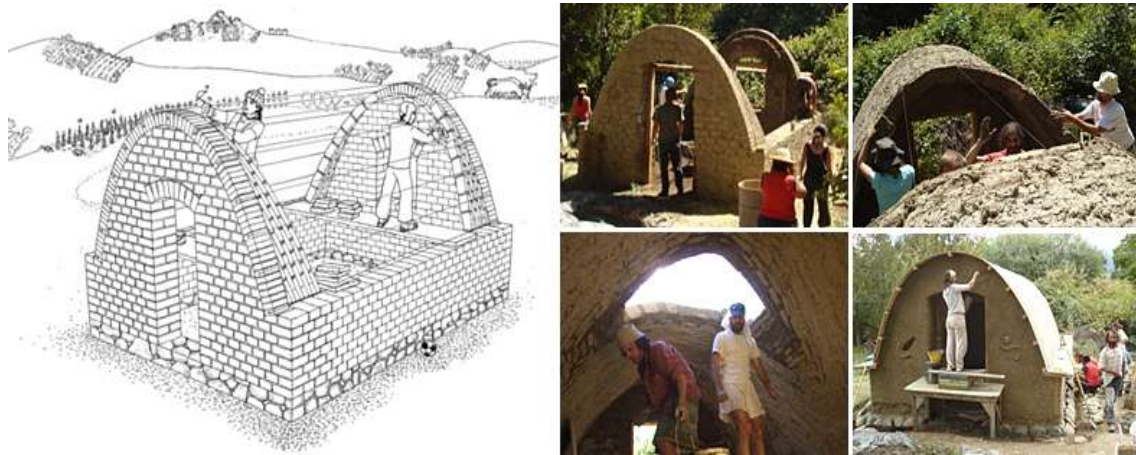


NATURAL BUILDING PRACTICUM

1 MONTH HANDS-ON IMMERSION FROM MAY 13 TO JUNE 13, 2010

CASA TIERRA - SAN FRANCISCO DEL MONTE DE ORO, SAN LUIS, ARGENTINA



Build Argentina's 2nd vaulted adobe structure with Belanko

U\$S 1,500 includes food, lodging, workshops, subsidy for local participant

Experienced natural builders preferred, but other inquiries welcome.

Our group of 3/4 participants, 2 skilled facilitators, and 2 collaborators will build, live, learn, cook, eat, and play together for 30 days in the village setting of San Francisco del Monte de Oro, surrounded by beautiful rivers, hills and forests.

Hands-on techniques

- Foundations: stone and bag
- Materials: identification and mixing techniques
- Walls: adobe, wattle and daub, cob
- Adobe arches and vaults (Lak'a Uta)
- Finishes: plaster and paints
- Practical learning about running a workshop

Practicum overview

- Participants with natural building experience
- 6 hour regular work days
- Shared meals, cooking and cleaning responsibilities
- Full work days during special workshops includes:
 - 4 day Workshop on Foundation and Walls with 15 spanish-speaking participants (you included!)
 - 9 day Workshop on Lak'a Uta with Belanko and 25 spanish-speaking participants (you included!)

Provided

- Healthy learning environment with skilled facilitators and demonstration projects
- Focused, fun, safe, cross-cultural community living and learning experience
- Full accommodations in the house next to [Casa Tierra](#)
- Option to camp, there's 4000 sq meters of space
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner included. Food prep/cooking will be shared.
- Free days to relax and visit the surroundings - rivers, hills, forest, etc.

Fee

- US\$500 non-refundable registration to hold your space, limited availability
- US\$1000 remaining, DUE by May 5; covers practicum, food and lodging
- Thank you! Your support subsidizes one local participant

Details on Lak'a Uta

- Lak'a Uta means "casa de tierra" in Aymara.
- Egyptian vaulted roofing technique that's more than 6,000 years old.
- Allows to roof without wood, steel, no other structural material needed other than adobe bricks
- Walls and roof are made from adobe, too
- Belanko has built one in his house (pictures); this will be the second structure like this in Argentina.
- This is a design made from a Danish NGO that has been working with a Bolivian NGO since 1990 - Danish Architect Lars Jakobsen
- Look diverse applications of this roofing technique: <http://www.cahb.com.bo/>