

La Choza Chula

About La Choza Chula...

La Choza Chula supports coastal communities in Guatemala to flourish through programs such as:

- Year round education projects and activities for children and young people.
- An enterprise program and initiative for local youth and women to earn an income.
- Introducing new project partners to the village, acting as a bridge between the community and external influencers.

About the area...

El Paredón is a small village on the Pacific Coast of Guatemala, 2 hours south of Guatemala City, with a population of 1500. The main industries are fishing, agriculture and surf tourism. The area is rich in natural resources and local people use these to live sustainably- cutting mangroves and palm to build houses, fishing and picking fruit trees for food. International food donations supplement people's minimal income. Literacy rates and educational resources are low. The average family earns Q40 (\$5) / day. Sense of community is fierce and locals are incredibly generous, warm and friendly.



Work Description...

There are a variety of ways to support La Choza Chula, depending on your skills and interests. Volunteers can work with English Teaching and Education, Environmental Education, Sales and Marketing, Product Design, Business operations, or Community Tourism programs. You would have a primary focus, though there are also some possibilities to help with other conservation projects in the area.



Accommodation & Food...

Most volunteers live with a local host family, who provide two meals a day. Host families in El Paredon have worked with La Choza Chula for a number of years and have experience hosting tourists and volunteers alike. Staying with a host family offers a wonderful opportunity to integrate into the community and connect with the local culture.

You will likely fit well at La Choza Chula if you...

- are enthusiastic, hard working and tolerant
- have at least conversational level Spanish-speaking ability (advanced Spanish needed for English teaching)
- are independent, take initiative, and want to integrate into the community

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