

Home stay - San Jorge La Laguna





Main plaza in San Jorge



The main plaza is a place to meet and to play sports.



Our hosts for home stay giving out living quarter instructions



View from one of the home stay rooms.



The women in our group were given traditional dress for the evening.



And they looked just like local San Jorgians



The evening activity was a traditional communal meal with marimba music.

Olivia





The meal was prepared over an open fire.



The kettle had the
chicken soup.

Under the fabric
are the tamales.



Helping with
dinner.

Too cute





Dinner is now getting serious as the chickens came out of the soup.



Meanwhile, grandma and her daughter are tending the traditional wood fired stove.



Grandma spent the
entire night by the
stove , mostly
shelling beans.



Opposite the stove is the home religious table.



Tomatoes



Dinner is now served.



Chicken soup for dinner

The dinner meal

Tamales

Potato, carrot, and water
squash (Chayote).

Kak ik - Mayan chicken soup
colored with annato (*Bixa*).

Atole - corn and
cinnamon beverage





Alexis serving Kentucky bourbon candy to our hosts. The best comment was when someone asked the grandma by the stove if she liked bourbon candy. She said that she would like to try several more pieces.



Alexis telling (serious) stories. Everyone is very attentive.



A local shrine tended by one of the home stay families.



Estofado - beef and potato stew for an early breakfast



Tuc-tucs on the highway

On the road between cities, there were many interesting sights.



Colorful "chicken" busses. They are referred to as chicken busses because they become packed with people some that might be transporting chickens with them. Then tend to drive a bit fast, pausing only briefly to pick up passengers.



Pickup trucks with passenger support bars offers another transportation option.



Waiting on the side of the road for transportation.



Views from the coach window







A water fall near
San Jorge





Terraced crop land



A pretty steep slope for cultivation



Road construction for the geology enthusiasts



A big shovel



Bamboo scaffolding