ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

June 11 - 18, 2016

Land package from $1,925

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DAY 1 - FLIGHT TO MANAGUA, NICARAGUA
Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Take some time to relax before meeting for a welcome cocktail and orientation with your tour director tonight.
Meals: In-flight, cocktail

DAY 2 - MANAGUA – MASAYA NATIONAL PARK – CAFÉ LAS FLORES COFFEE PLANTATION – RANCHO SANTANA
Located just an hour from Granada, Volcán Masaya National Park is Nicaragua's most impressive outdoor attraction. Only a few volcanoes sites in the world allow visitors to simply drive up to the crater edge. Take a look into what the Spaniards declared to be the very “mouth of hell” and visit the park's impressive nature museum. Ask the staff to interpret the geology and ecology of the site. We continue our journey south and stop at Café Las Flores Coffee Plantation. Our guide at Hacienda El Progreso will teach us about the history and processes of coffee growing. After lunch and a cup of coffee, we are on our way to Rancho Santana. Tucked between the vast Pacific and immense Lake Nicaragua, Rancho Santana has the distinction of being one of the only isthmuses on the entire Pacific Ocean. It is a strip of land that is bordered on both sides by water, yet connected on each end by land. This rare geographical phenomenon gives the Ranch nearly constant breezes. Upon arrival, we check into our villas and take some time to unpack. Join us for dinner tonight at ‘La Finca El Mar’ which translates to ‘The Farm and the Sea.’ Relax and soak in the ambiance on the open-air terraces offering stunning views of the Pacific.
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 3 - RANCHO SANTANA
Wi-Fi is free and abundant at Rancho Santana. Each villa features a private bathroom per bedroom, shared kitchen and living facilities. Your refrigerator has been stocked with your basic breakfast items. Bond with your new roommates over coffee and scrambled eggs, while taking in breath-taking views of the ocean. Take this day to relax at your pool, or take a stroll on the beach. If you are ready for a more active day, sign up...
for optional horseback riding where guides take you up the coast along the beach, and then through local villages. The horses are responsive, strong, and well trained. You will be matched up to the horses according to your riding experience and each ride is tailored to the interests and time frame of riders.

Optional activity: Equestrian adventure
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4 - RANCHO SANTANA

Are you up for some outdoor yoga? Under the Yoga Palapa on Playa Santana, take a class with a professional instructor and melt away stress as you listen to waves gently crash onto the beach. Today may be the day for you to explore another one of the five beaches. Sign up for an optional surf or paddle boarding lesson today or simply rent a board from the surf shop. If you are pre-planning a dinner with your housemates tonight, the Ranch has its own grocery store and dry goods market, La Tienda. The shop also carries a variety of items to rent, such as beach chairs, baby seats, strollers, surf boards, kayaks and grills.

Optional activity: Surfing/paddle boarding/kayaking – rental/lessons
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5 - RANCHO SANTANA

Enjoy another day at your pool or nearby beach or consider donating some of your time to the people of Nicaragua. With the considerable amount of real estate development occurring in this impoverished region, developers felt it was necessary to “give back” to the local community. Representatives from Rancho Santana decided to create a non-profit clinic in the town of Limón. Later, consider exploring the unique and fascinating flora and fauna of Nicaragua’s southern coast with a knowledgeable on-site naturalist. Head out into the wild and discover a wealth of biodiversity, including a variety of species of tropical birds, trees, plants, flowers and even monkeys. Hikes are designed for beginner to intermediate hikers and can be tailored to fit your needs.

Optional activity: Half day volunteer work at local clinic; nature walk
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 - RANCHO SANTANA

Consider indulging in one or more spa treatments today. The beachfront cabanas truly nurture an environment of peace and tranquility. Rediscover the art of relaxation while you’re here in paradise! For a more active day, cruise around Rancho Santana on two wheels, using your own power. Recommendations can be provided or a guide can be hired. Some guided tours are offered free of charge, bikes included. Alternatively, you can join us on an optional fishing trip today. Nestled in a private cove overlooking the beautiful pink sands of Playa Rosada, enjoy a tranquil farewell beach barbeque tonight.

Optional activity: Fishing Trip
Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 7 - RANCHO SANTANA – GRANADA

Today we continue north to Granada, one of the most beautiful cities in Central America, set along the shores of Lake Nicaragua with views of volcanoes on Island Ometepe. Countless historical buildings line the city’s cobblestone streets with elegant homes and tranquilk parks, an urban elegance complemented by nearby natural attractions. Today you may choose an optional city tour of Granada and go shopping, or join us on an excursion to nearby Mombacho Volcano. Explore the inactive volcano on foot with your expert guide and discover unique plants and wildlife, including reptiles, monkeys and birds. Are you ready for an adrenaline rush? Join us for a zip-lining adventure above a lush rainforest landscape and coffee plantations while enjoying panoramic views of Granada and its surrounding area.

We return to Granada for our farewell dinner.
Optional activity: Mombacha Volcano
Meals: Breakfast, farewell dinner

DAY 8 – TRAVEL HOME

After breakfast we transfer to Managua airport. Leaving sunny Nicaragua behind, we bid farewell filled with memories of the fun we had exploring new lands with new friends.

Meals: Breakfast, In-flight
Optional Activities (not included in package price):

City tour or Mombacho Volcano Tour: Explore the inactive volcano on foot with your expert guide and discover unique plants and wildlife, including reptiles, monkeys and birds. Join us for a zip-lining adventure above a lush rainforest landscape and coffee plantations while enjoying panoramic views of Granada and its surrounding area.

Equestrian Adventure – Turtle Preserve Playa Escondida: Ride through canopy trails, past the Casitas to Playa Escondida. Descend along a steep, narrow pathway with spectacular views of the beach. This beach is part of a turtle preservation area of the Ranch and may have marked turtle nests. We may spot howler monkeys. Some riding experience is required to participate in this option. Trail must be dry for three consecutive days to be accessible.

Surfing and/or Paddle boarding: request information on rental equipment and lessons.

Fishing Trip: Nicaragua is the perfect base for world class sportfishing. The assortment of fish that live in these waters include Sailfish, Marlin, Yellow-Fin Tuna, Wahoo, Rooster Fish, Mackerel, Dorado, Red Snapper and more.

Optional activities, free of charge:
- Yoga & Fitness, Nature hikes
- Volunteer work at The Roberto Clemente Health Clinic

Please check with your tour director for detailed schedules. Some options may require a minimum number of participants to operate. Rates for options are per person, approximate and subject to change.
**RESERVATION FORM**

University of Maryland

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LAND PRICE

$1,925
per person/shared twin or double

Airfare not included

Airfare is priced separately for greater flexibility. Call for a quote from your gateway city.

Please make ___ reservations for the person(s) shown below

(1) Name as it appears on passport:

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(If passport information is not available at time of booking, please submit information before tour departure.)

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**Mailing address (WHERE ALL INVOICES AND FINAL DOCUMENTS ARE SENT):**

Street: ___________________________________  
ZIP code: ____________  
City:  ______________  
State: ________

e-mail: ____________________________

Cell phone ( ) ____________________________  
Day-time phone ( ) ____________________________

Emergency contact/Name: ____________________________  
Phone ( ) ____________________________

**Land Arrangements (cost per person):**

- ☐ I want to book the land package for $1,925
- ☐ I will room with: ____________________________
- ☐ I want to book a ☐ TWIN room ☐ DOUBLE room
- ☐ I prefer my own room as a solo traveler and will pay the single supplement of $695
- ☐ I understand that the rooms at the Villas at Rancho Santana differ in size and amenities, from smaller twin rooms to master suites and that rooms will be assigned on a first come - first served basis.

The land package rate remains the same regardless of room type/size selected/assigned.

**Air Arrangements:**

- ☐ Make round-trip flight reservations for me from:

Card #: ____________________________  
Exp. Date: ____________________________  
Security ID #: ____________________________

Cardholder Address: ____________________________

Account Name: ____________________________

Cardholder signature: ____________________________

Payment of deposit indicates that I have read and agree to all terms and conditions.

Signature: ____________________________

Full trip cost to be paid in full March 11, 2016. Reservations received after this date are subject to availability and must be accompanied by payment in full plus a late booking fee of $100 per person. All prices reflect a cash discount. Payment of balance with credit card will result in a 4% processing fee.

**Terms and Conditions**

EXCLUSIONS: These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own:); airport and government taxes; tip-

ping of tour guide and driver (suggested $4-5 per day for tour director; $2-3 per day for driver;); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; porterage; airport transfers from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received by AESU Alumni World Travel in writing. All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a $100 per person cancel-

ation fee. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. In addition to $300, cancellation between 60-31 days of departure will result forfeiture of 25% of tour cost; between 30-16 days: 50%. Cancellation within 16 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. 

AIRFARES are highly restrictive, NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-

ENDORUSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Once reservation is booked and paid for AESU Alumni World Travel reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare por-

on is non-refundable. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes also subject to penalties. Medical health and accident insurance is compulsory.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE: All participants using AESU Alumni World Travel flights on regular group departures and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. London Gatwick arrivals please call AESU (800.638.7640) for details on transfers. Inter-airport transfers (i.e. between London Gatwick-Heathrow) are at passenger's expense. Land-Only participants (providing own flight to Europe) do not receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 1:00 p.m. on program start date. FLIGHT DELAYS – ALL AIRPORTS: In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline. AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. All programs start in Europe ONE DAY LATER THAN THE USA departure dates listed. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract. RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of AESU Alumni World Travel and the Sponsoring Association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond AESU Alumni World Travel's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. Trip cancellation insurance should be purchased by the individual traveler in the event cancellation of the tour is compelled by circumstances beyond our control. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of partici-

pants, AESU Alumni World Travel's liability shall be limited to a FULL REFUND of all payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. Baggage and personal injury are at owner’s risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. AESU Alumni World Travel reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airlines, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at www.alumniworldtravel.com.

I have read and agreed to all terms and conditions: ☐

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