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MANGROVE REFORESTATION AND AFRO CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY LIFE



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SOLIDERRANCE

TRAVELS THAT LEAVE A POSITIVE FOOTPRINT

VISION

“Let’s travel to places where they really care of earth & people to support and inspire a sustainable, regenerative and peaceful life”

WE AIM TO



REGENERATE PEOPLE AND PLACES



IMPACT POSITIVELY
TRAVELERS & HOSTS



SUPPORT COMMUNITIES



THE CORE REGENERATIVE ACTIVITY

MANGROVE REFORESTATION

On the island of Orika, also known as Isla Grande, in the western Caribbean of Colombia, Carlos Machado has been consistently driving a mangrove ecosystem restoration project, motivated by his love for nature and the archipelago of the Rosario Islands.

This project aims to support the island's coastal ecosystems in mitigating the effects of climate change, as mangroves capture atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO₂) and store it in the organic matter of their roots, turning it into blue carbon. Since 2010, community restoration actions have been implemented in the mangroves affected by climate change and intensive tourism.

Through this project, more than 8,000 seedlings have been planted in different areas, with over 150 maintenance sessions for channels and inlets, nursery upkeep, and the active participation of visitors and the local community in the process.

During this week, Carlos will share a theoretical session on the role of mangroves in the ecosystem, and together, participants will have the opportunity to plant dozens of seedlings.



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ISLA GRANDE, CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA



Located in the Colombian Caribbean, Isla Grande is the largest of the Rosario Islands, an archipelago at about 45 minutes by boat from Cartagena.

Its history is shaped by the influence of Afro-descendant communities, who settled on the island during the colonial era and after the abolition of slavery in Colombia in the 19th century.



Culturally, Isla Grande reflects the Afro-Caribbean legacy, with a strong presence of champeta music and traditional rhythms like bullerengue. The local community, mostly living in the village of Orika, preserves ancestral traditions and maintains a close connection with the sea, basing its economy on artisanal fishing and ecotourism.



The island is also known for its rich natural environment, featuring mangroves, coral reefs, and unique biodiversity protected within the Corales del Rosario and San Bernardo National Natural Park. In recent years, it has become a popular destination for travelers seeking authentic, sustainable experiences and a deep connection with nature.



Ubuntu: "I am because we are."

This philosophy embodies the spirit of this special place, where you will stay for a week of regenerative and community-centered experiences.



YOUR HOSTS: MARGARITA AND EVER

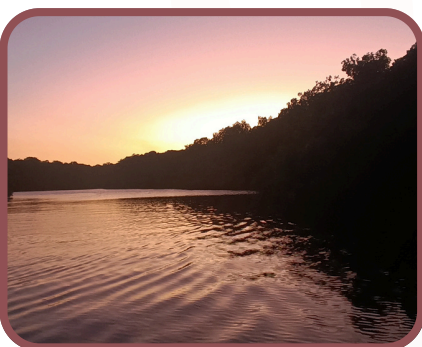


Margarita and Ever welcome you to their home on Isla Grande, the main island of the Rosario Archipelago.

Ever is of African descent and has dedicated his life to ensuring the recognition of his culture. Margarita specializes in rural community development. She is a Colombian biologist with a master's degree in Conservation and Rural Development. Her experience includes designing, managing, and implementing sustainable development projects, as well as developing community-based communication and education strategies for conservation.

As an expert in networking, she is part of the Environmental Leadership Program at the University of Berkeley and the WWF's Education for Nature Program. She also serves on the board of CASA Latina (Council of Sustainable Settlements of Latin America).

The conservation of both marine and terrestrial ecosystems, along with cultural and social recognition through education, are the key challenges of the programs they implement across the archipelago. They created UBUNTU as a pilot Community Training Center for Peacebuilding and Conservation, with a holistic and integrated approach. Through practical examples, it demonstrates how to create sustainable solutions in the social, environmental, economic, and cultural dimensions.



ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

ACCOMMODATION

At Ubuntu, all infrastructures are designed to respect the environment and minimize our footprint in such a fragile setting as an island.

The cabins are made of wood and have private showers with cold water, which is reused to irrigate the flowers and plants surrounding them.

- 2 beachfront cabins with a private terrace and hammock. Each has 1 double bed and 1 single bed.
- 2 mangrove-front cabins with a shared terrace and hammocks. Each has 1 double bed and 1 single bed.
- 4 luxury cabins with sea views and private terraces.
- 2 dormitories with 3 beds each and a private shower in each dormitory.



FOOD

We offer delicious and healthy meals infused with all the vibrant flavors of Afro-Caribbean cuisine.

Enjoy a wide variety of options, from fried fish with coconut rice and patacón—a must-try—to shrimp skewers, vegetarian soups, or chicken soups.

Our restaurant service includes three meals a day.



OTHERS EXPERIENCES YOU WILL ENJOY HERE

SNORKELING



CANOE RIDE IN MANGROVE



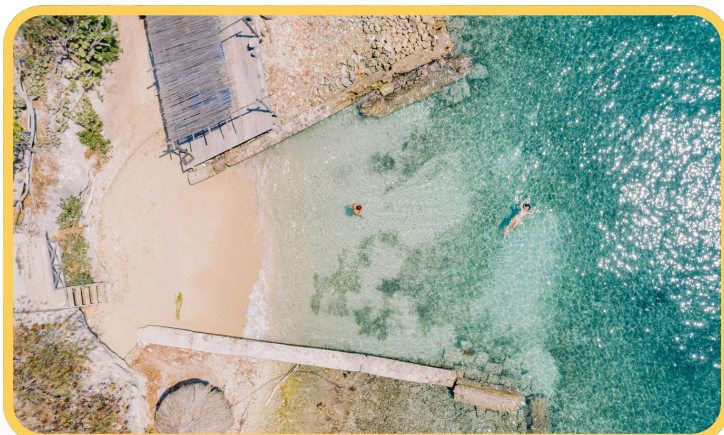
TRADITIONAL FISHING



AFRO DANCES AND RHYTHM



REST AND CHILL



CARIBEAN COOKING



AGENDA OF THE WEEK

*Exact itinerary details are subject to change

DAY 1

AM: **Welcome and Accommodation**

PM: **Canoe Ride Through the Mangroves & Sunset Experience**

EV: **Dinner and Free time**

DAY 2

AM: **Theoretical Introduction to Mangrove Reforestation**

PM: **Orika village visit**

EV: **Dinner and Free time**

DAY 3

AM: **Snorkeling and chill at the beach**

PM: **Mangrove Reforestation #1**

EV: **Dinner and Free time**

DAY 4

AM: **Mangrove Reforestation #2**

PM: **Afro-Caribbean Cooking Workshop**

EV: **Dinner and Free time**

DAY 5

AM: **Traditional Fishing Experience**

PM: **Mangrove Reforestation #3**

EV: **Dinner and Free time**

DAY 6

AM: **Mangrove Reforestation #4**

PM: **Coral Nursery & Reef Restoration**

EV: **Afro-Caribbean and farewell party**

DAY 7

AM: **Free Time and Exit**

PM: ...

EV: ...

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

WHEN ARE THE NEXT EVENTS IN 2025?

JUNE : from monday the 2nd to sunday 8th
AUGUST : from monday the 4th to sunday 10th

OCTOBER : from monday the 6th to sunday 12th
DECEMBER : from monday the 1st to sunday 7th

CAPACITY

Maximum of 12 people

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

1 450€/ person in a private cabin

1 150€ / person in shared cabin with 3 beds

WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

- Round-trip transfer from Cartagena to Isla Grande (hotel pickup included).
- 6 nights of full-board accommodation on the island.
- Three meals per day, with a selection from the menu (up to 130,000 COP/day).
- All scheduled activities and necessary transportation.
- Dedicated guide and interpreter for the entire week.

WHAT DOES IT NOT INCLUDE?

- Your arrival in Cartagena (flights or other transportation to the city).
- Meals or drinks outside the full-board package, including alcoholic beverages.
- Additional activities beyond those listed in the itinerary.

HOW TO BOOK

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HOW SHOULD I GET THERE?

Closest Airport

Cartagena International Airport

Boat

Tourist Boat from Muelle de la Bodeguita. 9.30am

Last Mile Solution

Private Transfer to Isla Grande from your hotel is included in the price

Logistics Services Providers

private airport transfers from Cartagena Airport can be arranged for an additional fee.

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