



# Educational Tours



## SUPPORTING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IN NICARAGUA

8-10 days

### MEANINGFUL. SUSTAINABLE. UNFORGETTABLE.

Explore the vibrant city of Granada and journey into the rural landscape where you'll live and work alongside community members. With access to sustainable grassroots projects, you'll work side by side with locals to help empower residents and children through education-based projects, like building schools, restoring old classrooms, building hand-washing stations and more. You'll also get firsthand experience of environmental conservation as you hike alongside volcanoes, walk through a coffee plantation, and participate in meaningful workshops at your coastal retreat.

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Estimated service hours

#### YOUR SERVICE PROJECT THEMES

We work with the award-winning charity Free The Children to better understand the needs of each community and then focus projects on those issues. Themes include:

- Education
- Health
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Alternative Income and Livelihood
- Agriculture and Food Security

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## What to expect on this Service Learning Tour

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### MEANINGFUL SERVICE

Working side by side with locals, you'll gain insight into the challenges they face and build lasting solutions to help empower the community.

#### Projects include:

- Building and restoring projects in school communities so local students have a safe place to learn
- Constructing public hand-washing stations and digging trenches to provide access to clean water

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### CULTURAL IMMERSION

Live near the communities you serve—celebrating customs and forming lasting connections with locals.

#### Activities include:

- Visiting a local school and playing sports and games with young students
- Visiting the impressive Masaya Volcano with your group
- Exploring the San Rafael del Sur Market filled with local crafts and specialties

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### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Your Field Director takes your global service experience even further, developing and strengthening leadership skills through activities and workshops.

#### Exercises include:

- Investigating global issues, exploring social issues and building leadership skills in expert-led workshops
- Contextualizing the day's events through thoughtful discussion and group dialogue
- Reflective journaling to deepen the service experience



Local children lead American students on a morning walk to their school





Students help build the foundation of a new school



Residents teach students the local craft of pottery

## 8-DAY ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrive in Managua

Meet your Field Director at the airport and travel to your accommodations for a group orientation.

### Days 2-7: Service Project— Managua: Free The Children Community

As communities evolve so do their needs. That's why we work closely with Free The Children to better understand the local challenges. Since projects are determined closer to your actual tour date, here's a glimpse at what a typical day might look like.

- Each morning, you'll begin your service project in a nearby village.
- Spend afternoons immersed in cultural activities, such as a full day in Granada, where you'll experience a guided sightseeing tour of this 16th-century city.
- Evenings are a chance to reflect, discuss events as a group, and draw connections between the day's work and relevant global issues.

### Day 8: Depart for home

#### ✦ Add days 8-10: Central Pacific Coast

Enjoy additional days at a coastal community for some relaxation, reflection and a beach BBQ after your service project.



## LOCAL INSIGHT AND SUPPORT

Your Field Director deepens your connection to the land, people and culture. With local perspective on community challenges and skilled training in service leadership, they'll provide insight and global context, as they:

- Lead skill-building workshops and meaningful group reflections
- Connect you with local non-profits and nearby villages
- Facilitate group orientation and safety training
- Handle all on-tour details, from meals to transportation

*"For my daughter and her friend, this was truly an adventure of a lifetime. Their good qualities and their profound values are accentuated and the goodness just radiates through."*

Lily L., Parent



**Everything you get:** 7 overnight stays, 9 with extension; Round-trip flights on major carriers; Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner; Local ground transportation; Full-time Field Director; Sustainable service project with Free The Children; Service hours that count towards academic credit; Sightseeing tours led by expert guides; Entrance fees



Friends take a moment for reflection at the water's edge



Students prepare the soil for use in community gardens



Two local children and their new American friend pose for a photo

## Your partners in global education

### EF EDUCATIONAL TOURS

For over 50 years, EF has worked with educators across the world to help millions of students become citizens of the world through one global mission: Opening the World Through Education. With more than 500 schools and offices in over 50 countries, our staff can respond in person wherever you are, 24 hours a day. We're also an accredited educational institution, offering students the option to earn high school and college credit.

### ME TO WE

ME to WE is an innovative social enterprise that provides people with better choices for a better world. It measures the bottom line—not by annual dollars earned, but by the number of lives changed and the positive social and environmental impact made. Half of ME to WE's annual net profit is donated to the Free The Children charity, and the remainder is reinvested to further the social mission of their enterprise.

### START PLANNING

To enroll on this tour, ask your teacher for the tour number and visit [eftours.com/enroll](http://eftours.com/enroll) or call 800-665-5364