

CULTURAL TOURISM INTERN

Internship Title	Cultural Tourism Intern
Host Partner	<p>National Association of Village Councils</p> <p>The National Association of Village Councils (NAVCO) is an umbrella organization comprised of the 6 District Associations of Village Councils (DAVCO). NAVCO's membership comprises all 193 villages in the country of Belize. NAVCO's mission is to strengthen local government in important ways, including but not limited to: liaising with the central government and other national, regional or international institutions to help promote the best interests of rural communities, and building capacities that help to better access scarce resources for sustainable, economic development, cultural preservation and/or retrieval. NAVCO aims to reclaim and pass on to future generations love and respect for the environment and cultures while embracing the opportunity to develop despite challenges.</p>
Internship Location	Seine Beight (office location), Stan Creek District, Belize
Preferred Start Date	Summer 2016
Internship Description	<p>The Stann Creek District of Belize includes a number of coastal villages that are rapidly developing into international tourism destinations. As tourism and other local residential and commercial development occurs in these communities, local residences are experiencing erosion of their natural and cultural resources. Communities need to increase their capacity to retain land ownership and development controls to reduce the negative impacts of development on their natural and cultural resources.</p> <p>The Cultural Tourism Intern will support the communities in identifying and developing opportunities for cultural tourism whereby local Belizean residence can participate and benefit more extensively.</p>
Main Internship Activities & Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct community meetings and interviews - Review and draft planning documents - Liaise with local communities for potential partnerships - Develop marketing and promotional materials - Develop good practices for use in other communities - Organize community events and mobilize members - Regional travel and community visits

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Qualifications & Experience	<p>The successful applicant must demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Knowledge of tourism, marketing and/or business development strategies- Experience conducting interviews and facilitating group meetings- Self-motivation and ability to work independently- Experience and willingness to travel (regionally) independently- Excellent communication & intercultural skills- Strong organizational skills <p>Additional Preferred Experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Knowledge of or experience in Arts & Culture education and/or programming- Experience in event management- Knowledge of Belize culture- Experience living in a foreign country
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