

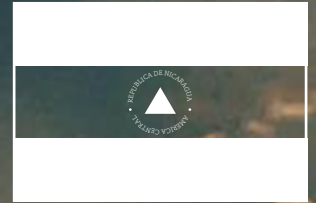
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AN OVERVIEW OF GIVE'S VOLUNTEER INITIATIVES AND ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES • 2017 EDITION

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GIVE's Nicaragua Excursion takes you from the **black sands of Pacific Coast beaches to the glowing craters of the Pacific Rim Volcanoes**. You will build sustainable infrastructure, teach fundamental English lessons and **protect endangered sea turtles** while spending your free time surfing, paddle boarding, and kayaking in the Pacific Ocean. Cap off your adventure by **sandboarding down the youngest, most active volcano in Nicaragua**!

After your trip, join GIVE's Caribbean SCUBA Reef Conservation Program to explore and protect vibrant coral reefs, completing **15 dives and earning 3 certifications on an island in the Caribbean**.



COUNTRY FACTS

- Population: 6.08 million
- Literacy: About 22% of adults in Nicaragua are illiterate.
- Nicaragua ranks as the fourth most vulnerable country to climate change in the world.
- Every 5 years, Nicaragua loses about 30 feet of beach due to the rising sea levels.

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HOMES BUILT IN JIQUILLIO

GIVE has built thirty-eight homes for families displaced by rising sea levels.



HAWKSBILL SEA TURTLES

The Hawksbill Sea Turtle has been pushed to near extinction due to poaching and destruction of habitat.

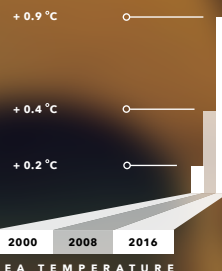
GIVE has helped release over **30,000** baby sea turtles back into the wild since 2013.



ESCUELA SOSTENIBLE



GIVE Volunteers now facilitate **fundamental English lessons** in a school built out of **20,000 repurposed plastic bottles**.



SANDBOARD DOWN AN ACTIVE VOLCANO

Feel the rumblings and smoldering heat atop the **volcanic arc of Cerro Negro** before strapping in and gliding across **black volcanic sand** all the way to the bottom!

CARIBBEAN SCUBA REEF CONSERVATION 15 DAYS • 15 DIVES • 3 CERTIFICATIONS



GIVE has built **12 new artificial reefs** to combat the destruction of coral reefs due to rising sea temperatures.



NICARAGUA EXCURSION

NICA TRIP LENGTH: 14 DAYS
COST: \$1,795.00

DAY 1

Trip Commencement: Meet your GIVE team leaders at the Managua airport and **head to your new beachfront home**, a small fishing village on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua!



DAY 2

Start your day off with an orientation about the community that you will call home for the next 11 nights. **Learn all about the projects you will be working on and then head out on a boat ride through the mangrove forest.**



DAYS 3 - 9

Pacific Coast Volunteering:

Wake up each day to the sound of waves crashing on the beach. After breakfast, we'll begin work on our **English education and eco-friendly infrastructure projects**. Volunteer until lunchtime and then **relax on the beach** for a couple hours before returning to the project site for the rest of the afternoon. In the late afternoon, we'll wrap up volunteer work and take part in a variety of **adventure and cultural immersion activities** like playing soccer with locals on the beach, learning how to surf & paddle board, or just chilling in paradise. On one evening, you will head to the **city of Leon** to visit some of the historical cathedrals, sample local street food, practice your Spanish while bargaining for souvenirs, and cap off the night with **salsa dancing!**



DAY 10

You will have the incredible opportunity to volunteer with a **Sea Turtle Head Start Program** to help increase the survival rate of Nicaragua's 4 different species of sea turtles. Through this program, sea turtle hatchlings are monitored in a nursery until they are mature enough to be integrated back into their natural environment. **You will get to monitor, feed, clean and potentially release baby sea turtles into the ocean!**

DAY 11

Climb to the top of **Cerro Negro, the youngest and most active volcano in Central America**, and look out upon the expansive green landscape below. Feel the tremors and smoldering heat atop the volcanic arc before strapping in and **gliding across black volcanic sand all the way to the bottom!**



DAYS 12 - 13

Begin your **over-night trek to the summit of Telica Volcano**. Spend the first day hiking through the forest on our way to an epic camping spot near the volcanic crater. We'll enjoy a delicious dinner as the sun sets over the Pacific Ocean and just as the stars come out, we'll **hike the volcanic rim to see glowing molten lava!** We'll wake up to a spectacular sunrise before we make our way back to the base of the volcano. From there it's back to Managua for one final night of celebration!

DAY 14

All good things must come to an end. Soak up your last few hours in Nicaragua before heading home, or join GIVE's Caribbean SCUBA Reef Conservation Program.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ALL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT NICARAGUA
- ALL MEALS THROUGHOUT YOUR TRIP
- DRINKING WATER 24/7
- ALL PROJECT MATERIALS, GUIDANCE AND FACILITATION
- ALL ADVENTURE & CULTURAL IMMERSION ACTIVITIES

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- FLIGHTS TO/FROM NICARAGUA AND ALL OTHER TAXES, TICKET FEES, AND ANY COUNTRY ENTRY/DEPARTURE TAX
- MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE
- PASSPORT AND VISA (SPECIFIC TO HOST COUNTRY)
- VACCINATIONS (SPECIFIC TO HOST COUNTRY)

CARIBBEAN SCUBA REEF CONSERVATION

TRIP LENGTH: 15 DAYS
COST: \$2,095.00

- Immerse yourself in Caribbean culture on a remote island off the Nicaraguan Coast.
- Complete 15 dives in the crystal waters of the Caribbean while protecting vibrant coral reefs.
- Build artificial reefs, implant native coral species and conduct underwater research on sharks, turtles and other marine life.
- Make the ocean your classroom and earn 3 certifications, including your PADI Open Water, Coral Reef Ecology, and Ecological Monitoring certifications.
- Teach local children the importance of protecting their island and the surrounding environment.
- **Combine with GIVE's Nicaragua Excursion and save \$100.**



JIQUILILLO SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL

For residents of Jiquilillo, the only secondary school in the region is located over 8 kilometers away; it is overpopulated and difficult for children to access. Furthermore, locals lack the vocational skills needed to fully capitalize on the region's maritime and hospitality industries.

In response, GIVE has partnered with community members to build a three-classroom secondary & technical school. To complete the project, GIVE implemented a community-recycling program to collect more than 20,000 plastic bottles that were packed with sand and used as bricks in constructing the school. It has multiple bathrooms, a sustainable septic tank and a solar powered bio-sand filtration system for fresh water.

This school will be privately financed by GIVE and other international partners and operated in conjunction with the Nicaraguan government. Qualified instructors will provide standard secondary education, as well as vocational skills that directly empower the students, such as marine mechanics, hospitality, and carpentry.



GLOBAL CITIZEN IN ACTION: CAITLIN SHAFFER

Just last week I found myself off the coast of Honduras on the island of Utila, accepting a certificate as a PADI SCUBA Dive Instructor. I never could have imagined that this is where I would end up, but it's all thanks to one experience with an unbelievable organization: GIVE Volunteers.



Three years ago I decided to do my second trip with GIVE, this time to Nicaragua. I had just finished my Bachelor's degree and was struggling to decide on what came next. After experiencing the cultural richness of Nicaragua and exploring the coral reefs off Little Corn Island, I knew exactly what I wanted to do with my life and I haven't looked back since.

Thank you, GIVE, for allowing me to realize my true calling in life and giving me the chance to GIVE back to the world that has given me so much.

LOCAL IMPACT: ALVARO SANCHEZ

Alvaro is a 19-year-old man from Jiquilillo, Nicaragua. Since reaching adulthood, he has worked hard to sustain himself and his family through fishing, which is often the only viable source of income for men in this community.

Alvaro first attended GIVE's education programs in 2014 and has quickly absorbed English as a second language, primarily through his own efforts and passion to learn. He has since been integral in developing GIVE's young adult English classes, which provide working-age men in the community with access to English skills and thus increased job opportunities in the growing tourism industry.



Alvaro's leadership, confidence and improved English skills have made him a valuable asset for our volunteers over the years. He is now working as a Junior Guide with GIVE and takes great pride in supporting the volunteers that travel across the world to support his community.