

Challenging Internship for Trainee/Volunteer:

“Integrate Maya-Women Cooperative in Guatemala in Community Based Tourist Activities”

Dutch foundation *En Mi Salsa* has set up the handicraft cooperative and fair trade store *Ut'z Bat'z* in Chichicastenango, Guatemala, with Maya-women from the most vulnerable groups. Self-support and empowerment are central aspects of this cooperative. All products are handmade, authentic and of high quality. We are also setting up projects focused on their children.



We are looking for a volunteer who wants to set up a community development project with our cooperative & develop tourism opportunities in Chichicastenango

Duration: minimum 2 months

Your most important activities are:

- ❖ Developing ideas for the improvement of our fair trade store's image and to attract more tourists.
- ❖ Training the women in presenting themselves to tourists.
- ❖ To set up a local community development program for tourists in which the cooperative is involved.
- ❖ Do research about and develop tourism opportunities for Chichicastenango in general.

Your profile:

- ❖ You are studying or have studied tourism or you have related work experience.
- ❖ You have affinity with (sustainable) tourism and community development projects.
- ❖ You are a social person and you have organizational skills.
- ❖ You are flexible, active and you have a balanced personality.
- ❖ You can work independently and are willing to live on your own in a Guatemalan community.
- ❖ You have an intercultural mentality and you want to learn about the Guatemalan society and the Maya culture.
- ❖ You have a sufficient level of Spanish or you are willing to do a one-month Spanish language course in Guatemala (which we can organize for you, costs around 1000 US dollar).

We offer:

- ❖ An adventurous internship in which you will get to know the Maya culture and contribute to development.
- ❖ Practical assistance and personal support.
- ❖ Room for your own initiatives and wishes.