

SERVICE LEARNING IN GUATEMALA (9 days / 8 nights)

Antigua - Vuelta Grande



This program is developed for students interested to make a positive impact through service learning projects, deepen their understanding of other cultures and integrate in meaningful community service activities.

During the service learning experience in Vuelta Grande students will teach English lessons to the local students from age 3-13 at FUNCOLI'S Learning Center, which has been established in 2014 to give local children the opportunity to attend daily classes, receive a nourishing meal, and participate in art workshops. Additionally, students will help with the construction of dry latrines or ecological stoves. Dry latrines greatly reduce the contamination of ground water, while ecological stoves help to reduce respiratory ailments and deforestation.

Fundación Corazones Libres (FUNCOLI) is a Guatemala based non-profit organization. Its goal is to improve the education, health, infrastructure, living conditions, and community development in the indigenous Maya communities. From the beginning in 2013, CEPA Foundation has worked in close partnership with FUNCOLI to provide funding and to build a learning center.

Day 1 >> Sat.: Guatemala City - Antigua

- Stay 1 night at a 3-star hotel in Antigua
- Flight to Guatemala City and arrival at Guatemala City Airport (group flight can be booked separately)
 - Transportation by private bus to the hotel
 - Orientation session with your coordinator at the hotel
 - Welcome dinner at a restaurant in Antigua

Day 2 >> Sun.: Antigua - Vuelta Grande

- Stay 5 nights at the Antigua Mountain Lodges in Vuelta Grande
- Guided walking tour of Antigua
 - Transportation by private bus to Vuelta Grande
 - Information session on the Guatemalan and Maya culture

Day 3-6 >> Mon.-Thur.: Vuelta Grande

- Service learning activity: Instruction of local Maya children at FUNCOLI'S Learning Center
- Further service learning options: Help with the construction of latrines, stoves or houses for the local population.
- Tortilla baking workshop during one afternoon
- *Optional cooking class with local community including a trip to local market*

Day 7 >> Fri.: Vuelta Grande - Antigua

- Stay 2 nights at a 3-star hotel in Antigua
- Service learning activity in the morning
 - Transportation by private bus to Antigua in the afternoon

- Guided tour of a coffee plantation incl. group lunch to learn about the coffee production in Guatemala

Day 8 >> Sat.: Antigua

- Free day to explore the city
- *Alternative activities can be arranged*
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant

Day 9 >> Sun.:

Antigua - Guatemala City

- Transportation by private bus to Guatemala City Airport
- Return flight (not included in the package price)

PROGRAM PRICE:
\$ 1,390 PER PERSON

based on a minimum number of 12 paying participants

As of March 2024

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS SAMPLE ITINERARY:

Service learning experience as described • cultural excursions and field trips with local, bilingual guides • accommodation in a 3-star hotel in Antigua (twin or triple rooms) and the Antigua Mountain Lodges in Vuelta Grande (multi-bedded dorms for students, faculty in single rooms) • daily breakfast • welcome and farewell dinner in Antigua • full board in Vuelta Grande • local transportation by private coach bus as needed • local on-site coordinator during all planned activities • gratuities for guides, drivers and waiters

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

Materials for stoves and latrines (approx. material cost per unit \$250-350) • fundraising opportunities are available through CEPA Foundation (to be discussed) • airfare • insurance