

# NICARAGUA ITINERARY



## ARRIVE / SETTLE / CONNECT



The Spark Team will greet you at Managua International Airport (MGA). From there, travel through scenic countryside to León, where you will check-in to your boutique accommodations. Enjoy cocktails at sunset on the Pacific while getting to know your traveling companions. Then get to know the leaders of Las Tías, Spark's local partner organization, over a delicious beach-front dinner.

## LEARN / GIVE / EXPLORE



Begin your adventure in earnest this morning with a guided walking tour through the market and community centers of our community partner, Las Tías. Enjoy a lively welcome program with cultural dancing and performances by the students. Engage in English language games or other activities with the students. Serve and eat lunch at the center with your new friends. In the afternoon hike an active volcano with the option to volcano board to the bottom - or enjoy a free afternoon exploring the culturally rich city of Leon. Close out the day with dinner at top-rated restaurant.

## IMPACT / DEVELOP / CHANGE



The morning activities include an additional youth project at one of the community centers and a visit to meet the family of one of the students. Debrief over lunch, enjoy a tour of the largest Cathedral in Central America, and then prepare for one of the best nights of the trip. The Las Tías leadership team will host our group for a traditional Nicaraguan feast, complete with music and dancing.

## TRAVEL / ENJOY / TOAST



After breakfast, check out of your León hotel and transfer via private bus to lunch at a coffee farm and a light hike around the Mombacho crater. We'll arrive in time for a few hours to explore Granada, a picturesque city filled with historic landmarks. Toast to your new friendships with a final group dinner.

## DEPART / REFLECT



Check out of your Granada hotel and Spark staff will facilitate your private transportation to the Managua International Airport (MGA) in time to catch your flight home.





# OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER



Association Las Tías was started by eight women after the revolution and subsequent Contra Wars swept the nation in the 70's and 80's and left thousands of children homeless. They began reaching out to these children to provide shelter, education and health with what little they had. Today, they have two thriving community centers that provide meals, education, health care, job skills training and micro-loans to the local community.