

INFOSHEET

NAT/LTV 20 Jaguar de Madera



San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas

Project: The Project aims to achieve strengthen of community development trough the promotion and implementation of new housing model created with its own resources with appropriate conditions for each user, efficient and responsible to the social and cultural environment. The project offers the exchange and production of food as a goal to counter the crisis of resources and deterioration of quality of life of people and thus enhance coexistence. Jaguar de Madera intends to collaborate with related projects to generate greater awareness about the environment. The project is a demonstration in urban space in San Cristobal which only wants to raise awareness surrounding the importance of permaculture, recycling, composting, etc.



Work:

Volunteers will:

- Help with the maintenance of the workshop and agro-ecological practices areas.
- Collaborate with the design and creation of the demonstrative area.
- Help with the farm and compost area.
- Continue with the construction of gardens, greenhouses and ecological paths in the center.
- Help during the implementation process of adequate technologies that will be structured during the first weeks.
- Search and contact local producers and cooperatives that need the products from the center (organic fertilizers, compost, animals, vegetables, mushrooms, etc)
- Construction of demonstrative houses at the center and in various communities in the surrounding areas of San Cristobal de las Casas.
- An awareness raising campaign on the use of sustainable practices will be taking place permanently.



Places of interest: If you move to Ocosingo can have the opportunity to visit various nature reserves as part of the Lacandon Jungle like Naha, Metzabok or Chan-kin; in addition to having the opportunity to visit the archaeological sites of Toniná or Bonampak. 10 minutes away there is the Waterfall of Corralito. The people of Oxchuc, with its square and its traditional market are 20 minutes away and is a good opportunity to meet the Tzeltal culture.

Accommodation: Volunteers will stay at a house in San Cristóbal de las Casas, sharing room with up to 3 volunteers or in surrounding communities.

Accommodation has: water, heater, electricity, toilets, showers, place to do laundry, place to cook, cookware, refrigerator, beds, safe room where you can keep important things (passport, tickets, etc.)



Useful accessories you should bring:

- Light clothing but for cold climates
- Waterproof jacket
- Boots (for work)

- Cap
- Gloves
- Repellent
- Sun block
- Sanitizer
- Sleeping bag
- Games

Language: Not required a complete ability for Spanish language but we hope the interest of the volunteers to learn. It will be very useful for making presentations in schools and communities.

Age: Up to 18 years old

Participation fee: \$1200.00 mexican pesos, which will be distributed in lodging expenses, administrative expenses, solidarity fund, among others. The food is up to the volunteer. **Insurance:** volunteers will have to arrange their own health insurance.

Meeting point: at Nataté's office: Street Diego de Mazariegos N ° 90, Barrio de la Merced, San Cristobal de las Casas. It's the same home address for the volunteers.

By plane: Airport Arrival - Tuxtla Gutierrez. From the airport you can take a taxi or bus to San Cristobal de las Casas.

By bus: arrival in San Cristobal de las Casas, OCC terminal and then walk to the office or take a taxi.

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NOTE: The use of drugs in Mexico is forbidden and therefore at the projects proposed by Nataté and communities and partners local. Please refrain from smoking marijuana or taking any other drug.

Practical Information

Mexico: Officially United Mexican States, bordered to the north with the United States of America, the east by the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea, to the southeast, with Belize and Guatemala, and west by the Pacific Ocean. It consists of 32 states, and covers an area of nearly 2 million km², placing it in the fourteenth position in the world sorted by area, has 107.1 million habitants, making the Spanish speaking nation with larger population.

The distinction of being a country with a wide variety of climates, has about 200,000 different species, Mexico is home to 10-12% of global biodiversity. Has the first place in biodiversity of reptiles with 707 known species, second with 438 mammal species, fourth in amphibians with 290 species, and fourth in flora, with 26,000 different species, is also considered the second country in the world in ecosystems and fourth in total species. 170.000 square kilometers of total land area are considered "protected areas", including 34 reserve biospheres (unaltered ecosystems), 64 national parks, 4 natural monuments, 26 areas to protect flora and fauna, 4 areas for natural protection and 17 sanctuaries (zones rich diversity of species).

Because of its geography, history, cuisine and climate, Mexico is one of the world powers in the tourist industry, is located on the eighth position of the countries with most tourism in the world. Besides being a country with a wide range of ethnic groups throughout the country, in contrast to other Latin American countries where indigenous peoples belong mostly to a single linguistic group, in Mexico there are about 62 indigenous peoples speaking approximately 72 different languages.

For more information go to:

<http://www.sectur.gob.mx/index.jsp>

Chiapas: is located in southeastern Mexico, bordered on the east by Guatemala, on the west by Oaxaca, Tabasco to the north, south with Pacific Ocean and northwest with Veracruz. It is divided into 118 municipalities. The state is known for its tourist areas including natural attractions such as the waterfalls of Agua Azul, Palenque archeological zones, colonial cities and direct contact with different cultural groups that live in this state.

The state of Chiapas is one of the most biologically diverse country, home to the Lacandon jungle which covers nearly 1 000 000 ha, adjoining the border with Guatemala, owns 20% of the Mexican species and is home to almost 3,000 plant species.

The predominant and official language is Spanish, although throughout the state of Chiapas speak a variety of languages stem from Mayan as Chol, Tojolabal, Tzeltal, Tzotzil, Mam and Lacandon, unrelated to languages of the Yucatan Peninsula and Central America, in addition to language zoque.

The most important economic activities are national and international tourism, the production of coffee, honey and sugar cane, the production of craft such as jewelry making amber-based, management of wood, clay, lacquer and traditional saddlery.

The resort town and culturally important is the state of San Cristobal de Las Casas,

multicultural city where countless converge ethnicities, races and cultures, located in a beautiful area of the plateau, part of the mountains of northern Chiapas. Today the city of San Cristobal de las Casas is one of the most beautiful and original form the region of Los Altos of Chiapas (and America), an aspect which must be added the evocative colonial image that has been preserved over the centuries to. Also has a daily life that almost could be called traditional, with its market and its indigenous people and many of their colorful costumes came from various communities around the city and come to the site to sell their products.

Transportation: For travel to Mexico are advised to check prices of flights, as it can be very expensive. Several airlines fly to Mexico such as:

Aeroméxico: www.aeromexico.com

Luftahnsa: www.lufthansa.com

Air France: www.airfrance.com.mx

United: www.united.com

KLM: www.klm.com

Alitalia: www.alitalia.com

If you have to stopover in the United States you should arrange your visa.

Lodging in Mexico: there are several hostels located in different areas of the city, prices range from 5 € to 11 € per person / per night:

Coyote Flaco Backpackers: located a few blocks from the Historical Center of Coyoacan, near the metro station and international airport.

Hostel Amigo: located in the historical center, less than 5 minutes from major attractions and metro station.

YWCA Historical Center: located near the center of the city and the main avenues, museums.

Hostel Cathedral: Located a few steps from the historic center, just minutes from the subway station.

Hostal Moneda, located half a block from the Zocalo in the city.

For more information on accommodation visit: www.travellerspoint.com

National Transport: To move to the state capital of Chiapas (Tuxtla Gutierrez) is possible by:

By Air: International Airport "Angel Albino Corzo", receive flights from Mexico City. The trip takes about an hour and 20 minutes. Airlines:

Interjet: www.interjet.com.mx Vivaerobus: www.vivaaerobus.com

By land: the Chiapas state capital, Tuxtla Gutierrez, is 1.080 km away from Mexico City. The trip lasts about 14 hours.

In Mexico, buses leave from the East West Bus Terminal (TAPO), located in Calzada Ignacio Zaragoza 200, Colonia May 10, telephone (52) 5762-5983. The units, mostly are equipped with air conditioning, television and restrooms. For more pricing information visit: www.occbus.com.mx

Lodging in San Cristobal de las Casas, there are several hostels in the city, prices vary depending on the services offered.

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