

Program Group: Labor Religion and Fair Trade
13th February - 20th February 2010

DAY 1: Saturday, February 13

8:15 pm Participants arrive at Managua Int, Airport in the evening.
9:00 pm Accommodation at the hotel Los Cisneros in Managua and light dinner.
Overnight in Hotel los Cisneros in Managua

DAY 2: Sunday, February 14

7:00 am Breakfast at the hotel Los Cisneros

7:30 am Orientation to health and safety guidelines, schedule review and introductions by Matagalpa Tours guide and Maureen Casey

9:00 am Orientation on current events in Nicaragua by a member of the "Coordinadora Civil" in Nicaragua.
<http://www.ccer.org.ni>

11:00 am Brief city tour in Managua. Visit to Sandino Museum; earthquake area, historical center of Managua

12:30 pm Lunch in Managua

1:30 pm Departure to Matagalpa

3:30 pm Brief city tour in Matagalpa.

6:00 pm Accommodation at the Casa Materna's guest house "La Casita" in Matagalpa and La Buena Nota Guest House

7:00 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Overnight in Matagalpa

DAY 3: Monday, February 15

- 7:00 am Breakfast at the Casa Materna's guest house "La Casita" in Matagalpa
- 8:00 am Visit to the Casa Materna Mary Ann Jackman in Matagalpa. This is a center where women from the rural areas with a pregnancy of high risk come before to give birth at the public hospital. They also run a health education program in the rural communities
<http://casamaterna.org/>
- 9.30 am Orientations by Maureen Casey
- 10:30 am Meeting with an economist to discuss about economic conditions, wage and price of the week's basic groceries for a family in Nicaragua. Time for reflection based on actual and real cases. Shopping time to get to know closely the real price of the products at the stores in Nicaragua.
- 12:30 pm Lunch in with Matagalpa Tours staff
- 2:00 pm **CECOCAFEN PROGRAM**
Welcome meeting at CECOCAFEN by Santiago Dolmus. Fair trade lecture, prices and market crisis.
<http://coopcoffees.com/what/producers/ceococaen-nicaragua>
- 3:30 pm Departure to the community **La Reyna**
- 4:30 pm Arrival to the community. Welcome activity to the visitors in the cooperative. Briefing of community history and short walking tour of the community. Split the group and accommodation at the home stays
- 6:30 pm Dinner at the home stays
- Overnight in the Community La Reyna

DAY 4: Tuesday, February 16

- 6:00 am Breakfast at the home stay at the Community La Reyna

7:00 am	Meeting and visit to the coffee farm to learn about the traditional coffee process. Coffee tour and participation on picking coffee
11:00 am	Meeting with members of the coffee cooperative (History and working in the cooperative)
12:30 am	Group lunch in the community with a family
2:00 pm	Workshop: A Typical Nicaraguan food " Nacatamales"
3:30 pm	Visit and meeting at the school in the community. Time to play with the children from this primary school.
6:00 pm	Dinner together in the community. Dinner made of Nacatamales
7:00 pm	Cultural evening (guitar music, typical dances) Overnight in the community La Reyna

DAY 5: Wednesday, February 17 (Group San Ramón)

6:30 am	Breakfast at the home stay at the community
7:30 am	Time to say good bye to the families at the community
9:00 am	Visit the Casa del Niño (Children´s House) in San Ramón. The Casa de Niño runs several different types of projects including an art and theatre school, a papermaking-recycling cooperative for women, and a natural medicine pharmacy.
10:15 am	Walking and brief city tour in San Ramón
11:00 am	Visit and meeting at the health center in San Ramón (talking about the Nicaraguans Public Health System)
12:30 m	Lunch in San Ramón
2:00pm	Visit to UCA-San Ramón offices to talk with the communitarian tourism general manager.
3:00 pm	Departure to Matagalpa
3:30 pm	Accommodation at the Casa Materna guest house "La Casita" in Matagalpa
4:00 pm	Rest, shower and reflexion time

6:30 pm Dinner in Matagalpa
Accommodation at the Casa Materna's guest house "La Casita" in Matagalpa and La Buena Nota

DAY 5: Wednesday, February 17 (Group El Chile Community)

6:30 am Breakfast at the home stay at the community
7:30 am Time to say good bye to the families at the community
9:00 am Departure to the Indigenous Community El Chile
12:00 m Campesinos lunch in the community El Chile
2:00pm Visit to UCA-San Ramón offices to talk with the communitarian tourism general manager.
3:00 pm Departure to Matagalpa
3:30 pm Accommodation at the Casa Materna guest house "La Casita" in Matagalpa and La Buena Nota
4:00 pm Rest, shower and reflexion time
6:30 pm Dinner in Matagalpa
Accommodation at the Casa Materna's guest house "La Casita" in Matagalpa

DAY 6: Thursday, February 18

7:00 am Breakfast at the Casa Materna's guest house "La Casita" in Matagalpa
9:00 am Visit and tour the SOLCAFE dry mill (beneficio húmedo) with a coffee tasting session.
11:00 am Departure to Managua
12:30 am Lunch on the way to Managua
2:00pm Visit the Dos Generaciones's project in Acahualinca, that works with children who work in the municipal garbage dump. Visit the dump and time to play with children at the Escuela Esperanza. Conversation with a representative of Dos

Generaciones to talk about the project and the experience.

5:30pm Accommodation at hotel Los Cisneros in Managua

6:00 pm Reflexion time

7:30 pm Dinner at the hotel Los Cisneros in Managua

Overnight at the hotel Los Cisneros in Managua

DAY 7: Friday, February 19

7:00 am Breakfast at the hotel Los Cisneros in Matagalpa

8:00 am Meeting at Jubilee House, visit and learn about their Fair Trade project in Ciudad Sandino

<http://www.jhc-cdca.org/cdca.html>

11:30 am Visit to the Nueva Vida Fair Trade Zone in Ciudad Sandino in Managua

<http://www.nuevavidafairtradezone.org/>

1:00 am Lunch and visit to the Masaya market

4:00 pm Visit to the national park: Masaya Volcano

5:30 pm Meeting with the group to evaluate the tour and activities

7:30 pm Dinner, cultural activity and recreation night at Casa Mejía Godoy in Managua

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carlos_Mej%C3%ADa_Godoy

Overnight in hotel Los Cisneros in Managua

DAY 8: Saturday, February 20

Travel back to US