



SAMPLE ITINERARY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This sample itinerary provides a general idea of how your trip will be structured. However, it is important to realize that the specifics of this itinerary are subject to change in accordance with the needs of the community and the situation on the ground. A finalized itinerary will be sent to your group approximately 2 weeks before your trip.

Day 1—Arrival

- You will arrive in La Aurora Airport (GUA), located in Guatemala City.
- Volunteers will be transported via private shuttle to a hotel/hostel in Antigua.

Day 2—Transport to the Community, Orientation, & Volunteer Work

- You will be driven to the local community, which is approximately 4-5 hours from Antigua.
- Following your arrival, you will check-in to the community's eco-lodge, eat lunch on the balcony overlooking the gorgeous countryside, and receive an orientation. You will also have a "charla," or presentation, about the local community's fascinating history, and challenges, and discuss how your volunteer work will help the community achieve its goals.
- Begin your community development volunteer work.

Day 3—Volunteer Work, Community Tour, & Soccer Game

- Volunteers will be broken into small groups and can choose to work on one of the many community-based projects.
- Depending on the community's needs at the time of your visit, projects may include:
 - a) Repairing steps and bridges along the project's nature hike and waterfall trails.
 - b) Learning about the macadamia nut production process from start-to-finish by harvesting and processing macadamia nuts.
 - c) Cutting bamboo and assisting local artisans create bamboo furniture.
 - d) Assisting in the community's water-purification facility for producing bottled-water.
 - e) Assisting in the community's small-scale bio-diesel fuel production process.
 - f) Construction, painting, and maintenance work on community infrastructure.
 - g) Working with students at a local school. Activities may include art projects, teaching



English, helping the students with their homework assignments, or a program that you design.

- After lunch, volunteers will reconvene for a tour of the community and community-based projects, followed by a soccer game with local youth.
- You'll eat a local dinner and then enjoy free time to chill at the community's bar, hang out in a hammock with your favorite book, watch a movie in the lounge area, or play a board game with your friends.

Day 4—Volunteer Work & Swimming

- After breakfast, you can continue working on your project from the previous day, or choose a new one. Work on your project until lunchtime.
- Eat lunch with your volunteer group, and go for a swim in a local swimming hole.
- Head back to the eco-lodge and have dinner. Enjoy a free evening with your friends.

Day 5— Volunteer Work & Nature Hike

- After breakfast, you can continue working on your project from the previous day, or choose a new one. Work on your project until lunchtime.
- After lunch, you will take a guided tour to two of the community's waterfalls, or cascadas. The hiking trails suit both the beginner and intermediate hiker. The hikes offer magnificent views of the surrounding mountains and local wildlife.
- After getting back from your hike, take advantage of the time to relax before dinner. Following dinner, you will have free time to hang out with friends.

Day 6— Volunteer Work, Soccer Game, & Cultural Activity

- After breakfast, you can continue working on your project from the previous day, or choose a new one. Work on your project until lunchtime.
- After finishing with your work for the day, you will enjoy one last lunch at the community's eco-lodge.
- Return to Antigua and enjoy your last night in Guatemala.



Day 7—Return Home

- Shuttle to La Aurora Airport in Guatemala City.