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ERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE

AT THE BONA FIDE INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

OMETEPE ISLAND, NICARAGUA

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JOIN US FOR A 14-DAY PERMACULTURE DESIGN INTENSIVE TO LEARN ABOUT:

- Principles & Ethics of Permaculture Design
- Site analysis & design, from tropics to temperate regions
- Landscape master planning & microclimate design
- Reading the landscape & pattern recognition
- Design for climate change
- Regenerative Land Management & Stewardship
- Water catchment, storage, filtration & distribution
- Biologically based treatment of greywater & blackwater
- Natural building techniques & vernacular architecture
- Plant propagation, grafting & organic horticulture
- Medicinal plant propagation, usage & preparations
- Soil rehabilitation & fertility strategies
- Myco-forestry & myco-filtration
- Orchard design & maintenance
- Renewable energies & biofuels
- Local & regenerative economics
- And much, much more!

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD ON ISLA OMETEPE, AN ISLAND OF TWIN VOLCANOES IN SOUTHERN NICARAGUA

Project Bona Fide is a 43-acre permaculture site which has been in development for nearly a decade, and has become an important center for education and community development. Infrastructural systems contain: natural buildings built with local materials, terraced & medicinal plant gardens, an extensive nursery, seed bank, developing fruit and nut orchards, food forests, native timber forestry, timber bamboo plantings, water-catchment, drip irrigation and ferrocement technologies, renewable energy systems, and composting toilets. Outreach efforts include social programs that provide educational opportunities based in ecological agriculture, community reforestation efforts that are supported by our seed bank and nursery, local seed and plant exchanges, a children's nutritional kitchen and an upcoming community center. The developing site, interwoven with the support we've received from our local community, allows Bona Fide to be fertile ground for cultural exchange on the island and beyond.

PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE PRICE: \$1,250 USD

Please register early as the course can and does fill quickly • Course price does not include airfare • \$400 USD non-refundable deposit required • Meals will include a mixture of traditional cuisine and farm foods • Academic credits are often available to undergraduate and graduate students • The course is taught in English and simultaneously translated into Spanish via FM-headsets

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