

Make an Impact in Guatemala! Global Education Squad



SQUADS ABROAD
A CROSS-CULTURAL SOLUTIONS PROGRAM



PREP EAST

VOLUNTEER & CULTURAL IMMERSION TRIP

JUNE 4-11, 2018

DAY 1: GROUP ARRIVAL & TECPAN ORIENTATION

Your group arrives into La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City, where friendly CCS staff members greet you and transport the group 1.5 hours to the rural modern Maya community of Tecpán. The Home-Base is located in a safe and private reserve just minutes from the city center and is complete with hammocks, lush greenery, and plenty of space to meet or relax with your group. Our CCS Guatemala Director will provide an active tour of the community, a visit to a working farm, and an orientation to the week ahead.

DAYS 2-6: PANEMACOC SCHOOL PROJECTS

Over the course of the next five mornings, your Global Education Squad will be matched with Panemacoc School to improve educational outcomes through classroom support and exchanges. In addition to providing valuable tutoring and lessons, the group will experience the tangible accomplishment of a much needed small construction project such as building book shelves and painting educational murals. Each program also includes cross cultural sensitivity training, educational workshops, and a language immersion experience with guided discussions and engaging local excursions in the surrounding area.



22+ YEARS OF THE SAFEST AND HIGHEST QUALITY STUDENT GROUP VOLUNTEER TRIPS

HOME-BASE ACCOMMODATIONS

At the Home-Base, you'll enjoy authentic local cuisine, connect with CCS staff, and enjoy your downtime. Volunteers stay in same-sex rooms with private bathrooms. One room accommodates 4-6 people.

STAFFING

Our incredible team will be on call to support you every step of the way—including Country Director Carlos Buonafina, as well as expertly-trained CCS cooks, security guards, house managers, and drivers. A CCS leader will be assigned to the group at all times.

COMMUNICATION

Our staff can be reached 24/7 in the event of an emergency. Students will have the opportunity to access the internet and landlines for set periods of time on most evenings. Trip updates may be posted on our blog for friends and family to follow along.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Individual Program Contribution includes all in-country expenses, including meals, lodging, transport, scheduled activities, staffing, travel medical insurance, and volunteer project support. CCS requires a minimum of one teacher/chaperone for every nine students enrolled.

Group Flight:

DL1324, BNA-ATL, Mon 04Jun 6:45am-9:00am

DL904, ATL-GUA, Mon 04Jun 10:45am-12:16pm

DL906, GUA-ATL, Mon 11Jun 1:21pm- 6:47pm

DL2268, ATL-BNA, Mon 11Jun 9:05pm- 9:14pm

DAYS 2-7: AFTERNOON CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Each afternoon the group will engage in guided cultural activities and excursions in the area. Visit a family farm and participate in the roasting of cacao and preparation of hot chocolate. Take a guided tour of the impressive Maya ruins at the nearby Iximche Archeological Park and participate in a Shaman ceremony. On your final afternoon explore the city of Antigua, a UNESCO World Heritage site that was once the grand capital of the Spanish Empire.

DAY 8: TRIP CLOSURE & RETURN HOME

Embark on a return flight home! Friends and family will love to hear of the many exciting stories of the friendships and discoveries you made in Guatemala!



PROGRAM CONTRIBUTIONS, DUE DATES, AND HOW TO ENROLL

Individual Program Contribution: \$1780 per student including airfare

Group Project Contribution: \$1500 per group towards the host enrichment project.

Due Dates: Application & \$350 deposit due January 30, balance due 60 days prior

How to Enroll: Online @ <https://www.empowered.org/Prep-East>

www.squads.ngo

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