TRAVEL STUDY

Nicaragua

January 3rd - January 11th 2015

INTRODUCTION

Experience all that Nicaragua has to offer from deserted beaches and the active volcanoes of the countryside, to the ancient cathedrals and exquisite art and architecture of the cities of Leon and Chinandega. This will be a unique educational adventure, residing in a rural fishing village and working directly with the local communities on issues of art, environment and sustainability , it will be an experience you will never forget. Nicaragua is a place you will fall in love with and never want to leave...

COURSE DESCRIPTION

ILMS 300: Sustaining Creative (ex)Change
2 Credits, IL or Studio

Nicaragua is rich with culture, natural beauty and a joyous and diverse race of people, but years of war, dictatorship and natural disasters have rendered it a country of extreme poverty with much of the population lacking in basic needs such as clean water, housing and health care. Working in partnership with the local communities of the fishing village of juiqillilo, as well as the city of Chinandega, participants will develop creative learning tools, products and programs in order to raise awareness, educate and sustain a better quality of life. Participants will be immersed into the rich culture of Nicaragua and exposed to social and environmental issues and challenges that the population faces. This travel program will allow participants the opportunity to work with local people to develop, and integrate creative solutions that will educate, and attempt to address these issues, and make a positive and lasting change.

ACCOMMODATIONS - Beach Bunglaow

Students will stay in beach bungalows at Monty's Beach Lodge in the north west village of Jiquilillo where they will have delicious cooked meals 3 times a day including locally grown fruits and vegetables and fish from the local fishermen!

EXCURSIONS - Padre Ramos

The nature reserve of Padre Ramos is very close to Jiquilillo and is home to acres of mangroves which the students will get to explore by boat. They will also visit the Estuary and get catch a fish or two if they are lucky!

EXCURSIONS - Volcano Boarding

Students will visit the active volcano of Cerro Negro and have the opportunity to hike to the top and sand board to the bottom!

EXCURSIONS - Leon and Chinandega

There will be a day excursion to visit the city of Leon and experiecne the great cathedral as well as the museum or aft. Students will also visit the city of Chinandega and the adjacnet dump community where they will learn about the issues of trash and pollution and sponsor a lunch for the local chldren that live there

COURSE LOGISTICS

DATES: January 3rd - January 11th 2015

Approximate Cost: **$1,995.00**

Financial Aid Available!

Included:

Airfare
3 Meals a day
In country transportation
Accommodations
Excursions and Activities
Experiential learning activities
Site entrance fees
Health Insurance

Not Included:

Passport/Visa fees
Immunizations
Tuition
Airport Tax
Personal Expenses

TRAVEL LOGISTICS

PLANE LEAVES LOS ANGELES: Early hours of Saturday moring January 3rd 2015
PLANE LEAVES MANAGUA: Afternoon of Sunday January 11th 2015

Approximate Cost: **$1,995.00**

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Pre-trip preparation:

See the Course Preparation Manual for other advice about packing, staying healthy, traveling with technology, and spending money.

Check with your health professional about what immunizations you will need to travel to Nicaragua

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

This course is open to ALL MAJORS, SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR AND SENIOR

The trip is limited to 12 students

Application Deadline: Open
Enrollment Ends: August 22, 2014.

Information Session: APRIL 30, 2014. 11:30am - 12:15pm Student Lounge

Obtain an application from the Office of International Studies

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