



JOIN US FOR
St. John's 12th Trip to Nicaragua
with Bridges to Community
Saturday, June 23 – Saturday, June 30, 2018

“The Bridges to Community volunteer experience is unlike almost anything else you can experience—it will challenge you, surprise you, inspire you, and change you. You will make a real and lasting difference for an individual, a family, even a whole community in an impoverished part of the world. But what comes as the biggest surprise to so many of our volunteers is that when you return, you will find that you have made a real and lasting difference for you as well. And your world will never be the same again.”

- What will I be doing?*** Building houses, with the guidance of Bridges staff and local masons; learning about Nicaragua and the local community; and getting to know the beneficiary families, especially the children!
- Where will I be working?*** We will be working in the rural community of San Joaquin in the town of Nindiri, about an hour from Managua.
- Where will I be staying?*** TBD, but more than likely, in a community center or school. Men/boys will be in one room, and women/girls will be in another.
- What will I be eating?*** We have local cooks preparing our meals with fresh, local ingredients. We'll be eating as the local people do, with rice and beans supplemented by some meat and vegetables. Food is plentiful and delicious!
- Can I bring a friend?*** As long as there is space on the trip, you are welcome to bring a friend!

Estimated Costs:

Cost per person for trip:	\$ 1,395.00
Cost of airfare:	\$ 850.00 estimate (or \$0 if using FF miles)
Immigration in Nicaragua	\$ 10.00
Spending Money:	\$ 100.00 (as little as \$50 if you spend minimally)
Total (approx)	\$ 2,355.00

All costs are tax-deductible except for \$10.00 entrance into Nicaragua and spending money. If finances will prevent you from coming, please let us know and we will work to secure and/or raise scholarship funds.

In addition, the group might undertake some fundraising activities to raise money for the cost of the building materials, and gifts we bring for the community and children (books, crafts, sports items).

Considerations:

Minimum Age:	15 years by start of trip (or completed 9 th grade)
Preferred Minimum:	15 participants
Maximum:	20 (depends upon site)
Preferred Adult to Child Ratio:	1:3 for participants under 18
Passports must be valid for	6 months from date of departure
No visa needed for Nicaragua	

Commitment:

We need a commitment by February 1, 2018 to determine if we have enough participants to run the trip in 2018. So, please help us out, and let us know ASAP if you are interested in joining the trip this year!

\$250 non-refundable deposit to Bridges to Community and three part application due Thursday, February 1, 2018. You may pay by check or credit card). Three part application may be downloaded at www.bridgestocommunity.org.

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