**Live with a Nicaraguan Family**
Experience life in the village of San Ramon with Nicaraguan host families who have years of experience in caring for international guests.
- Homestay Families offer guests clean and safe accommodations
- Hosts provide purified water, mosquito nets, and carefully prepared meals
- Practice your Spanish and non-verbal language skills
- Experience Nicaraguan culture, history, and traditions first-hand
- Live, walk, play, learn, and interact in a small, safe community

**Cultural Immersion**
- Learn Folkloric and Latin dancing
- Make Nicaraguan food
- Tour coffee farms
- Play soccer, baseball, volleyball, and basketball
- Create natural-fiber recycled paper with a local women’s group

**Work with Nicaraguans on Service Projects**
Planting Hope promotes collaboration between local community members and visiting international volunteers in fulfilling projects identified by the community.
- Engage pre-school and elementary-aged students with arts and craft projects, sports, and cooperative games
- Teach English at La Chispa Library and San Ramon High School
- Work with rural special needs children at Los Pipitos Center
- Support local schools and communities with maintenance projects like painting and reforestation
- Distribute donated school supplies to high-needs areas
- Share your interests and talents with the community

**Give back to the Community**
- Volunteer in schools
- Live and work in solidarity with Nicaraguans
- Use your skills and expertise to personalize your contribution

**Recreational Activities**
**Take Excursions with Nicaraguan friends**
Join Nicaraguan students in exploring Nicaragua’s diverse natural, cultural and historic destinations
- Learn about traditional weaving at El Chile indigenous weaving coop
- Explore nature reserve and adobe visitor center at La Hermanad Coffee Farm
- Shop at Masaya’s national artisan craft market
- Swimming and Kayaking at Masaya’s Crater Lake: “Laguna de Apoyo”
- Stay in colonial-style Granada, with boat trips to Lake Nicaragua’s small islands

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