

Alajuela, Costa Rica and Xalapa, Mexico

Four and half weeks of full on visiting and touring! FF Wellington was together with FF Nelson for the exchanges. As always in the FF, we had different experiences in both clubs. Marco in Alajuela provided a lovely visit to the Pacific Ocean and an overnighter at the Arenal Volcano interspersed with great times with the wonderful people of their club. For many of us it was meeting up with good old acquaintances once again, and felt very comfortable being amongst people we know but living so far away and in a different cultural area.

Little was known about the exchange to Xalapa as we had had limited correspondence, but did they provide! Visit to the port of Vera Cruz (-Mexico's equivalent to Rio de Janeiro – an incredibly vibrant and fun place): An evening at a great concert in Xalapa. Three (!) separate mayoral receptions in Xalapa and surrounding townships: a visit to a monastery: a visit to a very good anthropological Museum and the list goes on. The friendliness and vibrancy of our hosts and Mexican people was fantastic. The culture and history of Mexico far exceeded what I expected.

The Wellington team also took a 9 day tour in Guatemala and 7 day tour around Mexico... yet another fascinating story!

