



MINGA HOUSE

Minga House Foundation

Non-Profit Organization – Founded in 2014

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What is MINGA?

“Minga entails a collaborative work system that dates back to the Incas. It refers to the commitment, contract or work agreement between two or more people. The word minga also stands for meeting or reunion.”

VOLUNTEERING & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Coffee Eco-Tourism & Recreation



Learning Objectives:

The “Coffee Cultural Landscape of Colombia” is an exceptional example of a sustainable and productive cultural landscape that is unique and representative of a tradition that is a strong symbol for coffee growing areas worldwide. Among these beautiful green Andean mountains landscape is an up & coming tourism industry. During the new post-conflict era, Colombia is experiencing a renaissance in tourism as the world’s 2nd most biodiverse country in the world; named Best Value Destination for 2017. And if you love coffee, you’ll be in heaven. Take a take a front-row seat for an extended “Paisaje Cultural Cafetero Experience,” as an active participant! Every morning you’ll start your day with a freshly cultivated & brewed cup of the best coffee in the world! Depending on

availability at each worksite and interns’ background & interest, you may be matched to one or more locations such as sustainable eco-farms, coffee plantations, recreational attractions, or traditional finca hotels. View videos about Coffee Region: <http://www.mingahouse.com/coffee-region.html>

- Everything about Coffee: Planting, harvesting, processing, drying, milling, exporting, tasting, roasting, grinding, brewing
- Adventure Recreation: Ziplining, waterfall repelling, horseback riding, wall climbing, paintball, hiking, & more!
- Leadership: Public speaking as tour guide for the public and translator for the organization.
- Hospitality Management: hotel management, restaurant management, tour management, customer service, online global marketing.
- AgriScience: Coffee, Cacao, Coconuts, Bananas, Citrus, Papaya, and many other unique tropical fruits and vegetables.
- Spanish: Immerse yourself in Spanish!



Participant Requirements:

Educational Background:

Undergraduate & Professionals in any of the following fields: Tourism Management, Hospitality Management, Sports & Recreation, Recreation & Leisure, Business, Education, Architecture, Food Science, Ecology, Environmental Science, Veterinary Science, Animal Science, or any other related field.

Spanish Language Skills:

(None) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (Fluent)

Potential projects and day-to-day duties:

- Shadow & assist various professionals as directed by supervisor
- Tasked to compare/contrast Colombian practices vs. U.S. practices then make presentation
- Support in the creation of information materials for the public
- Support in the review of current internal operations processes & procedures for improvement
- Experience the role of a 'day in the life' of a Colombian employee and/or intern at each of the worksites
- Lead as a tour guide in the daily activities for site costumers

Service Term:

- **Plan Prep Time:** 30 days minimum before arrival date
- **Service Term:** 30 days minimum required – 32 hrs/week required
- **Work Schedule:** 6-8 hrs./day - Monday-Friday (TBD am - TBD pm)
- **Service Window:** January to December

Special Skills Desired:

- Strong communication skills
- Great attitude
- Self-Directed
- Proactive and Responsible
- Experience at customer service
- Enjoys the outdoors and farm animals
- Related experience to tourism & recreation

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