



Unearth Guatemala:

Centro Connects with the Global Coffee Community

February 24 – March 4, 2018

GENERAL OVERVIEW:

You will spend an unforgettable week immersed in Guatemalan history, agriculture, culture, cuisine and service through meaningful experiential learning with Unearth the World's nonprofit partner. You will spend time learning about the coffee process and engage in a group physical building volunteer project.

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Unearth the World has partnered with a nonprofit in Guatemala that works with coffee farming communities to create economic opportunity that improves the quality of life for farmers, their families, and communities. This organization has three pillars - Coffee Commercialization, Cooperative Assistance and Community Tourism. They envision a coffee industry that is equitable and inclusive; that enables small-holder farmers to earn a dignified income and live prosperous lives, that facilitates authentic relationships between coffee producers and coffee buyers, and that meets economic, social and environmental needs of everyone involved. Centrons will play an integral role in contributing to this nonprofit's mission while experiencing Guatemala at its best!

ACCOMMODATIONS:

For the majority of this program, you will stay at a guesthouse across the street from the nonprofit's offices. The guesthouse has 9 bedrooms that can accommodate a maximum of 28 guests. Bedrooms and 4 bathrooms will be shared and services include hot water showers, clean drinking water, comfortable rooms and beds, bedding and towels, full kitchen, laundry machine, wireless internet, a large living room, and a lovely garden. The guesthouse is secure and in a quiet neighborhood. The last day of the trip will be spent at the Hotel Aurora <http://www.hotelauroraantigua.com/en/> - a local hotel in the beautiful colonial town of Antigua!

DAILY ITINERARY:

Saturday, February 24: Arrival

- Arrive at La Aurora airport, Guatemala City
- Private transport to San Miguel Escobar
- Orientation
- Dinner together with a cooperative farmer

Sunday, February 25: Antigua tour and Global coffee trade activity

- Breakfast at guesthouse (mini orientation for any people who get in late on Saturday)
- Local bus to Antigua

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- Explore Antigua: Hike to the Cerro de la Cruz, see colonial ruins and enjoy lunch out on the town
- Activity on global coffee trade
- Dinner together with a cooperative farmer

Monday, February 26: A day in the life of a coffee farmer

- Breakfast at guesthouse.
- Meet farmer and hike to the coffee field, learn about coffee along the way and participate in agricultural work
- Return to the farmer's home for lunch
- Continue learning more about coffee processing
- Coffee conversation with Executive Director, Andy Feldman
- Dinner together with a cooperative farmer

Tuesday, February 27: Local service project

- Breakfast at guesthouse
- Work on community construction project: Assist in building a clean-burning stove for a community member and his family.
- Lunch together at farmer's home
- Continue working on community construction project
- Order pizza with the group at the guesthouse

Wednesday, February 28: Local service project; Cooking workshop

- Breakfast at guesthouse.
- Finish community construction project
- Lunch together at farmer's home
- Pepian cooking workshop: prepare a local Guatemalan dish with local people and eat what you cooked for dinner

Thursday, March 1: Artisan workshops

- Breakfast at guesthouse
- Participate in an artisan workshop with local people to learn more about carpentry, ironwork, peanut butter, burlap or traditional textiles
- Lunch with artisan families
- Free afternoon in Antigua and dinner on your own

Friday, March 2: Coffee roasting, cupping & brew demo

- Breakfast at guesthouse
- Coffee roasting at the roaster
- Lunch together with cooperative farmer
- Coffee cupping and brew methods
- Rest of the evening is free & dinner on your own!



Saturday, March 3: Free Day! Explore other areas of Guatemala

- Breakfast at guesthouse and pack up
- Leave for Lake Atitlan
- Lunch on your own
- Dinner together in Antigua
- Lodging at Hotel Aurora in Antigua

Sunday, March 4: Depart

- Breakfast at Hotel Aurora
- Depart for airport

INCLUSIONS:

Pre-trip training (Unearth the World's 5-part Global service-learning curriculum)

Pre-trip logistical support

All accommodations (Antigua hotel and Guest house)

All in-country transportation (Airport pick-up/drop off, transport to day trips)

All meals other than dinner on Friday and lunch on "Free Day"

Volunteer projects and intentional cultural exchange

Post-trip support/coaching (led by Unearth the World)

Coffee cupping workshop

Artisan workshop

Pepian Cooking class

Coffee conversation with Executive Director

Global coffee trade activity

Day trip to Lake Atitlan

Costs Not Included

Airfare to Guatemala

International Health Insurance

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