



HÁBITAT SUR VOLUNTEERS' RULES

We have put together some basic rules for volunteers staying at Hábitat Sur Natural Reserve that we believe will help us live in harmony and build together a space for creativity, intercultural exchanges and social and environmental innovation for the Amazon.

Please read this document carefully before submitting your application to volunteer with us.

Contribution (2017): Includes accommodation in hammocks with mosquito net, three vegetarian meals and beverages during the day, and services (water, electricity, gas).

- **15 to 30 days of stay** - COP \$50.000 per person, per day.
- **31 days and more** - COP \$40.000 per person, per day.

Note: We work with indigenous communities and other people that do not speak English, we request volunteers to have a basic level of Spanish. If you don't know the language and want to be a volunteer, please let us know in advance. There is an extra fee of COP \$20.000 per person per day, for translation services.

Minimum stay: 15 days (best arrival day: Monday)

Hours of work: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 m. / 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (7 hours)

Cleaning Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 m.

Saturday - Sunday: Free exploration time!

Basic rules:

- Hábitat Sur promotes a vegetarian diet. If volunteers do not follow this kind of diet, they can eat animal protein in town or outside the natural reserve.
- Breakfast and lunch are served at the table every day. Volunteers cook their own dinner.
- Hunting or eating wild meat is forbidden (monkeys, birds, wild pigs or any other wild animal)
- Each volunteer washes his/her dishes after eating and is responsible for keeping the kitchen clean. Leaving food or dirt around in the Amazon means inviting plagues to your house!
- Kitchen appliances, tools and other items of the reserve are for the use of all, please use them with due care and in case of breaking or losing anything, please make sure to replace it before you leave.
- Hábitat Sur is everyone's home. Each one must treat others with respect, respect their private life, beliefs and ideology.
- We aim to reduce to the minimum our impact on the planet. Please avoid all damage or contamination to the local flora and fauna.
- Employees of the natural reserve are there for you, but they also have their own duties. Please respect their working hours and breaks.
- Please do not invite people to the natural reserve without the express consent of Adriana or Hervé. With their approval, visitors pay a fee to enter the reserve (\$8.000)



COP) plus a contribution to be determined according to the length of their stay, activities, beverages and food consumption.

- The “Ranchito” is the lodging area for volunteers. If a volunteer wants to use one of our cabins, she/he must pay the rate for visitors per night (Fees for 2017: COP \$80.000 per one person, COP \$60.000 per person from two to four people).
- Hábitat Sur does not assume any responsibility regarding consume of medicinal or hallucinogenic plants inside or outside the natural reserve, neither promotes actively its consumption.

Daily domestic tasks:

- Help in the kitchen
- Maintain clean the volunteers’ toilets, showers, Ranchito and Mariposario

Other tasks to accomplish according to the number of volunteers present:

- Collect fruits and vegetables from the garden
- Water plants, cut weeds and fertilize the soil when necessary
- Make compost and fertilizer
- Solid Waste management
- Help with the agroecology and ecological restoration tasks
- General maintenance of wooden infrastructure

Individual projects:

We want you to find in Hábitat Sur a space for learning, sharing and experimenting a more sustainable and closer-to-nature way of live.

If you are staying for a short time, we permanently have ongoing projects that you can give us a hand with. If you are staying for a longer period of time, we have larger, more complex projects you can join, or you can propose your own initiative. We will decide whether to support it or not according to its pertinence to our principles and objectives.

Hábitat Sur ongoing projects:

- Build, equip and maintain wood cabins.
- Reforestation and soil recovery.
- Agroecology and ecological restoration.
- Recovery and protection of water-bodies.
- Support the BiblioVan and the Little Public Libraries.
- Support Community Development projects under implementation.
- Exchange with local population: “Shared knowledge program”.

Areas of interest for individual projects’ proposals:

- Agroecology
- Ecological restoration
- Sustainability
- Arts y culture
- Environmental education
- Bio construction
- Landscaping
- Community strengthening
- Waste management (Reducing, reusing, recycling!)
- Conservation
- Responsible and purposeful tourism