

2019 Nicaraguan Adventure

Please join me for a ten day Nicaraguan Adventure, January 31st-February 9th, 2019 at La Mariposa Spanish School and Eco Hotel in San Juan de la Concepcion, Nicaragua south of Managua.

In our time together we we'll learn more about the rich culture, history and beauty of Nicaragua as well as get to know its amazingly gracious and friendly people. From our home base of La Mariposa where we'll be safe and well cared for by the amazing, hospitable staff, we'll take part in a variety of fun, interesting and educational experiences.

We'll spend mornings in one on one Spanish classes discussion topics of your choice. (All ability levels are welcome, beginners to advanced) Or you can participate in activities such as:

- Visiting local maraca makers
- Learning about indigenous painting
- Learning about Nicaraguan history
- Learning to cook traditional Nicaraguan cuisine.
- Hiking, bird watching or riding horses with La Mariposa's rescued animals.



Afternoons will be filled

with lots of fun and educational experiences including visits to

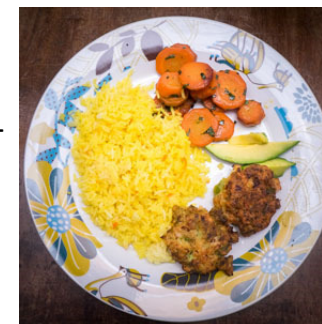
- The artisanal town of San Juan de Oriente where you can try your hand at making pottery
- Local wood carvers, guitar makers and leather workers in the historic town of Masaya
- Candy confectioners and furniture workshops in nearby Masatepe
- La Mariposa's Nature reserve to learn about environmental issues and the impact of climate change in the developing world
- The Chispas de Vida Center for disabled children
- The live crater of the Masaya volcano
- A local pineapple farm
- The Pacific village of La Boquita to relax, enjoy some good food, libations and swim
- Volunteer opportunities in the community



Evenings opportunities will include films and discussion and a fiesta with a local marimba band and folklore dancing. The brave can opt for a night time walk. Weekends will give us some time to relax at the stunning Laguna de Apoyo, an ancient crater lake, and to spend time in the colonial city of Granada to enjoy

the local cuisine, visit a chocolate museum and take a relaxing boat tour of the isletas on the nearby lake.

Cost NOT INCLUDING roundtrip airfare from your point of transit to Managua includes room and board, mostly vegetarian meals with locally grown organic fruits and vegetables, trips and classes, translation where necessary as well as airport pick up and drop off.



- \$470 for a single room at La Mariposa (private bath and solar heated shower)
- \$390 for a shared room at La Mariposa
- \$310 for an eco lodge room (shared latrine and shower)
- \$280 for a shared eco lodge room
- \$250 for a homestay with a local family or in one of the cabins at La Reserva.

Deposit of \$150 payable to Ascension Lutheran Church no later than December 31st, 2018. Please contact me, Brian Peterson at brianpeterson1965@gmail.com or at 512.497.2833 for more information.