

Team Leader Information and Trip Details

About the Trip Leader

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About the Trip

Location: Las Penitas, Nicaragua
Dates: December 9-16, 2017
Cost: \$970/person
Expected group size: 12-15
Trip Number: 23057

There are three good reasons to join a Fuller Center Building Adventure.

- Meeting the great people who join the building team.
- Meeting the wonderful people in the country.
- Building a house that will change the lives of a family and a community.

Mike says: I have recently participated in three Fuller Center Trips to Haiti and one to Nicaragua. I have also participated in building trips with Habitat for Humanity to Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Jamaica. I loved meeting the hard working families who were improving their lives by moving from housing that isn't really housing to a solid permanent house. I also loved meeting the teams who come from all over. A diverse bunch of people who agree that serving is better than being served. We look forward to recruiting a team of people who will work hard, have fun, and make a difference.

Trip Details:

Las Penitas is a beach town & fishing village, about a 2 1/2 hour drive from the Managua airport. We will be working on various parts of building a house for a family including digging, mixing concrete, assembling re-bar, sifting gravel to make sand, and hauling rocks and blocks. Don't worry if you don't have any experience or aren't handy! There is plenty of work for all skill levels. Learning new skills is part of the fun. We will be staying in a small hotel near the beach. The accommodations are simple, but comfortable and safe. Meals are provided and there is a nice yard to relax in before and after work.

We will schedule tours during our down day on Sunday and during the week. Visits to a school, church, a rum factory, a clinic, or markets are possible based on the interests of team members. You may enjoy a walk on the beach in the morning, and a swim in the ocean in the afternoon. We will also take time for team meetings and reflections.

Brief overview of the week:

Saturday, December 9: Arrive into Managua by 12:00 noon, van ride to Las Penitas

Sunday, December 10: Orientation and visits to Las Penitas and Leon

Monday – Friday: Building with some time off for visits to a nature preserve or other tours.

Saturday, December 16: Return to airport for a flight after 3:00 pm or visit Granada.

Additional Travel Opportunity: Some team members may want to add days after the building week to visit the colonial city of Granada. Transportation can be arranged to get us there and a range of accommodation options is available. Any costs will be in addition to the trip fee.

