

NATURAL BUILDING COURSE

Sabana Grande, Nicaragua

Jan 22-Feb 3*, 2012



This course will provide you with the opportunity to learn and employ several aspects of building with natural materials while constructing a classroom for the AgroEcological Solar Promoters. Your time with us will include classroom discussion of various topics but will largely consist of hands on application of a variety of natural building techniques.

Topics and techniques covered will include: foundation systems, roof systems, wall systems including adobe, cob, wattle and daub, recyclables and plastic bottle bricks and straw/clay, basic carpentry, bamboo construction, earth bag construction, earthen plasters and sculptural techniques, earthen floors and regional resourcing.

This class is appropriate for all levels and areas of interest from architects and builders to the simply curious.

Experience the local culture while being hosted by one of the families of the Solar Women of Totogalpa (www.mujeressolares.org). Laugh along with your host family as you try to recall your high school Spanish, balance water on your head or make tortillas.

Lead Instructors: Liz Johndrow of Earthen Endeavors (www.earthenendeavors.com) and Nancy Bernstein of Amstutz Woodworking LLC

Course Tuition: \$1,495 includes course, food and lodging with host family and travel to and from airport. Airfare not included.

If you are interested in participating and would like more information please contact us at thegrupofenix@gmail.com or visit our website at www.grupofenix.org

*Participants will need to arrive in Managua by the 21st January. The course will finish on 3rd February with a farewell dinner.

