



Project Minnesota/León Educators' Trip to Nicaragua

June 20 to July 1, 2017

(Refundable deposit of \$300 due February 22.)

Project Minnesota/León (PML) is planning a cultural immersion trip for educators to about education in Nicaragua and enhance teaching and cultural competency skills by

- developing global and cross-cultural awareness
- strengthening skills to better serve diverse students and their families.

Bring the World into Your Classroom

- Visit different schools—primary, secondary, private, public.
- Learn about the history, culture, and socio-economic realities of life in León.
- Express yourself through a class at a cultural art school.
- Teach English.
- Enjoy excursions to nearby beaches on the Pacific Ocean, and hike a volcano.
- Live with a host family and learn about daily life.
- Practice Spanish conversation.

Our PML staff will customize your itinerary based on your interests, arrange for transportation in León, and act as your bilingual leader for all daily activities. We will identify host families for you, so you can form relationships with people that a typical tourist would not be able to develop.

Enhance Your Teaching

As part of a focused community of educators, you will challenge and inspire each other to achieve excellence through lesson planning, group teaching, and structured reflections.

- Visit schools and observe classroom teaching, comparing and contrasting methodology and instructor styles with your own.
- Practice your teaching skills in a supportive environment.
- Experience professional development and personal growth that is meaningful, applicable, and long lasting.
- Engage with local community members beyond the classroom to grow in your understanding of cultural uniqueness.
- Learn from your experience while providing a valuable service for students in León.
- Experience being in an unfamiliar environment, and grow in your understanding of immigrants from developing countries.
- Increase your skills of problem-solving, interpersonal and cross-cultural communication, and leadership, by necessity becoming more flexible and adaptable.



If you are interested in signing up for this trip or learning more, please contact:

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To learn more about PML and trips to Nicaragua, see our website at: <http://www.mn-leon.org/>.