



TRAVEL BEYOND THE ORDINARY





GO BEYOND!

Our Goal

To provide an international experience, which through adventure, service and learning immerses the individual in a foreign culture in a way that enables them to participate in the lives of local people and gain a sense of community.

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LEADERSHIP

Director's Note

Al Campo International believes that community service should be more than just another activity on your trip itinerary. In order to ensure that your project creates lasting change, **ACI** conducts thorough assessments, working directly with local partners and members of the target community to determine the effectiveness and sustainability of each project. A 'building block' approach means that your project will continue to bring prosperity to the community long after you have returned home.

"My favorite aspect of the trip was the opportunity to work with local communities in rural Nicaragua, to see the way they live, to understand their struggles, and to gain a deep sense of international community as we worked side by side with them to improve their local villages."
-Devon Swezey, former participant and Fulbright Scholar



RENEWABLE ENERGY

“The trip and the experience were rich and wonderful from beginning to end and the kids (and the adults) came away from it significantly moved and improved. For that, I can’t say ‘Thank You’ enough.”

-David, Spanish teacher, St. Andrew’s School

GLOBETROTTER SOLAR 23 DAYS



Trip Overview

Globetrotter Solar is a 23-day experience which exposes our participants to three distinctive parts of Nicaragua: the Northern Highlands, remote agrarian villages and the Pacific Coast. Students receive individual Spanish language training in the first week while living on a farm and working in local communities. During the second week, students will embark upon a landmark project to bring solar power to remote villages. While living with a host family, we will install solar power in the community and hone our Spanish conversation skills. Making our way to the Pacific Ocean in the last week, surfing, jungle zip-lining and canyoneering become part of our daily itinerary and complement the experience to provide each student with a comprehensive understanding of the wonders of Nicaragua.

Trip Highlights

- Installing Solar Power in a village without electricity
- Local village family home stay
- Individual Spanish Language Training and Immersion
- World-class surfing for all levels on the Pacific Ocean
- Jungle Canopy Tour and Zip-line
- Working with elementary age children
- 80+ documented community service hours
- Wildlife encounters with tropical birds, sea turtles and Howler and White-Faced Capuchin Monkey

Solar Power Projects

Even in the modern era of Internet and globalization, many communities in Nicaragua still lack electricity. The further one travels from the major city centers, the more evident this is. Renewable energies like solar power are one of the most effective and efficient ways to tackle this problem. Working with local partners and solar companies within Nicaragua, ACI’s Solar Power projects bring more than light and electricity to underserved communities. They bring opportunity and access to information; two things that can provide sustainable change and improvement to their way of life.

- Service
- Immersion
- Adventure



For more information and the detailed itinerary please visit our website: www.alcampointernational.org



SCUBA, SPANISH & SERVICE HONDURAS 15 DAYS

PERSONAL GROWTH

“My experienced changed me in so many ways. I truly believe it made me a better, more compassionate, well-rounded, and more aware person. Don’t worry if you don’t know anyone else on the trip. Your experiences will bring you together.” -Caitlin, Boulder, CO

Trip Overview

Scuba, Spanish and Service is a 15-day journey which introduces our participants to two distinctive parts of Honduras: the western region of *Copan*, rich in Mayan history and culture, and the *Bay Islands*, home to one of the world’s largest barrier reefs. In Copan, participants will learn conversational Spanish from native-speakers, live with a local family and work on service projects in surrounding Mayan communities. On the Bay Islands, students will learn to scuba dive and will become PADI-certified divers, while working with local marine biologists on reef restoration and marine-life rescue.

Trip Highlights

- Scuba Diving and PADI Certification
- Spanish Language Immersion
- Community Service with Mayan Communities
- Marine Environmental Conservation Projects
- Explore Ancient Mayan Ruins
- Mountain Hot Springs
- Jungle Canopy Tour and Zip-line

The Lionfish Problem

The Lionfish is a predatory fish native to the Indo-Pacific and was unintentionally released from an aquarium into the Atlantic in 1990 as a result of Hurricane Andrew. Lionfish populations have since grown dramatically due to a lack of natural predators and now present a threat to the balance of Honduran Marine Ecology and the reef itself. During your trip you will help local marine biologists in their efforts to restore balance to this fragile and important marine environment.

- Service
- Immersion
- Adventure



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GLOBETROTTER NICARAGUA 23 DAYS

Trip Overview

Our flagship program, the 23-day **Globetrotter Trip** is an immersion and service-oriented experience. Community service and language immersion coincide in this unique program which takes you to remote villages not found in any guidebook. While living in the community with a host family, we will work on projects to improve the health and livelihood of these hardworking but impoverished communities. Complete immersion will help you build your understanding of the Spanish language and a very different way of life. Surfing, jungle zip-lining and canyoneering in the latter portion of the trip will complement your experience and provide you with a comprehensive understanding of the wonders of Nicaragua.

Trip Highlights

- Sustainable Development Projects
- Local Family Homestay
- Individual Spanish Language Training and Immersion
- World-class Surfing for all levels on the Pacific Ocean
- Jungle Canopy Tour and Zip-line
- 80+ documented community service hours
- Wildlife encounters with tropical birds, sea turtles and Howler and White-Faced Capuchin Monkey

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- Adventure

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Trip Overview

Al Campo International's **Spanish, Surf & Service** is a trip for the more 'adventure-minded' traveler or someone looking for a shorter immersion experience. This 11-day experience will expose you to local communities and immerse you in the language, all while taking advantage of three world class surf breaks to introduce you to surfing or enhance your existing skills. Surfing in the morning with our local instructors and dividing our afternoons between individual Spanish language training and local community service, we will all return home with a better sense of community, better Spanish and better tans.

Trip Highlights

- 6 days of world-class surfing on three different breaks
- Individual instruction from local surf instructors
- Spanish Language Immersion
- Sustainable Community Service Projects
- Jungle Canopy Tour and Zip-line
- Wildlife encounters with tropical birds, sea turtles and Howler and White-Faced Capuchin Monkey

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SPANISH, SURF & SERVICE NICARAGUA 11 DAYS

EMPOWERMENT

"I can honestly say that my trip was one of the most influential experiences of my life in terms of shaping my outlook on life and defining what I wish to dedicate myself to in the future. It also inspired me to establish the Spero Foundation (a student-run humanitarian organization at my school)."

-McKenna, Boulder, CO

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable Development vs. Community Service

Support from the international community can help people in impoverished countries live better lives by providing them with access to clean water, sanitation, proper nutrition and basic education. But *how* we help is as important as *what* we do in achieving lasting change.

Al Campo International's 'hand-up' rather than 'hand-out' approach to community development is an important part of achieving sustainability in our efforts to reduce poverty and is a central focus in the planning and implementation of our student-led service work. The success of our projects is not measured in the days or weeks we spend helping in the community but by the weeks, months and years during which the community continues to benefit from our efforts.



AWAKENING

Our Projects

Active participation by members of the local community in the planning and execution of our projects is a key component of ACI's approach. While projects vary as the needs of communities change, local involvement by the beneficiaries ensures the sustainability and long-term success of the projects. Here are some examples of past and present projects. More information on our projects can be found by visiting our website: www.alcampointernational.org

- **Solar Power**
- **Reef Restoration**
- **Eco-stoves**
- **Composting Latrines**
- **Reforestation**
- **Horticulture/Nutrition**
- **Elementary Education**
- **Soil and Water Conservation**
- **Sustainable Agriculture**
- **Ceramic water filters**

For more information on projects please visit our website: www.alcampointernational.org

“Al Campo International changed my daughters life!”

“The complete Spanish immersion, complemented with one-on-one Spanish lessons, really helped her feel connected with the people she met there.”

-Chris, Lafayette, CO



CULTURE AND LANGUAGE IMMERSION

Cultural Immersion is something which cannot be taught or explained; it can only be understood through experience. In order to provide true immersion, ACI focuses on introducing our participants to the culture, socioeconomics and natural environment of each country and village. Any individual who is fully immersed in a new culture will inherently be exposed to the language. This approach to language learning removes the tedious step of translation and enables the individual to learn a new language in the same way they learned their native tongue.

What Immersion looks like while traveling with Al Campo International

Local Family Home stay

In order to truly experience a culture you must surround yourself with local people. Living with a local family brings you closer to the people and the culture than anything other experience can.

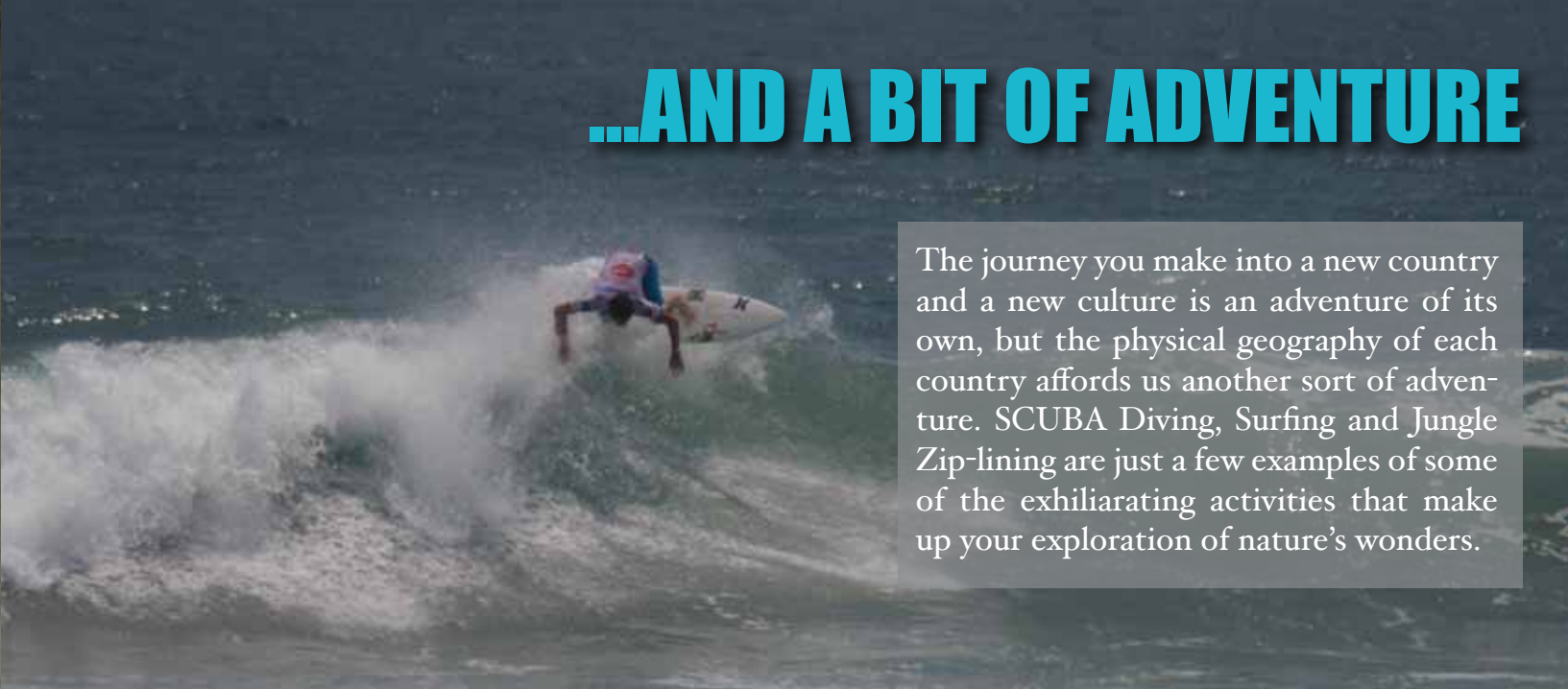
Community Development Projects

ACI's community development projects give travelers access to areas of the country not found in a guidebook or travel agency. These areas offer a much different type of travel experience and while they are considered poor, the experience they offer can be very rich.

Learning the Local Language

Language is a reflection of culture and understanding the core of any culture requires some understanding of the language. Communication rather than fluency is the goal of our native-speaking instructors who strive to make the most of even the most limited Spanish vocabulary.

...AND A BIT OF ADVENTURE



The journey you make into a new country and a new culture is an adventure of its own, but the physical geography of each country affords us another sort of adventure. SCUBA Diving, Surfing and Jungle Zip-lining are just a few examples of some of the exhilarating activities that make up your exploration of nature's wonders.



Spring Break



Custom Trips



Our Spring Break trips provide an alternative to the ordinary Spring Break. Experience all the fun and adventure of a 'traditional' Spring Break with the added element of culture immersion and experience the country from a local's perspective while giving back to the community.

Alternative Spring Breaks provide the perfect balance of adventure travel, sustainable community development and cultural immersion in order to make your Spring Break more than a memory.

Honduras Spring Break: March 24 - April 2

The Honduras Spring Break Trip is a 10-day trip during which students receive their Open Water Diver certification from PADI-certified instructors and work with local marine biologists on reef conservation and the Lionfish project (see: *Honduras Scuba, Surf and Service*) while living on the island of Utila.

Nicaragua Spring Break: April 7 - 15

The Nicaragua Spring Break Trip is a 10 day trip during which students of all surfing levels will surf multiple breaks around San Juan del Sur, work on community development projects in local schools and be immersed in the local culture and language.

For more information on Spring Break Trips please visit our website: www.alcampointernational.org

Beyond our regularly scheduled trips, Al Campo International offers custom trips for schools, families and a variety of groups looking to broaden the scope of their curriculum, vacation or international adventure. We work with individuals and organizations to build a trip around a budget and schedule to meet each group's specific goals and interests. Trips can be run at any time of the year and generally include free travel for at least one of the organizing members of the school or group.

"The people at ACI have worked tirelessly to create an educational program that meets the specific needs of our school, which includes, education, service, and recreation. They have been diligent in all of the risk management procedures, documentation, communication and thoughtfulness at responding to the concerns of our families. The experience of our students from last years trip was by far the best response we have had on an International trip since I have been employed here."
-David Schmid, Director of Outdoor Education, Foothills Academy, Denver, CO

For more information on Custom Trips please visit our website: www.alcampointernational.org

ENROLL TODAY

Three easy and convenient ways to enroll:

1. Call us at 720 222 0244
2. Email us at info@alcampointernational.org
3. Go online to: www.alcampointernational.org and click 'enroll now' at the top of the page

Reserving Your Spot

ACI does not charge an application fee
A non-redundable deposit between \$1000-\$1500 (depends on trip) is due upon acceptance to the course of choice. Financial Aid is available for those who qualify.

FAQS

Is airfare included in the price?

Participants are responsible for purchasing their own airfare and travel insurance (with the exception of custom trips). ACI can help find flights and make recommendations on insurance and other travel products.

Does someone from ACI accompany the participants to their destination from the US?

ACI offers a staff-accompanied flight from one of 3 US international airports. Participants can choose to travel on this flight or to be met at the airport in their destination country. ACI follows protocol for either one to ensure the safe arrival of all our students.

What if I don't speak the language?

No problem! Most of our courses offer individual language training as part of the curriculum and our bilingual guides are always there to help you communicate with the locals and build your basic conversation skills.

What does Al Campo International do to make my trip a safe one?

Traveling carries inherent risks, whether to a new town or a new country. ACI works hard to minimize these risks at all levels and maintains a perfect track-record largely due to our strong relationships in each country that afford us timely and accurate information regarding environmental, economic and political circumstances. Our comprehensive Risk Management Plan is designed to eliminate all unnecessary risks and ensure the safety of the group.

Is Financial Aid available?

Al Campo International strives to make its programs available to all applicants. Financial aid is offered on a case-by-case basis for those who qualify. Applications and details on financial aid are available by contacting us at info@alcampointernational.org

Have a question we didn't answer? Call us or email us! We'd be happy to answer all your questions.