

Utilizing Tour Stops as
Community Partners
in an International
Service Learning
Course

# Service Learning

- Encourages retention of materials
- More critical thinking
- Engagement in the community
- Engagement in the classroom
- Better student work products

## Study Abroad

- New culture
- New experiences outside of students' comfort zones
- Personal growth
- Understanding for different agricultural practices
- Appreciation for home



### Advanced Imaging & Design

- Graduate course
- Advanced video and photo
- Go beyond the basic courses
- Practice, practice!
- Apply visual theories



# Spring 2016



# Our job

- Before Spring Break:
  - Studied visual theories
  - Studied advanced video production techniques
  - In depth lessons on lighting
  - Sound
  - Apply previous semesters'
     lessons on shooting and editing
  - Plan projects
  - Create teams and assign clients
  - Study clients



# Our job

- During Spring Break
  - Tour various farms and ecotourism destinations
  - Conduct interviews
  - Shoot photos
  - Investigate area tourism
  - Gather other information needed to produce a video



# Our job

- ♦ After Spring Break
  - Share assets
  - Transcribe video
  - Write and approve scripts
  - Edit
  - Share with clients and wait for revisions



### The Products



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#### Afterward

- Some community partners are using the videos and photos
- Improved teamwork, videography, photography, editing
- Learned how to work with a client with barriers
- Cultural diversity



# Other learning

**Mayan Ruins** 



**Eco Tourism** 



# Other learning

**Photography** 

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# Other learning

#### **Chocolate Farming**



#### **Spice Farming**



## Observed gains

- Understanding practicality of their ideas
- Working with other cultures
- Helping clients know what they want and need
- Improved quality of work when a client is involved





Bunch!