

## Alliance for Global Justice Bi-National Delegation Compare & Contrast: Honduras & Nicaragua

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Honduras and Nicaragua are neighbors and among the most impoverished countries in Latin America. They share the same climate and much of the same history from colonial times to independence. One country had a revolution in 1979 which today is being further developed, particularly through ALBA, the cooperative trade alliance. The other country had no revolution but its membership in ALBA was one factor in a US-backed military coup in 2009. The negative effects of that coup are evident. This delegation will travel south from the Honduran capital, Tegucigalpa, to Estelí in Nicaragua and back along a different route.



### Nicaragua

#### Visit:

- Northern cities of Ocotal, Somoto, & Estelí.
- Agricultural cooperative & a home for at-risk expectant mothers.
- Beautiful nature reserve.

#### Learn:

- Government policies contributing to economic growth & poverty reduction especially through Nicaragua's participation in ALBA rather than through the "assistance" of the International Monetary Fund.

#### Meet:

- Representatives of the Agriculture, Environment, & the Family & Associative Economy ministries.
- Students, teachers, healthcare workers.



### Honduras

#### Visit:

- Local chapter of the National Front of Popular Resistance.
- Communities resisting large-scale shrimp farming, tourism, the infamous "Model City" project & mining.

#### Meet:

- Teachers & healthcare unions resisting the IMF's latest Structural Adjustment programs & learn about the impacts on health & education.
- Human rights organizations documenting the high levels of insecurity and state violence in country.

Cost: \$1,100. Includes: all ground transportation including airport pick-up and delivery, three meals/day, hotels (double occupancy) and translation.  
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