



### OUR NICARAGUAN PARTNERS

Our time in Nicaragua will include extensive work with the local Planting Hope staff in San Ramon and Matagalpa, Nicaragua.

Since 2002 Planting Hope has been active in Nicaragua, sponsoring service learning trips, cultural exchange and community development projects



### San Ramon, Matagalpa, Nicaragua

San Ramon is a municipality located 90 miles north of Managua in the mountainous Matagalpa region of Nicaragua. Of its 36,000 residents, 30,000 live in remote hamlets and 6,000 live in San Ramon, a town with a health clinic, library, school, and municipal offices.

# Nicaragua January 2012

## Learning Exchange



## Coffee, Crafts and Culture: A learning exchange.



Cost for the trip: \$1100.00  
(not including airfare)

Knowledge of Spanish not required.

For more information, or questions  
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An 11 day immersion in Nicaraguan history, sustainable economic development and culture.

January 3-14,  
2012  
Matagalpa,  
Nicaragua



# Coffee, Crafts and Culture

## A Learning and cultural exchange in Matagalpa, Nicaragua.

JANUARY 3-14, 2012

San Ramon, Matagalpa, Nicaragua



## Crafts, culture and agriculture, in the heart of Nicaragua's coffee country.

### Sustainability and small farms

Meet with small farmers, cooperative members and others to:

- Explore the impact of globalization on local economies.
- Learn about fair trade and it's possibilities for improving livelihoods.
- Explore options for sustained partnerships using new tools and technologies.

### Poetry and history

- Participate in an oral history project in San Ramon.
- Reflect, through poetry, on your experiences at a poetry workshop.



### Cultural Activities

From the indigenous weaving community of El Chile to the colonial architecture of Granada, you'll experience the

beauty and variety of Nicaraguan culture.

While in San Ramon we'll meet local artisans and craftspeople to explore the opportunities and challenges facing fair trade producers in the global market.



### Homestay Families

- Experience life in the village of San Ramon with Nicaraguan host families who have years of experience in caring for international guests
- Families offer guests clean and safe accommodations



- Hosts provide purified water, mosquito nets and carefully prepared meals
- Practice your Spanish & non-verbal language skills
- Experience Nicaraguan culture & its traditions with family members
- Live, walk, play, learn and interact in a small, safe community



### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

- January 3—Arrive in Matagalpa,
- January 4—Get to know San Ramon, Meet with community members.
- August 5—11—Visit local agriculturalist in San Ramon, Matagalpa and surrounding area. Gather stories, etc...
- January 12-13—Travel to Granada, Visit Laguna de Apoyo and Masaya market..
- January 14 - Depart Nicaragua.

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