

Category	Ecotourism – agriculture	
Location	Quetzaltenango	
Year of foundation	1998	
Number of permanent employees:	No employees, but 32 families.	
Project description:	The finca is formed by 32 Mayan families, who fought together in the civil war as guerrillas, coming up for the Mayan people. After the war they achieved to obtain Finca Santa Anita, and form an entire community with two schools, a daycare centre, library, pharmacy and ecotourism project. But the coffee harvest makes up the main activity of this special community.	
Description of volunteer tasks:	<p>Volunteers can occupy their time with many activities. In the mornings you can work on the communal land, or work with families on their own plots. These are the activities concerning the coffee harvest:</p> <p>Jan - Feb: prepare the field and the trees to obtain firewood March - April: collect the firewood May - June: some families start to plant the new coffee trees Sep - Dec: coffee harvest and processing.</p> <p>In the afternoons there are other activities, such as teaching English at the schools, run the children´s library or help your host family with random duties.</p>	
Opening hours:	Always	
Requirements:	Spanish level:	Requirements:
	Minimum time commitment:	
	Work schedule:	
	Others:	
How to get to the project:	<p>Go to the bus terminal Minerva in Xela and find the Transportes XelaJu, a red, white, and blue bus. Take the bus to Colomba, about 1½ hours and costing 10 Quetzales. You will be let off in the center of Colomba and you need to walk to the other side of the market until you see a building with “Municipalidad” written in large letters. In front of the Municipalidad there are pick-up trucks and buses. Ask which one is going to Santa Anita la Unión and they will drop off at our entrance. It is about a 20 minute ride from Columba, costing 5 Quetzales.</p> <p>We can also hire a taxi from Quetzaltenango to bring the volunteer there; this has a cost of Q400. The transportation is paid by the volunteer.</p>	
Closing dates of the project:	Open year round.	
Lodging options:	Lodging is available for Q150 per day, in the volunteer house or with a family. Meals are included and enjoyed with one of the families.	

Photo impressions

