



DAY ONE – Arrival Granada Hotel or Homestay

Granada is a picturesque colonial city that was founded in 1524 by Captain Francisco Hernandez de Cordoba. Granada is situated next to the Mombacho volcano and sits on the shores of Lake Cocibolca, with over 300 isletas. But without a doubt, its greatest treasures are its people, customs and culture. Interact's foreign representative will meet you in the airport lobby. Transfer to your hotel or meet your Granada Homestay Director, where you'll meet your host families.

MIDDLE CLASS HOST FAMILIES are usually relatives, neighbors, or lifelong friends of our homestay directors. Regardless, directors monitor and continually evaluate host families. Host families provide all meals - except those incorporated in the touring. Everyone speaks Spanish in the home. Students normally share with one other group member of the same general language ability.

DAY TWO – Granada / *interACTION*

Centro Historico walking tour and boat ride on Lake Cocibolca to view several of the 365 isletas, including monkey island. Following lunch, your *interACTION* is a special visit to a local school, where you'll help the children with their homework or play games.

DAY THREE – Masaya Market & Volcano Night Tour

Explore the centro this morning or participate in your prepaid optional Mombacho zipline, \$75. Following lunch, visit the historic craft city of Masaya. Practice your Spanish and bargaining skills in the mammoth souvenir market. Just before sunset, drive to the active cone of Santiago. Then, follow your licensed guide into the heart of the earth through lava tubes, while three different species of bats fly over your head. Weather-permitting, you'll have an opportunity to actually look inside the crater mouth. The red glow of the lava lightens the whole surroundings.

DAY FOUR – Mombacho / *interACTION*

Drive to Mombacho Cloud Forest Reserve, situated on top of the sleeping volcano. This reserve supports over 800 species of plant life and more than 500 howler monkeys. Enjoy a moderate hike on the fabulous "Crater Trail". This afternoon's humanitarian *interACTION* is a visit the Nicaragua Libre Community project for an afternoon of volunteering.

DAY FIVE - Shopping Villages / *interACTION*

Visit several of the nearby "Pueblos Blancos", where you can shop for the fine arts and crafts produced by its highly skilled residents. Each individual town offers its own signature craft. Visit artisan workshops and witness ceramics and pottery being fired in on-site kilns. Regardless, you'll have an opportunity to sharpen your bargaining skills, because it is part of the overall cultural experience. Conclude today with your dance *interACTION* as you learn Merengue, Salsa, Bachata and Reggaeton.

DAY SIX – Pacific Coast Resort 2 Nights

Relax on your scenic drive to the Pacific Coast at the Montelimar Barcelo Resort, or similar. Enjoy swimming, water sports, tropical plants and a fine, black sand beach. All meals and non-alcoholic beverages are included.

DAY SEVEN – ¡Playa!

Resort facilities include tennis courts, exercise room, and use of equipment for boogie boards and kayaking.

DAY EIGHT – Return to USA

Early morning transfer to Managua's International Airport for your return to the United States.



MIDWEEK DEPARTURE
8 days/7 nights



7 NIGHTS	
Granada Hotel or Homestay	5
Montelimar Beach Resort	2



Homestay includes all meals. Hotel includes daily breakfast and lunch or dinner.

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