, 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 clinical sites, dedicated transport to/from the clinical sites with buses cleaned after each transportation, increased screening protocols in the clinical sites, handwash/alcohol stations, masks provided for all students, GCHV employees, and additional/replacement masks provided for all staff in the clinical sites, 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 an MD on site to monitor students on a daily basis to include temperature checks and health screenings prior to departure for the clinical site, 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:** Breakfast

“Welcome to Nicaragua” orientation at the hotel by the GCHV Staff.

**Afternoon:**

*Seminars* (Local Veterinarian and Staff)

**Evening:**

*Eco-Tourism Activity*

Group reflection; discuss tomorrow’s agenda

## **Day 3 (Monday)**

**Morning/Afternoon:**

Community Visit. On this day we will conduct a house to house visit in order to recognize the types of pets that the inhabitants have, will learn about typical health problems suffered by the pets, and we will invite the residents to bring their pets to our clinics to be evaluated for healthcare issues.

**Evening:**

*Seminars* (Local Veterinarian and Staff)

Group Reflection; discuss tomorrow’s agenda

## **Day 4 (Tuesday)**

**Morning/Afternoon:**

Veterinary Community Clinic

**Late Afternoon:**

*Eco-Tourism Activity*

**Evening:**

*Seminars* (Local Veterinarian and Staff)

Group Reflection; discuss tomorrow’s agenda.

## **Day 5 (Wednesday)**

**Morning/Afternoon:**

Veterinary Community Clinic

**Late Afternoon:**

*Eco-Tourism Activity*

**Evening:**

*Seminars* (Local Veterinarian and Staff)

Group Reflection; discuss tomorrow’s agenda

## **Day 6 (Thursday)**

### **Morning/Afternoon:**

Veterinary Community Clinic

### **Late Afternoon:**

*Eco-Tourism Activity*

### **Evening:**

*Eco-Tourism Activity*

Group Reflection; discuss tomorrow's agenda

## **Day 7 (Friday)**

### **Morning:**

Clinic at Large Animal Farm: On this day we will be working with Cows, Goats and Horses.

### **Afternoon:**

Continue working at Large Animals Farm

### **Late Afternoon:**

*Eco-Tourism Activity*

### **Evening:**

Group Reflection; discuss tomorrow's agenda

## **Day 8 (Saturday)**

### **Recreation day:**

*Eco-Tourism Activities*

## **Day 9 (Sunday)**

### **Departure**

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

- Introductory Spanish with focus on veterinary vocabulary
  - How to do a physical exam on small animals.
  - How to do a physical exam on large animals
  - Care of large animals
  - Care of small animals
  - Care of family pets
  - Pets in our community
  - Pharmacy, injection and suturing
  - Surgical procedures
  - Medicines commonly used
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**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 Artesanía
  - Coyotepe
  - Cultural Cooking Class
  - Cultural Dance Class / Zumba Dance Class
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