

Cooperative of the Women

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San Juan La Laguna



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These 17 Tz'utujil Maya women organized 11 years ago. They weave using Ikat, an ancient labor-intensive technique of hand tying and dyeing threads in elaborate patterns. This beautiful and exquisite craft may be seen in their products such as scarves, bags, shawls, table runners, and pillows. The cooperative has also developed a naturally-dyed product line; a technique the town of San Juan has become famous for. Thirteen Threads new Fair Trade Store is always stocked with their beautiful new naturally-dyed designs!

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Our day tour of this community includes a tour of the *Cooperativa Agricola Integral* Coffee Farm, picnic lunch, and a walk through the town of San Juan's public park, art stores, and natural dye cooperatives.