



# NICARAGUA

Join Seeds of Learning for a life changing trip to Nicaragua and help transform the lives of children through access to better education. Work alongside community members to build and equip schools and libraries in rural areas.

## TRAVEL PROGRAM INCLUDES:

predeparture information sessions and workshops, all in country transportation, all in country meals and accommodation, a tour leader, 24 hour emergency support, and volunteer and sightseeing experiences.

## ITINERARY

**DAY 1:**

Arrive in Managua, overnight

**DAY 2:**

Travel to volunteer site and start work

**DAY 3-6:**

Volunteer days at the Project

**DAY 7:**

Visit to Selva Negra

**DAY 8:**

Travel to Mombacho Volcano and colonial Granada

**DAY 9:**

Explore the crater lake and then travel home



## ABOUT SEEDS OF LEARNING

Seeds of Learning is dedicated to improving educational opportunities in rural Latin America. A "SOL work group" is a team of volunteers who travel together to Nicaragua to learn, share and serve in partnership with local communities. North American volunteers spend 6-9 days together, working alongside of Nicaraguans to share in the construction of a school, learning center, garden, or other educational project. The transformative work group experience is designed to promote solidarity and cross-cultural understanding between people of the global north and global south through hands-on community based projects, face to face meetings, and active participation in SOL's programs, in order to better understand and reduce poverty and inequality in the world.

The emphasis is on building bridges of friendship and crosscultural understanding with Nicaraguans. International volunteers will work with Nicaragua staff and community volunteers to build or repair educational infrastructure and/or participate in other educational exchanges.

## INFRASTRUCTURE/ CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

Most volunteer groups spend time working on a learning resource center (LRC), a classroom, kitchen or storage facility area of a new or existing school. Usually it takes several groups over the course of a year to complete an infrastructure project. Reinforced brick or cinderblock buildings with metal roofs are the most common structures. Construction volunteers may move or pack dirt, sift sand, mix concrete, carry bricks, fill joints with mortar, bend rebar, help put on the roof, or perhaps paint. Alternative building supplies and materials are used when possible.

## TYPICAL DAY:

Each day you will travel to a community worksite to meet the community where you will help build the public school classroom or learning center. Construction work will be alongside local volunteers every morning. Each afternoon will have local excursions to visit places such as a chocolate production plant, coffee cooperatives, women's jewelry coop, hike to a waterfalls and more. Afternoon and evening discussions and presentations by local community members, organizations and teachers.

