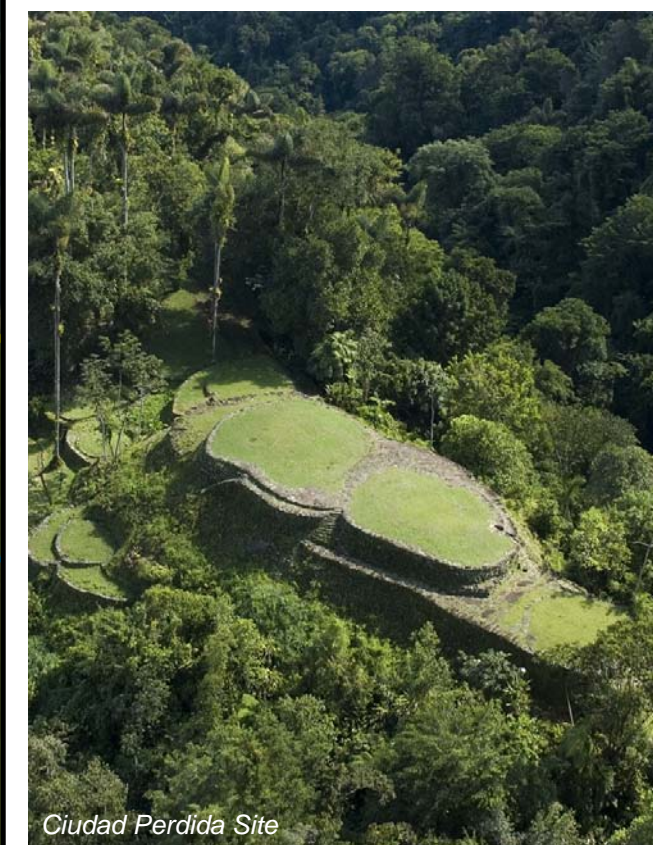




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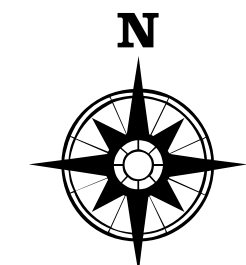
Community Development and Partnerships



Ciudad Perdida Site

Map Legend

- Ciudad Perdida Site Location
- Trail Lodge
- Town / Village
- Indigenous Village
- Indigenous Reservation
- Dirt Road
- Access / Tourist Trail (23.3 km total)
- River



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Trail Improvements

Another important part of GHF's strategy for community development in the area is to improve trail and site interpretation as well as signage. However, none of this would be possible without maintaining and improving the 23.3 kilometer hiking trail for tourists and locals alike.

Education

Increasing cultural and environmental education at local primary and secondary public schools serving the peasant and indigenous communities in the area is an integral component of GHF's wider community development strategy.



Bridge Construction

GHF and its in-country partner FIAAT won a grant from Patrimonio Natural and USAID to construct a new trail bridge over a notoriously dangerous river crossing on the trail to Ciudad Perdida. In the summer of 2011, a French tourist lost his life during a flash flood at this exact river crossing.



Lodge Improvements

Investments have also been made to the numerous community owned eco-lodges that can be found along the trail to Ciudad Perdida. These include new fuel efficient wood stoves that reduce wood consumption and waste, modern sanitation and water treatment.



Training

Tourist guides are being trained in the latest Wilderness First Aid techniques and in Natural and Cultural Heritage importance. In addition, conservation training is also taking place on site at Ciudad Perdida and surrounding archaeological sites.

