

SERVICE LEARNING GUATEMALA

ANTIGUA TO
VUELTA GRANDE
(9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS)



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, 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. Additional and/or different service-learning projects are available upon request.



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FUNDACIÓN CORAZONES LIBRES
FREE HEARTS FOUNDATION

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. Since 2013, CEPA Foundation has worked in close partnership with FUNCOLI to provide funding and to build and maintain a learning center.



CEPA is committed to positively impacting climate and social sustainability and strives to be a leader in environmental sustainability within international education. As part of this commitment, we offset the carbon footprint of our company's operations and the footprint created on-site by our study abroad programs in Europe. Additionally, we go the extra mile by funding environmental projects that plant native trees for each program participant.



SERVICE LEARNING IN GUATEMALA

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

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

Days 3 - 6 >> Mon.-Thurs.: Antigua - 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

- Private bus transfer to Guatemala City Airport
- Return flight (not included in the package price)



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 bus as needed
- Local on-site coordinator during all planned activities
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, and waiters
- Offsetting the emissions created on-site during the program

Program Price:

\$ 1,490 per person

(based on a minimum number of 10 participants)

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Not included in the price: Materials for stoves and latrines (approx. material cost per unit \$250-350), fundraising opportunities are available through CEPA Foundation (to be discussed), airfare, and insurance