

AmeriSpan

VOLUNTEER & INTERN

Worldwide Experiences Abroad



AmeriSpan Study Abroad
The Bridge Between Cultures

Africa

Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania



Asia

Cambodia, China, India, Nepal,
Russia, Thailand, Vietnam



Australia



Central America

Costa Rica, Guatemala,
Honduras, Nicaragua



Europe

Austria, France, Germany,
Italy, Spain, United Kingdom



North America

Canada, Mexico



South America

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile,
Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela



Over 15 years experience • Most programs start weekly • Placements guaranteed • More than 30 program locations
Customized placements in over 12 languages including English • Easy to book online • All major credit cards accepted

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Map of AmeriSpan's Volunteer & Internship Destinations



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PLACEMENT OPTIONS

Part-time Volunteer (volunteer while studying)

If your schedule is tight and you are looking to volunteer a few days a week before or after classes, this is the best option for you. You choose a broad category of the type of placement you desire and will be informed of your placement upon arriving in the country. You'll need to be in-country for a minimum for 2-4 weeks. The application process is simple.

Full-time Volunteer (volunteer after completing classes)

This is our most popular option because it offers a full immersion experience. You will spend a minimum of 6 weeks in the country (2 weeks for classes and 4 weeks volunteering full-time). You are able to select which placement you want and everything is confirmed prior to arriving in the country.

Volunteer Only

If you already possess good language skills and/or are familiar with the country, you may be eligible for a volunteer placement without taking any language classes. The minimum time for one of these placements is 2-4 weeks depending on the location and desired placement. You select the placement you wish to be placed in and everything is confirmed prior to arriving in the country.

Internships

Our internships are unpaid although a few offer free language classes or free lodging. You are usually required to take a minimum of 4-12 weeks of language classes before starting the internship. Internships are highly customized and are sometimes available prior to arriving in the country. Some internships will require an interview with the hosting organization after you arrive in the country to finalize the placement.



Who is AmeriSpan?

AmeriSpan specializes in a wide range of educational travel experiences. We offer language immersion, college study abroad, volunteer & internship placements, teenager summer programs, as well as language-based professional development programs for educators, healthcare workers, business and other professionals.

AmeriSpan started in 1993 in a small apartment with only one phone line and one computer. Since 1993, AmeriSpan has grown tremendously sending more than 35,000 people abroad to participate in our programs. We are constantly working to improve our existing programs, add new programs and help you select a program that best fits your needs.

All of our programs are designed around the basic purpose of helping you understand and communicate in another language with different people in a pleasant and fast way. Our 'formula' for accomplishing this consists of three ingredients for your success: Intensive language instruction, cultural immersion and leisure. Many programs such as our volunteer/internship and SALUD programs include a service learning component as well. With AmeriSpan, you have the opportunity of choosing between different countries, target languages, housing, lifestyles and methods of instruction from our various programs.



INTRODUCTION

Why AmeriSpan?

Unequalled experience

AmeriSpan's staff has three passions: Language, culture and travel. Individually and as a group, we have accumulated experiences and knowledge related to these passions. We have traveled to and worked/volunteered in more than 65 countries – every continent except Antarctica – and speak 10 languages. Every AmeriSpan staff member has studied and/or lived abroad for extended periods of time. We understand your questions and concerns because we have personally dealt with the same issues. We have gone to great lengths to make it easier for you than it was for us.

We will provide you with extensive pre-departure information helping you to prepare adequately for your experience. We address practical questions as well as cultural and language issues. Once in-country, you will continue to receive prepping and guidance in the form of meetings and/or workshops. We are always here to address any questions or concerns you may have.

Unbiased Immersion Travel Specialists

AmeriSpan has evaluated hundreds of program providers, language schools, volunteer projects and internship placements to determine which programs to offer. Our independence allows us to give you unbiased evaluations of the programs and help you decide which program would be the best solution for your needs and wishes.

No Headaches, No Hassles

Aside from assisting you with which program to choose, we work hard to make the whole process as simple as possible. AmeriSpan pre-arranges your work placement, lodging, airport pick-up, language classes (if needed) and other services. With AmeriSpan, you will not have to worry about international wire transfers, international phone calls or dozens of other possible complications with arrangements and money. We accept personal checks, Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. AmeriSpan accepts applications by mail, by fax or online.

Hand-Picked Programs

AmeriSpan's staff has visited hundreds of programs throughout the world and we have hand-picked those which we think are the best available for each location. The programs AmeriSpan offers are the ones we would choose to attend ourselves.

Emergency Message Service

During an emergency if your family can't contact you, they may call us 24 hours/day, dictate the message and we will relay the message to you. Conversely, if you cannot reach your family and it is an emergency, call us collect from anywhere and we will relay the message.



Why Volunteer or Intern?

AmeriSpan's volunteer/internship program allows you to gain unique insight into another country's culture and obtain valuable work experience in an international setting. You may also have an opportunity to exchange views and share your knowledge with the local people, a very rewarding experience for all parties involved. In addition, if you have any of the personal goals listed below than this program is right for you!

- **LEND** a hand to developing countries & underprivileged communities
- **OBTAIN** true fluency in a foreign language
- **GAIN/EXPAND** international work experience
- **WORK** to preserve and protect the environment
- **PREPARE** for relocation to another country
- **MEET** people from other cultures

Am I Eligible?

We welcome participants of all ages (minimum 18 years old), nationalities and backgrounds into our program. Past participants include students, school groups, working professionals, retirees, and independent travelers of all ages. As we represent hundreds of different, mostly local, organizations worldwide, the requirements that you need to meet vary per project. Please check if you meet the requirements prior to enrolling. Requirements may include, but are not limited to: Age, language level, education and/or work experience.

APPLICATION TO GRADUATE SCHOOL

List any languages that you speak, other than English: *Mandarin Chinese*

List work experience related to your intended Major: *3-month internship in a Beijing hotel, spent shadowing and assisting the management.*

Related Experience
International Internship – Spent 2 months in London at an advertising firm performing tasks related to international marketing and advertising.

Educational Background

Dear Dr. Smith:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Jane Doe for your residency position. I was able to get to know her during the 2 months she assisted me at the Hospital for Impaired Children in Sucre, Bolivia.

APPLICATION FOR NGO

Do you have any experience living or working abroad for an extended period?

Yes, I spent one month in Kenya working with the children in an orphanage. I planned activities for them, assisted with homework and taught them valuable skills for the future.



PROGRAM PARTICULARS

Choosing the Right Program

Depending on your goals, needs and time constraints, different program options may suit you. If you want to make a meaningful contribution to the community while you are attending a total immersion program, Part-time Volunteering may be the best choice. Full-time Volunteering is a good option if you have at least 6 weeks available, specific wishes and preferences regarding your placement and would like to confirm your exact placement before traveling. Volunteering only is suited for those who already have a good command of the target language. An Internship is recommended for college students, recent graduates and those contemplating a career change who want to gain and/or expand their international work experience.

In many countries, especially Latin America, Africa and Asia, the concept of an internship or volunteer placement is different than in the United States and you'll often work in under-funded and understaffed organizations. Your program may not be very structured and project goals may be established as you go along. Please be prepared to receive little guidance and supervision. Initiative is key!

At most placements, only the local language will be spoken so it's crucial to your experience that you can communicate well with your supervisor and co-workers. The better you speak the language, the more enriching your experience will be and the more you'll be able to accomplish! If you're not sure if your language ability is sufficient, please refer to the Rate Your Language Ability section on page 25 and/or contact us for advice.



Placement Categories

AmeriSpan offers volunteer and non-paid internship projects in a wide variety of fields throughout the world. Our website contains a listing of most of the placements we offer, with detailed information about the hosting organization, participants' tasks, lodging information and costs. Some of the areas where we offer placements include:

- **BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL** (marketing, accounting and other fields)
- **CONSTRUCTION** (help build homes and schools for the impoverished)
- **EDUCATION** (teacher's aides, etc.)
- **ENVIRONMENT/NATURE** (national parks, animal rescue, horticulture, etc.)
- **ESL TEACHER** (teach English around the world)
- **HEALTHCARE** (clinics, hospitals, NGOs)
- **OTHER** (placements that don't fit the above)
- **SOCIAL WORK** (orphanages, battered women's shelters, etc.)

What can I do?

Here are a few examples of our many placements:

Educational Outreach to Indigenous Communities (Bolivia)

Sucre's indigenous population has an especially disadvantaged position in Bolivia. The Educational Outreach to Indigenous Communities tries to improve the humanitarian conditions of the residents of some of the poorest villages and communities. The organization has a pastoral background and has been in existence for 40 years. They are active in small villages surrounding Sucre. The main aim of the program is to give better living conditions and education to the residents. Some of the projects that the organization targets include reforestation, basic construction, alternative education, civil rights awareness and public health. You'll have the possibility of helping in any of these activities while working Mondays through Fridays and sleeping in the village school or medical building. Simple meals are provided in villages. On weekends, you will stay in a hostel in Sucre.

Inspiring Community Center (Argentina)

This project is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that provides several services and protection to that part of Cordoba's population that suffers from severe poverty. The main objective of the people who work in this project is to foster a sense of dignity, transmitting a feeling of self-assurance. Most of all, they want to provide the population of the neighborhood with tools and knowledge, so that they can improve their own situation. The complete program includes a food program, a small but skilled factory of pastas, a second-hand clothes shop, workshops and a day-care for about 70 children. Volunteers are welcome to help everywhere. Professionals are also welcome to set up new workshops that can help improve the professional skills of the clients.

Galapagos Foundation (Ecuador)

The main objective of the foundation is reforestation and technology development to reconstruct native habitat in the highlands on San Cristobal Island and to serve as a center for similar projects in the highlands on other populated islands in the Galapagos chain. Volunteers will work on both the habitat restoration and agricultural projects while at the reserve.

Medical Project (India)

In a developing country like India, many social and economic constraints put additional pressure on medical centers and hospitals to provide adequate services to patients. Community clinics and small hospitals are under-staffed, under-funded and are always welcoming of additional support from qualified individuals with enthusiasm and a desire to make a difference.

Panda Conservation (China)

Volunteers are needed to play a part in safeguarding the future of these creatures. The Giant Panda is one of the most delightful and captivating of animals, yet one of the most endangered species in the world. The best scientific estimates place the total number of all pandas at only about 1600. Volunteers will help to prepare food, clean the enclosures, observe and do research on the pandas.

Marketing (Italy)

Several local Italian businesses are happy to receive interns with marketing degrees and backgrounds. Your knowledge can be used to compare and contrast to what is common practice in Italy vs. your home country. Of course, working in an Italian business environment will require you to adapt to the local customs in regards to company culture, hierarchy and politics. Your benefits will be two-fold; professional experience as well as increased intercultural knowledge.



CLOSER LOOK: AMERISPAN

Making A Difference

AmeriSpan prides itself in making a difference in the countries where we work. Even though we are not a traditional non-profit, we contribute money and supplies to many countries. Over the years, we have participated in numerous projects, including rainforest preservation, literacy projects in Hispanic communities and aiding Latin American health-related organizations. For example, we recently sponsored a shipment containing nearly \$250,000 of medical supplies that was sent to Peru and distributed to numerous health clinics serving the less fortunate. The year before, we sponsored a similar shipment of medical supplies which included four dialysis machines which were used to set up a kidney dialysis center in rural Guatemala.

AmeriSpan has recently announced the AmeriSpan Collegiate Scholarship Fund, which will award more than \$100,000 in scholarships to universities, which will award these scholarships to students interested in volunteering or studying abroad. The AmeriSpan Collegiate Scholarship Fund is in addition to the approximately \$25,000 in scholarships that AmeriSpan awards directly to students.

By offering affordable and high-quality programs, AmeriSpan has sent nearly 20,000 (of our 30,000 total participants) to study or volunteer in the lesser-developed world. After witnessing first-hand the struggle of those less fortunate, many of our participants have gone on to donate their own time, money and supplies to 'make a difference.'

Do My Program Fees Make A Difference?

More than 83% of all fees paid to AmeriSpan for volunteer/internship programs are sent to host countries and provide much needed jobs to teachers, volunteer coordinators and administrative personnel, as well as income to the families who host our participants.

Many non-profit organizations boast that 85% to 90% of their fees are used on the volunteer program and enriching the volunteer's host country. Did you know that a large portion of these so called 'volunteer fees' are actually used for the salaries of US staff, web design, paid advertisements, office space and other administrative costs? In actuality, a much smaller percentage of the fee actually makes it to the country. A quick look at the Field Expenses on any non-profit's Form 990 will show that some volunteer non-profit agencies send less than 50% of your fee to the host country, while the best send 70% to 80% of your fee. AmeriSpan sends over 83% of your fee directly to your host country. Check out the table below where we compare the percentage of total receipts that AmeriSpan sends abroad versus other volunteer organizations:

Organization ¹	% Sent to Country
AmeriSpan Study Abroad	83%
Village Volunteers ²	73%
Cross-Cultural Solutions	42%
Global Volunteers	41%

1 Cross-Cultural Solutions(r), Global Volunteers(r), and Village Volunteers™ are service marks or registered service marks of their respective separate organizations, none of which is affiliated with or sponsored by AmeriSpan(r). Data was obtained from public sources. THE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED "AS IS, WITH ALL FAULTS," AND AMERISPAN MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND CONCERNING ITS ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS.

2 Village Volunteers™ was in start-up, so fixed costs were unusually high. Exec. Director reported that next year, this should be above 80%.



Why are AmeriSpan's Fees So Low?

Most other organizations will explain that operating an excellent volunteer/internship program is expensive. If this is the case, then why is AmeriSpan able to offer you a program fee that is on average 30% to 50% below what others charge, yet we still send a larger portion of your fee to the host country? First, we are an efficient organization and we keep our operating and administration expenses very low. Secondly, our program is subsidized by AmeriSpan's other businesses. We don't ask for donations from individuals; instead we make up the shortfall ourselves. The following table illustrates our point by comparing AmeriSpan's expenses per volunteer with one of the leading non-profit volunteer organizations:

	AmeriSpan ¹	Cross-Cultural Solutions ²
Program Development & Mgmt.	\$46	\$490
Outreach & Recruitment	\$154	\$476
Volunteer Coordination	\$63	\$328
Administration	\$83	\$288
TOTAL	\$346	\$1,582
% Paid by Participant	69%	100%
% Subsidized by AmeriSpan	31%	

1 Approximately 14% of AmeriSpan's total participants were volunteers/interns, so 14% of AmeriSpan's related costs were allocated to volunteer/interns.

2 Based on Cross-Cultural Solutions(r) marketing material.

What is My Tax Benefit?

In contrast to non-profit organizations, your program fees with AmeriSpan are not tax deductible, so you will receive no tax benefit with AmeriSpan. However, the tax savings is often misunderstood. You don't recover 100% of your program fees when working with a non-profit organization. Rather, you only receive a small portion back when you file your tax return.

The amount is determined by your tax rate. Your tax rate is based on your yearly income. If you make less than \$61,000/year, you fall in the 10% to 15% tax bracket. That means if you pay \$1500 to volunteer, you'll get a \$225 deduction. Perhaps you are in the 25% to 35% tax bracket, so then the deduction will be higher. The bottom line is: If our programs are 35% to 50% less than most others, then even with a tax deduction, AmeriSpan programs make the most fiscal sense.



COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS

Overview

We have included the chart below because we want to emphasize the value of AmeriSpan's programs. In Latin America, our fees are as little as 1/4 the fees of some competitors. Our 8 week program fees include 4 weeks of intensive classes and are still lower than competitors. Elsewhere in the world our fees are as much as \$2,500 less for similar placements.

AMERISPAN VOLUNTEER & INTERNSHIP FEES¹

This price table is to give you an idea of the price of the most common programs. Remember, we are flexible! Stay longer, take more classes, give more or combine locations. Just let us know and we will make a program for you.	PART-TIME VOLUNTEER 4 wks Classes & Lodging Volunteer 2-3 half-days/wk	FULL-TIME VOLUNTEER 2 wks Classes & Lodging 4 wks Volunteer Full-time	FULL-TIME VOLUNTEER 4 wks Classes & Lodging 4 wks Volunteer Full-time	INTERNSHIP 0-12 wks Classes (Varies by location) Includes Lodging	VOLUNTEER ONLY 4 wks Volunteer Full-time Includes Lodging
Deposit (counts toward fees)	\$250	\$350	\$350	\$550	\$350

COMPETITOR'S FEES²

CROSS-CULTURAL SOLUTIONS 4 wks Volunteer Full-time Includes Lodging	GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS 2-3 wks Volunteer Full-time Includes Lodging	VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS 4 wks Volunteer Full-time Includes Lodging
\$275	\$350	\$100

Americas

Argentina	\$1,595	\$1,295	\$1,945	from \$1,395	\$795	-	-	-
Bolivia	\$1,375	\$1,185	\$1,765	-	\$895	-	-	-
Brazil	-	-	\$2,275	-	-	\$3,500	\$2,495	-
Chile	-	-	\$2,195	from \$2,695	-	-	-	-
Colombia	\$1,550	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costa Rica	\$1,740	\$1,320	\$2,010	from \$2,695	\$950	\$3,500	\$2,495	-
Ecuador	\$1,375	\$1,185	\$1,765	-	\$795	-	\$2,395	-
Guatemala	\$1,305	\$930	\$1,600	-	\$790	\$3,500	-	-
Honduras	-	\$795	\$1,390	-	-	-	-	-
Mexico	\$1,795	\$1,375	\$1,950	-	\$795	-	\$2,595	-
Nicaragua	\$1,360	\$1,275	\$1,865	-	-	-	-	-
Peru	\$1,375	\$1,185	\$1,765	-	\$795	\$3,500	\$2,495	-
Venezuela	-	-	\$2,575	-	-	-	-	-

Africa

Ghana	-	-	-	-	\$1,755	\$3,500	\$2,695	\$1,710
Kenya	-	-	-	-	\$2,260	-	-	\$1,860
South Africa	-	-	-	-	\$2,295	\$3,500	-	-
Tanzania	-	-	-	-	\$1,495	\$3,500	\$2,595	-

Asia

Cambodia	-	-	-	-	\$1,230	-	-	-
China	-	-	-	-	\$990	\$3,500	-	-
India	-	-	-	-	\$1,395	\$3,500	\$2,395	\$1,710
Nepal	-	-	-	-	\$1,230	\$3,500	-	\$1,710
Thailand	-	-	-	-	\$990	-	-	-
Vietnam	-	-	-	-	\$1,230	-	\$2,895	-

¹: All prices subject to change. ²: Cross-Cultural Solutions(r), Global Volunteers(r), and Village Volunteerssm are service marks or registered service marks of their respective separate organizations, none of which is affiliated with or sponsored by AmeriSpan(r). All price data was obtained from each respective organization's website as of 01/22/2010 and may or may not represent the prevailing price on any particular day. THE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED "AS IS, WITH ALL FAULTS," AND AMERISPAN MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND CONCERNING ITS ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS.



ARGENTINA

ARGENTINA OPTIONS:

- ☒ Part-time Volunteer
 - ☒ Full-time Volunteer
 - ☒ Volunteer Only
 - ☒ Internship
-
- ☒ Business/Professional
 - ☐ Construction
 - ☐ Education
 - ☒ Environment/Nature
 - ☒ ESL Teacher
 - ☒ Healthcare
 - ☒ Other
 - ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Cordoba & Buenos Aires

SPANISH CLASSES:

4 hrs/day group

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room with homestay
or shared room in residence

ARGENTINA is the second largest country in South America and borders Chile, Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia and Paraguay. With an enormously varied climate, travelers can visit sub-Antarctic rainforests, tropical jungles, mountains, beaches, desert red canyons and awesome waterfalls. The population is almost all of European descent.

Buenos Aires is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and offers an endless variety of things to do. However, among the high-rises, chic shops and fabulous cultural offerings, there is a large portion of the about 13 million inhabitants that struggle daily to survive. You can do your bit by helping in a free dental clinic,

in various daycare and after-school projects for at-risk youth, or at a re-integration project for ex-prisoners. Professional and Business Internships can be organized in almost every imaginable field.

Other projects are located in and around **Cordoba**, a university city of 1.5 million with an active nightlife and many colonial buildings. It's a good place to get to know Argentine life. Here you can work with toddlers, at-risk children, adolescents, women, the unemployed and the elderly. Those with a healthcare background can help out in clinics and hospitals. Cordoba also offers professional internships. Please see our online placement listing for all options.

TIP:

In many ways Argentina is a very modern nation. However, after the recent economic crisis, large sections of the population have dropped under the poverty line.



BOLIVIA

BOLIVIA OPTIONS:

- ☒ Part-time Volunteer
 - ☒ Full-time Volunteer
 - ☒ Volunteer Only
 - ☐ Internship
-
- ☐ Business/Professional
 - ☐ Construction
 - ☐ Education
 - ☒ Environment/Nature
 - ☐ ESL Teacher
 - ☒ Healthcare
 - ☒ Other
 - ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Sucre & surrounding areas;
National Park in the Bolivian jungle

SPANISH CLASSES:

4 hrs/day small group

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room with homestay
or shared room in hostel

BOLIVIA, a land-locked South American country that straddles the Andes, is also known as the 'Tibet of the Americas.' From the snow-capped peaks of the mountain range, some of which are over 21,000 feet high, the land descends through stark plateaus to the semi-tropical jungle. Bolivia's phenomenal landscapes, colonial architecture, indigenous cultures and the legacy of its ancient mysterious civilizations offers volunteers an extraordinary travel experience.

Most volunteer projects in **Sucre** are located in the areas surrounding the city center. Your help is greatly needed in a

variety of projects, such as orphanages, day care centers and at a hospital. Two very special and different projects are the Art and Science Museum and the Interactive Children's museum, where you can help children explore their own creativity. Due to the extreme lack of resources, you need to be able to use readily available materials for your workshops, such as cans, newspapers, cardboard, etc.

See also our highlighted project description of the **Educational Outreach to Indigenous Communities** on page 5 of this catalog.

TIP:

Although the center of Sucre offers all a visitor may need, be prepared to encounter extremely basic conditions at your volunteer placement.



BRAZIL

BRAZIL, originally colonized by Portugal, is by far the largest country in South America. It is a country diverse in culture, landscape and style. The country is covered by dense Amazon rainforest in the north and central regions. The coastal regions of Brazil offer some of the most famous and beautiful beaches in the world. Each city in Brazil has its own unique character ranging from the modern capital of Brasilia to the tourist capital of Rio de Janeiro to the port city of Maceio.

In Brazil you can volunteer in 4 different cities, all with their own identity and atmosphere.

TIP:

Don't forget that the language spoken in Brazil is Portuguese!



Would you like to live in exuberant **Rio de Janeiro**, businesslike **Sao Paulo**, the typical Brazilian port town of **Maceio**, or would you feel more at home in **Salvador** with its Caribbean flair? Projects range from teaching English as a second language at inner-city schools to helping the underprivileged at community centers, being a role model for street children or accompany kids to their treatments at the cancer hospital. Whatever you choose to do, you'll notice that the Brazilians are a strong, driven people that maintain a positive outlook on life and can laugh and dance even under the most strenuous circumstances.

BRAZIL OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
- ☒ Full-time Volunteer
- ☐ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☐ Business/Professional
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Environment/Nature
- ☐ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☐ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Maceio, Rio de Janeiro, Salvador & Sao Paulo

PORTUGUESE CLASSES:

4 hrs/day small group

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room with homestay or shared room in hostel

CHILE

CHILE is about 2,800 miles long, stretching from desert in the north to glaciers in the south. It is about 125 miles wide, bridging the area between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes. Although its population is mainly European in origin, there is an indigenous presence a few hours south of Santiago. Chile is known for its wines, skiing and beaches.

Santiago is beautifully set in a wide plain with the backdrop of the Andes and lots of public gardens sprinkled throughout the city. About 4 million people live in this modern city full of skyscrapers and traffic. Santiago offers the comforts and cultural activities of a big city and is close



to beaches, mountains and Chile's lake district. Who wouldn't want to spend time here perfecting their Spanish and adding to their resume? Just make sure you write a convincing motivation letter so no company can resist you!

Even though Chile is for the most part a very modern and developed country, there is no social system to take care of the less advantaged. Your help will be invaluable in the child care center, center for the handicapped and elderly home placements. Your visit and attention to the underprivileged will brighten their days and make a positive impact in their lives.

CHILE OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
- ☒ Full-time Volunteer
- ☐ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☒ Business/Professional
- ☐ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☒ Environment/Nature
- ☒ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☐ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Santiago de Chile

SPANISH CLASSES:

4 hrs/day group

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room with homestay or shared room in residence

TIP:

As most areas of Santiago are very modern, this is a good destination for those who prefer a location with less culture shock.

COLOMBIA

COLOMBIA OPTIONS:

- ☒ Part-time Volunteer
- ☐ Full-time Volunteer
- ☐ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☐ Business/Professional
- ☒ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☐ Environment/Nature
- ☐ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Bogota, Cartagena & Medellin

SPANISH CLASSES:

3 hrs/day group

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room with homestay

COLOMBIA, the land of sun and emeralds, boasts a diverse geography including tropical coasts on both the Caribbean and Pacific, as well as several snow-capped mountain ranges and extensive coffee farms. Here one can find a history as long as it is beautiful, with colonial cities standing alongside ancient ruins and modern resort towns. Despite the violence that continues to scar the face of this intriguing nation, Colombia has experienced positive economic growth as of late and is re-establishing its place in the tourism market.

You can volunteer in three locations with varied attractions while taking classes. The first city is the metropolitan capital



of the country, Bogota, where you can take in the vibrant nightlife and the famed Museo del Oro. The fashion center of Medellin will give you the opportunity to wander the famed gardens or admire the variety of architecture styles. Finally, the colonial city of Cartagena moonlights as a Caribbean resort, which attracts tourists interested in history as much as water sports. There are placements in Social and Educational projects, including an orphanage. There is a kindergarten for children of low-income families and a program to prepare orphans to become valuable and functioning members of society. Volunteers may also help out in a hospital or at the language school.

TIP:

When ordering coffee with milk, ask for cafe perico; cafe con leche is a mug of milk with coffee added.

COSTA RICA

COSTA RICA OPTIONS:

- ☒ Part-time Volunteer
- ☒ Full-time Volunteer
- ☒ Volunteer Only
- ☒ Internship

- ☒ Business/Professional
- ☒ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☒ Environment/Nature
- ☒ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

San Jose Central Valley including Coronado & Heredia to every corner of the country

SPANISH CLASSES:

4 hrs/day small group

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room with homestay or shared room in residence

COSTA RICA is known as the Switzerland of Central America, has an abundance of natural beauty and is populated by a friendly, well-educated people. This small country is a paradise for nature lovers with national parks, jungles, volcanoes, beaches and more water per square mile than any other country in the world, excluding New Zealand.

Costa Rica is one of the world's most popular places for volunteers. The projects in the **National Parks** are highly recommended. You can collect turtle eggs on the Pacific Coast, do trail maintenance in the Cloud Forest or guide tourists through an orchid garden, but there is much more! We also have projects in Eco-



farms, a Butterfly Garden and a Bird Protection program. If you'd prefer to work in Community Service, you can assist in a remote Educational Outreach, work as a teacher's assistant in **Heredia**, or give much needed company to the elderly. Some projects are located in rural areas, but many are situated in and around Heredia which allows you to stay connected with the outside world. Heredia is a university town, very vibrant and active, with an abundance of cafes, restaurants, bars and venues with art and live music. For those looking for an internship, we offer many options in Costa Rican businesses in the Central Valley area.



TIP:

You can combine placements in different national parks (minimum of 2 weeks per park) to experience different parts of Costa Rica while volunteering.

ECUADOR



ECUADOR was named for its position on the Equator and is bordered by Colombia, Peru and the Pacific Ocean. Not many countries as small as Ecuador have such diverse climate regions. This country has the tallest active volcano in the world, great white sand beaches, tropical rainforests, deep crevasses, colorful Indian markets and is well-known for its social and political stability.

A willingness to help is all you need at the after-school project, the outreach for the poor, or an orphanage. Your presence there can be the difference between children getting some personal attention and one-on-one contact with an adult role model, or

being left to their own devices; the projects are so understaffed that the personnel can hardly get the bare basics done. One of our favorites is 'Children of the Prisoners', a daycare center situated in a women's prison. Healthcare professional or students can help in hospitals for the poor. ESL teachers can gain experience teaching at the University and long-term volunteers are very welcome at the Center for Street Children.



ECUADOR OPTIONS:

- ☒ Part-time Volunteer
- ☒ Full-time Volunteer
- ☒ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☐ Business/Professional
- ☐ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☒ Environment/Nature
- ☒ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Cuenca, Quito & various national parks

SPANISH CLASSES:

4 hrs/day small group

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room with homestay or shared room in residence

TIP:

Did you know you can volunteer on the spectacular Galapagos Islands?

GUATEMALA



GUATEMALA

is recognized as the cultural center of the pre-discovered New World. As the origin of the mysterious Mayan Civilization and still predominantly indigenous, the

country offers some of the continent's richest folklore. The cultural blend of the indigenous, Spanish and African peoples can be seen in many aspects of daily life. Ancient rituals are intertwined with Christianity. Moreover, there is an abundance of high quality, low-priced handmade goods. Volunteers have the opportunity of experiencing this country of extremes from a very intimate point of view. Stepping outside



the colonial fairy tale that is Antigua, you'll meet locals and work with them side-by-side. Most placements in Guatemala are community service oriented; helping girls with their homework in an orphanage, play and sing with the toddlers at the community day care center, or giving math and English classes at a local primary school – you'll be helping the many underprivileged of this beautiful country. As these projects are local initiatives and run by the community itself, be prepared that at these placements only Spanish is spoken!



GUATEMALA OPTIONS:

- ☒ Part-time Volunteer
- ☒ Full-time Volunteer
- ☒ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☐ Business/Professional
- ☒ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☒ Environment/Nature
- ☒ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Monterrico, Peten, Antigua & areas near Antigua

SPANISH CLASSES:

4 hrs/day small group

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room with homestay or shared room in residence

TIP:

Most placements are in and around Antigua, the most beautiful colonial town in Central America.



HONDURAS

HONDURAS OPTIONS:

- ☒ Part-time Volunteer
- ☒ Full-time Volunteer
- ☐ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☐ Business/Professional
- ☒ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☒ Environment/Nature
- ☒ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

La Ceiba & surrounding area

SPANISH CLASSES:

4 hrs/day private

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room with homestay,
in hotel or shared room in apartment

HONDURAS shares borders with Nicaragua, Guatemala and El Salvador. Historically, the Mayans were prevalent in some parts of the country and their influence continues today. Despite a stable political situation and low cost of living, Honduras is largely undiscovered by tourists. With a seemingly endless stretch of deserted beaches, jungles, mountains and Mayan ruins, Honduras has much to offer.

Although a part of Latin America, **La Ceiba** has a



distinct Caribbean flair and deserves its reputation as the 'fun' city of Honduras. Volunteers in La Ceiba have the opportunity to work in a variety of social work projects from a drug prevention project to several projects working with children.

In addition, those with health care experience or knowledge have many options from a young women's clinic to the Red Cross. Volunteers with the right qualifications can help AIDS workers in treatment and prevention in rural areas.

TIP:

utila, a small island only 18 miles from La Ceiba, offers spectacular diving and very economical diving courses.



NICARAGUA

NICARAGUA OPTIONS:

- ☒ Part-time Volunteer
- ☒ Full-time Volunteer
- ☐ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☐ Business/Professional
- ☒ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☒ Environment/Nature
- ☒ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Granada and surrounding areas

SPANISH CLASSES:

5 hrs/day small group

LODGING OPTIONS:

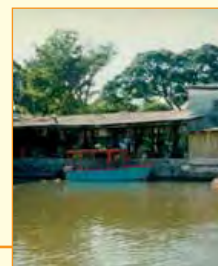
Private room with homestay
or shared room in residence



NICARAGUA is a country of beauty and charm, vibrant colonial culture, tall volcanoes and beautiful beaches. The capital city of Managua has been partially decimated by earthquakes three times and once by a major fire. From the cultural and artisan center of **Masaya** just outside the capital city to the up-and-coming 'hang out' of **Granada**, Nicaragua's spirit and national pride shines in every corner of this country. Granada is the oldest continuously inhabited city in continental Latin America and full of colorful colonial buildings.

Nicaragua is not for the faint-hearted volunteer! It's one of the poorest countries in the world and

you will notice this everywhere you look. Not yet discovered by mass tourism, you will have a true total immersion experience, including frequent water and electricity cut-offs! Your help is dearly needed and much appreciated. You can work in the local penitentiary, tutor teenagers in their vocational training, teach English at the local school or engage in empowering activities at the women's resource center.



TIP:

Not recommended for participants with no prior experience in lesser-developed nations.

PERU

PERU shares borders with Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile and the Pacific Ocean. The country has three distinct regions: A narrow coastal belt along the Pacific, the wide Andean mountains and the Amazon rainforest. Peru is renowned as the land of the Incas, but many great pre-Columbian civilizations flourished. Here as well, visitors can see the ancient ruins of the Inca capital of Cusco and explore the lost city of Machu Picchu as well as ruins from a variety of other cultures, including the Nazca and Moche. Volunteering in Peru gives you the opportunity to stay for



a while in the fascinating city of Cusco. **Cusco** is not only the ancient capital of the Incas, but also home to magnificent examples of colonial architecture. At most projects you'll work 4 to 6 hours per day, leaving enough free time to explore the endless sights. Examples of work you can do in Cusco are: Working in an orphanage, being a role model for at-risk youth, exercise and play with handicapped children or improve your language skills chatting to the elderly. There are some professional opportunities in a travel agency and at a micro-credit agency.

PERU OPTIONS:

- ☒ Part-time Volunteer
- ☒ Full-time Volunteer
- ☒ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☒ Business/Professional
- ☐ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☒ Environment/Nature
- ☒ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Cusco and surrounding areas

SPANISH CLASSES:

4 hrs/day small group

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room with homestay or shared room in residence

TIP:

Peru is a very popular destination for volunteering. You'll meet socially-engaged people from all corners of the world!

VENEZUELA

VENEZUELA is located on the northern coast of South America and enjoys a tropical climate year-round attracting tourists from Germany, Italy, Spain and North America. About half the country is forest, including rainforest. Venezuela boasts countless paradise-like islands along its nearly 1,800 miles of coastline. In addition, the country has a well-developed infrastructure, 35 national parks and Angel Falls, the world's highest waterfall.

You can volunteer in either beautiful colonial **Merida** in the foothills of the Andes, or right at the beach at Caribbean **Playa Colorada**. Social and Educational projects include a

project for street children and a school for indigenous children. There are also several environmentally-themed projects, such as the Zoo in Merida or the Marine Conservation project. You can even rebuild a high school together with locals. Many of the projects in Venezuela are programs where international volunteers work side-by-side with local volunteers. This will do wonders for your Spanish language development and your understanding of Venezuela.



VENEZUELA OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
- ☒ Full-time Volunteer
- ☒ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☐ Business/Professional
- ☒ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☒ Environment/Nature
- ☒ ESL Teacher
- ☐ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Merida & Playa Colorada

SPANISH CLASSES:

4 hrs/day group

LODGING OPTIONS:

Shared room in shared lodgings

TIP:

Some of the longer volunteer programs include weekend excursions and a safari!

GHANA

GHANA OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
 - ☐ Full-time Volunteer
 - ☒ Volunteer Only
 - ☐ Internship
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- ☐ Business/Professional
 - ☐ Construction
 - ☒ Education
 - ☐ Environment/Nature
 - ☐ ESL Teacher
 - ☐ Healthcare
 - ☐ Other
 - ☐ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Essienimpon, the Ejuso Juabeng district in the Ashanti region

LANGUAGE CLASSES:

n/a

LODGING OPTIONS:

Homestay

GHANA is located in West Africa with a surface area about the size of America's state of Oregon. This small country has a tropical climate year round and is geographically closer to the center of the world than any other country. Once known as the Gold Coast, Ghana finally attained independence in 1957 from the British Administration that held it captive for so many years. One of the most fascinating attributes of this country is that over 70 languages and major dialects are spoken countrywide with the official language of Ghana being English. Some of Ghana's local languages include Akan, Ewe, Ga, Dagbani, Nezema and Hausa. Also, due to Ghana's abundance of natural resources,



the country has a better economy than other African nations, yet still relies heavily on international aid. The population consists of several ethnic groups, the biggest of which is the Ashanti that was once a kingdom in Kumasi.

Ghana is a beautiful country, where you can visit wildlife parks, lush jungles, rural villages and a picturesque coastline. The colonial history of this country has left many forts and sites to visit as well as the colorful and diversified culture of its ethnic inhabitants.

In Ghana volunteers will work for a local orphanage, helping children and staff members with lessons, activities and special projects. These children are looking for your company and guidance.

TIP:

Due to its relatively small size, Ghana is easy to explore from end-to-end on a series of weekend trips.

KENYA

KENYA OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
 - ☐ Full-time Volunteer
 - ☒ Volunteer Only
 - ☐ Internship
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- ☐ Business/Professional
 - ☐ Construction
 - ☐ Education
 - ☐ Environment/Nature
 - ☐ ESL Teacher
 - ☒ Healthcare
 - ☒ Other
 - ☒ Social Work

LOCATION:

Nairobi

LANGUAGE CLASSES:

n/a

LODGING OPTIONS:

Volunteer residence

KENYA, named for it's signature mountain, is an East African country, which is considered the cradle of humanity and simply is Africa in microcosm. From the varied wildlife of the Serengeti to the beautiful white-sand beaches, the energetic cities, the enormous glacial mountains, and the expansive deserts, Kenya truly does encompass the full range of biodiversity that Africa has to offer.

Kenya's capital, Nairobi, is an ancient city with a thriving business center, powered by the latest information technology. It is possible to leave Nairobi and drive in just a few hours to a place where life is lived in accordance to tradition and custom; where native tribes, such as the Maasai warriors, armed with spears, drive cattle

into thorn brush enclosures to protect them from lions at night. Kenya's magnificent wildlife parks draw millions of tourists from around the world each year to witness life preserved in its natural habitat.

There are 42 ethnic communities in Kenya, all with their own language, history, culture and customs. The connecting languages spoken and understood by most are Swahili and English.

Volunteer projects are located in **Nairobi**. Hot and humid, Nairobi is the modern capital city of Kenya also known as the 'Green City in the Sun'. Our volunteer program presently supports local orphanages and hospitals. For certified health care professionals there are ample opportunities to assist doctors in local hospitals.



TIP:

The Kenyans are very serious about conserving their natural resources. They have introduced wildlife conservation into the public school curriculum.

SOUTH AFRICA



SOUTH AFRICA, is a country of extremes: It is a country of arid semideserts and subtropical coastlines; of fertile vineyards and barren snow-capped peaks; of isolated Zulu villages and world-class cosmopolitan cities. This beautiful stage is set for the daily drama of "one of the world's greatest experiments in racial harmony," a post-Apartheid world. It is likely to be not only eye opening and fascinating, but also challenging and intense. Despite a well-developed infrastructure compared to some other countries in the region, South Africa is haunted by townships stuffed with too many people, hunger, poverty and one of the highest HIV/AIDS infection rates in the world.

Despite such a conflicted history, South Africa

undoubtedly has many natural and historical attractions. Visitors will be relieved to find such a temperate climate on what is normally a very hot continent. South Africa is home to some magnificent wildlife such as the African elephant, white rhino, hippopotamus, giraffe and cheetah. World renown for their wine, South Africans have a fierce pride in their beautiful and varied country.

Volunteer projects are located in and around Cape Town and also in St. Lucia on the East Coast. Cape Town is called "The Mother City" by the locals and is the second largest in the country. St. Lucia has been called Africa's "premier bush and beach destination". Placements are available in teaching, coaching and wildlife preservation.

KENYA OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
 - ☐ Full-time Volunteer
 - ☒ Volunteer Only
 - ☐ Internship
-
- ☐ Business/Professional
 - ☐ Construction
 - ☒ Education
 - ☒ Environment/Nature
 - ☐ ESL Teacher
 - ☒ Healthcare
 - ☒ Other
 - ☒ Social Work

LOCATION:

Cape Town & St. Lucia

LANGUAGE CLASSES:

n/a

LODGING OPTIONS:

TIP:

Afrikaans developed from a combination of Dutch and English, but modern Afrikaners consider it an insult if you refer to them as "Dutch."

TANZANIA

TANZANIA, in East Africa, possesses some of the most interesting natural highlights of the region: Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa, is situated in the mountainous North-East; Tanzania shares Lake Victoria with Uganda and Kenya; there are the exotic spice islands of Zanzibar; and the world famous Serengeti National Park. The population consists of more than 120 ethnic groups, from the red-clad Masai tribes on the Serengeti plains to the Muslims in Zanzibar's Stone Town. Both Swahili and English are widely used in Tanzania.

Referred to as "Spice Island," **Zanzibar** lies off of Tanzania's north coast, and has lured travelers for centuries. With influence from the Persians, Indians and the Omani Arabs who historically based their livelihoods around Indian Ocean trade, the Spice Island is the biggest producer

of cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, ginger and other spices that make spice tours a popular excursion. You also can explore Zanzibar's magnificent east coast beaches or visit Jozani Forest, a tiny patch of pristine rainforest right in the center of Zanzibar Island and home to extremely rare species of animals. A must-see stop is Stone Town of Zanzibar, an old city relatively unchanged for 200



years, full of winding alleys and labyrinths, busy bazaars, mosques and grand Arab houses, two former sultan's palaces and fortresses.

The volunteer program takes place in **Zanzibar** in a town called **Jambiani**. Local schools need volunteers to teach their students, as well as some staff members, English. In addition to the teaching, volunteers can help out with special projects in the schools, including raising environmental awareness.

TANZANIA OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
 - ☐ Full-time Volunteer
 - ☒ Volunteer Only
 - ☐ Internship
-
- ☐ Business/Professional
 - ☐ Construction
 - ☒ Education
 - ☒ Environment/Nature
 - ☒ ESL Teacher
 - ☐ Healthcare
 - ☐ Other
 - ☐ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Jambiani, Zanzibar

LANGUAGE CLASSES:

n/a

LODGING OPTIONS:

Volunteer residence

TIP:

The country has mostly a tropical and sub-tropical climate. However, if you volunteer at the Women's group, you'll need warm clothes as it is located in the mountains.

CAMBODIA

CHINA OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
- ☐ Full-time Volunteer
- ☒ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☐ Business/Professional
- ☒ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☐ Environment/Nature
- ☒ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☐ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Samraong, near Siem Reap

KHMER CLASSES:

1 wk Language & Culture

LODGING OPTIONS:

Volunteer residence,
shared room, meals provided

CAMBODIA shares borders with Thailand, Laos and Vietnam and has its Western Coast on the Gulf of Thailand. The tropical climate attracts travelers to its pristine beaches, relaxed countryside and mountain villages. Cambodia has recently woken up from a turbulent political past and is becoming a burgeoning tourist destination, offering the incredible lessons of its past as well as a glimpse into its future. Though still a poor country, tourism has helped in shaping its new economy and the people of Cambodia welcome visitors with open arms.

Along with its amazing history, travelers can enjoy the country's natural beauty, numerous temples and bustling cities as well as the cultures and people. The country is entirely tropical and has two seasons, the wet season from May through October and the dry

from November through April. The Khmer make up the ethnic majority, but there are still various hill tribe cultures that comprise Cambodia's population. Most of the country is religious with about 95% Theravadan Buddhists. A traveler here will certainly appreciate the beauty of the Cambodian countryside as well as the religious artistry throughout.

Siem Reap is the main destination for volunteers in this program. The first week will take place near Siem Reap in a village called **Samraong** and will be dedicated to learning about the culture and language, then volunteers will begin work in their specific placements. Volunteers can work in schools, medical centers and other community initiatives to help bring much needed change to a country that is still emerging from its turbulent history.



TIP:

When in the countryside, it's best to stay on well-marked paths as landmines are still a problem throughout the country.

CHINA

CHINA OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
- ☒ Full-time Volunteer
- ☒ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☒ Business/Professional
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Environment/Nature
- ☒ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Various locations. For panda project, fly to Chengdu; others, fly to Guangxi.

CHINESE CLASSES:

1 week Language & Culture

LODGING OPTIONS:

Volunteer residence,
shared room, meals provided

CHINA is more than a country – it is a whole different world, from shop-till-you-drop metropolises to the epic grasslands of Inner Mongolia, with deserts, sacred peaks, astounding caves and imperial ruins in between. In China you can volunteer in various rural locations near **Guangxi** and **Chengdu**.

Guilin County can be considered one of the most beautiful areas of China. There is a popular saying that goes, "Guilin boasts the most beautiful scenery under Heaven." There are green hills and fields, forests of peaks and pinnacles and the beautiful Li River winding through the city. From Guilin to Yangshuo, the river travels 83 kilometers with both shores decorated



with numerous green hills. It is a poetic and picturesque environment in which one cannot help but feel relaxed and refreshed.

Volunteer placements can be arranged in such areas as panda conservation, teaching in village schools, ESL and farming.



TIP:

The projects are very rural, so be prepared for basic conditions and long travels for shopping, etc.

INDIA

INDIA, the 2nd most populated country in the world, is set at the southern tip of Asia. It is a vivid kaleidoscope of landscapes, magnificent historical sites and royal cities, misty mountain retreats, colorful people, rich cultures and festivities. Its history dates back 5000 years and you can visit temples, palaces and museums to satisfy even the most demanding traveler. Although English is widely spoken, it is not one of the nine official languages.

Volunteer projects are located in and around Delhi and Jaipur, the two most vibrant and beautiful cities of India. We offer projects at local orphanages, women's groups, health centers, local schools and NGOs working on different social issues.



If you are a medical professional you're very welcome to help doctors who work with the most impoverished people who don't have access to health care. You can teach English, assist at an adult literacy program or raise awareness of HIV and AIDS.

WORDS OF CAUTION: While most people adjust to India's vast differences within one to two weeks of arrival, India is one of AmeriSpan's most challenging locations for students in terms of culture shock. You will encounter extreme heat and crowds of people, animals, sights, sounds, smells and chaos. In a country where half a billion people live below the poverty line, our programs in India are for the more flexible traveler. You should be expecting a high level of culture shock and be ready to embrace it.

INDIA OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
- ☒ Full-time Volunteer
- ☒ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☐ Business/Professional
- ☐ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☐ Environment/Nature
- ☒ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☐ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Jaipur, Rural Rajasthan & Goa

HINDI CLASSES:

3 hrs/day group

LODGING OPTIONS:

Hostel, private room in homestay, or shared on-site lodgings

TIP:

During monsoon season (July-October) the heat in Jaipur is stifling – plan ahead and be prepared!

NEPAL

NEPAL, bordered by India and China, is known as the Hindu Kingdom of the world. Despite its small size, the country features an extremely diverse landscape and population, from plains 60 meters above sea level to the world's largest mountain, Mount Everest. A developing country that has experienced much political instability, an increase in tourism has played a major role in Nepal's recent economic growth. Given Nepal's varied geography, its attractive natural landscape has made adventure tourism a prominent economic activity. At the lowest elevations one can experience tropical, humid, forests that harbor tigers, leopards, deer, monkeys, antelope and even a few Indian rhinoceroses.

While Nepali is the official language and English is spoken in government and office settings, Nepal is made up of more than 103 ethnic groups and 93

spoken languages and dialects. Folklore plays a major role in Nepali culture amongst all ethnic groups. One can join in the numerous annual festivals that are celebrated throughout the year in traditional style highlighting these continuing Nepali customs and beliefs.

With the incomparable natural beauty, the warmth and hospitality of the Nepalese people and opportunities to serve the local communities, volunteering in Nepal promises a rewarding experience.



In Nepal, you can volunteer in the bustling city of Kathmandu and its surrounding areas. Our volunteer program presently supports local orphanages, local schools and NGOs working on different social issues. For people interested in the Buddhist life and culture, you can add a meditation week either before or after your volunteering.

NEPAL OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
- ☒ Full-time Volunteer
- ☒ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☐ Business/Professional
- ☐ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☐ Environment/Nature
- ☒ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☐ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Chitwan, Kathmandu & Pokhara

NEPALI CLASSES:

1 week Language & Culture

LODGING OPTIONS:

Hostel, private room in homestay, or shared on-site lodgings

TIP:

It's well worth your while to do some hiking among the world's highest mountain peaks – even if you can't go up all the way.



RUSSIA

RUSSIA OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
 - ☐ Full-time Volunteer
 - ☐ Volunteer Only
 - ☒ Internship
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- ☒ Business/Professional
 - ☐ Construction
 - ☐ Education
 - ☐ Environment/Nature
 - ☐ ESL Teacher
 - ☒ Healthcare
 - ☒ Other
 - ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Moscow & St. Petersburg

RUSSIAN CLASSES:

4 hrs/day group

LODGING:

Private room in homestay
or private room in shared apartment

RUSSIA – In just a few short years, life in the largest country on Earth – the Russian Federation – has changed radically. In 1991, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) ceased to exist. In its place are the Russian Federation (Russia) and 14 independent countries. Russia stretches from the Gulf of Finland to the Bering Strait and is home to more than 100 ethnic groups.

Interning in Russia will give you the opportunity to be a part of a rapidly-changing nation. You can work in Journalism, Public Relations, Sales & Marketing, Law, Healthcare, Community Service and other areas upon request. These programs are offered in two wildly different cities: Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Moscow is a very dynamic city, an up-and-coming cultural center in the post-communism atmosphere. The city has been described as the political, scientific, historical, architectural and business center of the country. **St. Petersburg**, the second largest city in the nation with 6 million inhabitants, is the home of the Czars and one of Europe's most beautiful cities. This is a city of palaces, renowned cultural institutions, museums and outdoor landmarks.



TIP:

The Russian business culture is very different from the US business culture; language classes in Russia will help you prepare.



THAILAND

THAILAND OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
 - ☐ Full-time Volunteer
 - ☒ Volunteer Only
 - ☐ Internship
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- ☐ Business/Professional
 - ☐ Construction
 - ☒ Education
 - ☒ Environment/Nature
 - ☐ ESL Teacher
 - ☐ Healthcare
 - ☒ Other
 - ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Phitsanulok and Singburi

THAI CLASSES:

1 week Language & Culture

LODGING OPTIONS:

Volunteer residence

THAILAND – With its breathtaking natural beauty and warm and hospitable people, Thailand remains one of the most popular South Asian destinations for tourists. Thailand is divided into four natural regions: The mountains and forests of the North; the vast rice fields of the Central Plains; the semi-arid farm lands of the Northeast plateau; and the tropical islands and long coastline of the Southern peninsula. Thailand is the only Southeastern Asian country that was never colonized. You can find remnants of almost 1000 years of history all through the country. Thai is the national language but English is fairly widespread.

Our volunteer program invites you to explore this Southeast Asian paradise while contributing to local communities. There are placements in **Phitsanulok** and **Singburi** as well

as other neighboring provinces. Volunteers have the option to work on the elephant or horse projects, or with locals in orphanages, schools and more.



TIP:

Be sure to take some time before or after your volunteer project to relax on the world famous beaches!

VIETNAM

Visitors to **VIETNAM** may arrive with pre-conceived notions based on historical events and popular myths, but both will leave with a different impression altogether! With a capital in the north and its largest city in the south, it is easy for travelers to fly in at one end and out the other without doubling back. Saigon is the more modern and cosmopolitan of the two, with English-speaking guides and upscale nightlife. Hanoi offers a fascinating look into Vietnamese history, architecture and scenery.

Vietnam offers 3,000 kilometers of widely varied yet distinctly Asian coastline. You will find that boat trips are common and necessary when visiting the best of Vietnam. Places such as Nha Trang can be packed with tourists during the busier months, but if you have time and desire you can find an isolated hideaway such as Ho Coc.



You'll want to spend time in Vietnam to explore the vibrant culture and see a side of Asia that many Western travelers avoid. Arguably the most stable Communist stronghold in Asia, Vietnam is quietly struggling to grow their economy while not losing too many communist ideals. Perhaps less refined than Thailand and harder to get to than a major hub, but the trip is guaranteed to be something out of the ordinary and beyond the average traveler's expectations.

Volunteer placements are located in **Giao Xuan**, **Nam Dinh**, 3 hours from **Hanoi**. This is a beautiful village with rice field and sea view. You can walk or ride bicycle around the village or join sport activities with locals in the afternoon. Volunteers can join in a teaching project in a Vietnamese Kindergarten teaching English or organizing creative activities.

VIETNAM OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
- ☐ Full-time Volunteer
- ☒ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☐ Business/Professional
- ☐ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☐ Environment/Nature
- ☐ ESL Teacher
- ☐ Healthcare
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Giao Xuan, Nam Dinh

VIETNAMESE CLASSES:

1 wk Language & Culture

LODGING OPTIONS:

Volunteer residence, shared room, meals provided

TIP:

Vietnam is a tropical country with occasional violent storms, heavy rains and floods, so volunteers should be flexible and prepared.

AUSTRALIA

Known as 'Down-under', **AUSTRALIA** has only 21 million people dispersed over it, making it the least-populated country in the world. In the desert, most of the country farmers have propeller planes parked in their back yard. Australia also boasts fantastic diving on the Great Barrier Reef, tropical rain forests, swamps, green rolling hills and mountain ranges. It's a young country with a fresh, energetic feel to it and the motto of most Australians is "work hard, play hard" which is evidenced by frequent trips into nature to dive, hike, or have a 'barbie.'

The internship program offers candidates in all fields an opportunity to gain professional experience in their area. The positions are available in



all major cities of Australia. We ensure that you will be placed in a position that is compatible with your employment and/or educational history. Internships are possible in almost every field, including graphic design companies, in linguistics, marine science, photography, engineering, law and many more!

AUSTRALIA OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
- ☐ Full-time Volunteer
- ☐ Volunteer Only
- ☒ Internship

- ☒ Business/Professional
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Education
- ☒ Environment/Nature
- ☐ ESL Teacher
- ☐ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

All major cities

CLASSES:

Not offered

LODGING OPTIONS:

Hostel, homestay, or shared apartment

TIP:

Don't forget that the seasons in Australia are opposite to the US and Europe. Bear that in mind if you want to go surfing or diving while down-under!

AUSTRIA

AUSTRIA – Landlocked by its central European neighbors, Austria is an enchanting country with a rich cultural legacy, thriving art scene, a melting pot of architectural styles and spectacular landscapes. A country with four distinct seasons, Austria's Alps have some of the best skiing in the world along with plenty of opportunity for hiking and biking and other breathtaking outdoor activities. Its unrivalled music tradition and cultural offerings make it a favorite destination for art lovers.

Our programs in Vienna offer an excellent opportunity to improve your German while gaining relevant work experience.



We can arrange for you to work in top companies of the following sectors:

- **IT/ Computer technology:** Technician CNC, CAD/CAM, software development
- **Tourism & marketing:** Market research, travel agencies & hotels
- **Commerce:** Banks, import-export, environmental consulting & urban development
- **Academic research**
- **Crafts and trades**

An interview with the prospective company is an important part of the placement process. This interview will take place while you are taking your German course.

AUSTRIA OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
 - ☐ Full-time Volunteer
 - ☐ Volunteer Only
 - ☒ Internship
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- ☒ Business/Professional
 - ☐ Construction
 - ☐ Education
 - ☐ Environment/Nature
 - ☐ ESL Teacher
 - ☐ Healthcare
 - ☒ Other
 - ☐ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Vienna

GERMAN CLASSES:

4 hrs/day group German

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room with homestay, residence, or apartment

TIP:

While living in Vienna be sure to shop at the incredible Naschmarkt, an outdoor market where vendors offer fresh foods and crafts.

FRANCE

FRANCE is world-renowned for its rich history and spectacular cuisine. The landscape ranges from the high cliffs and rocky beaches in the north, to the resorts of the Riviera in the south. France's beautiful countryside is abundant with vineyards and farms. Cosmopolitan cities and quaint towns make France a diverse country ripe in culture and charm.

Paris is romance, art, fashion, food and culture. An internship here means not only gaining the professional edge you need in your field, but becoming part of the culture and drive behind this metropolis. Internships are available for both shorter-term (minimum 6 weeks)



and long-term commitments depending on your French, prior education and/or work experience. You may request the sector where you'd like to work. Some examples are: Art & Architecture, Film & Television, Journalism, Advertising & Public Relations, Business & Economics, Politics Abroad, Comparative Law, International Organization Abroad, Health & Human Services and Hospitality Administration.



FRANCE OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
 - ☐ Full-time Volunteer
 - ☐ Volunteer Only
 - ☒ Internship
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- ☒ Business/Professional
 - ☐ Construction
 - ☐ Education
 - ☐ Environment/Nature
 - ☐ ESL Teacher
 - ☐ Healthcare
 - ☒ Other
 - ☐ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Paris

FRENCH CLASSES:

4 hrs/day group

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room in homestay or shared room in apartment

TIP:

These programs are highly customized and you can start any Monday of the year.

GERMANY

GERMANY OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
- ☐ Full-time Volunteer
- ☐ Volunteer Only
- ☒ Internship

- ☒ Business/Professional
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Environment/Nature
- ☐ ESL Teacher
- ☐ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☐ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Berlin

GERMAN CLASSES:

4 hrs/day group German or Professional German courses

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room with homestay, or shared room in apartment



GERMANY is an historical yet modern country, split into sharply defined regions. Each region maintains its distinctive character with its own dialect, traditional dress and foods. North Germany has old seafaring ports, the West takes care of business, the East offers architecture and culture and in the South you find the Black Forest and those fun-loving Bavarians. Along the Rhine and Mosel Rivers are picturesque castles and steep, terraced vineyards. From Frankfurt to Bremen runs a trail of villages that helped inspire the Grimm Brother's fairy tales.

According to some, Berlin will soon be the new Paris of Europe. If Paris will ever be rivaled remains to be seen, but the fact that Berlin is a city that is rapidly becoming a cultural hot spot is undeniable. What better way to be a part of this dynamic city that constantly reinvents itself than to work here? We can organize internships in Administration, Advertisement, Architecture, Consulting, Culture and cultural institutions, Ecology, Event Management, Graphics & Design and IT & Communication Technologies.



TIP:

Each quarter in Berlin has its center, sights and distinct atmosphere. Take your time to explore them all!

ITALY

ITALY OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
- ☐ Full-time Volunteer
- ☐ Volunteer Only
- ☒ Internship

- ☒ Business/Professional
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Environment/Nature
- ☐ ESL Teacher
- ☐ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☐ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Florence and Rome

ITALIAN CLASSES:

4 hrs/day group

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room in shared apartment

ITALY – Known for its diverse regions, rich culture and fabulous food, boot-shaped Italy possesses perhaps the most instantly identifiable physical shape of any country in the world. You can visit Roman ruins, gaze at Renaissance art, stay in tiny hill towns, ski the Alps, explore the canals of Venice and see more churches than you can imagine. Naturally, you can indulge in the elementary pleasures of good food and wine, improve your wardrobe



and seek out 'la dolce vita.' From its beaches to its Alpine mountains, Italy vibrates with a special soul that is reflected in its people, music and art.

We offer Internships in Italy in Florence and Rome, in a wide variety of professional fields. A high command of the Italian language is essential, so several weeks of language classes is an integral part of the program. Possible fields where you can intern include: Architecture, Tourism, Marketing, Web Marketing, Graphic Design and the Hospitality industry.

TIP:

The fields and positions where you will be placed are influenced by your work experience and education.

SPAIN

SPAIN – From its dazzling beaches to its ancient castles, Spain is a country as diverse as the cultures which have influenced its art, architecture, music and lifestyle. It is a land where cathedrals and castles are interspersed with skyscrapers, where modern rock mixes with flamenco guitar and night clubs compete with cozy tapas bars. Spain offers some of the world's most famous museums, resorts and festivals, making it a unique and enchanting destination. Working in a company offers



you the opportunity to get to know aspects of Spanish life, language and culture that you wouldn't otherwise have access to. In Spain we can organize internship positions in companies covering most industries and professional sectors such as financial services, the car industry, publishing, marketing, communication/media, consulting, business associations, NGOs, community services organizations, hotels, tourism, fashion... and many more. Come to Spain to find out if you really can be productive after a 2-hour lunch break with wine!

SPAIN OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
- ☐ Full-time Volunteer
- ☐ Volunteer Only
- ☒ Internship

- ☒ Business/Professional
- ☒ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☐ Environment/Nature
- ☒ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Barcelona, Madrid, Salamanca, Sevilla & Valencia

SPANISH CLASSES:

5 hrs/day group

LODGING OPTIONS:

Shared room with homestay, in residence, or in apartment

TIP:

In Spain you can do internships in a very wide variety of professional fields. Please explain carefully in your motivation letter which type of work you prefer.

UNITED KINGDOM

The **UNITED KINGDOM**, UK or Great Britain was the world's foremost power during the 19th and early 20th century and today is still a major economic, cultural, military and political influence in the world. The 5,000-year history of this corner of the world is felt in every aspect of life. The beautiful countryside bears witness of centuries of civilization in the form of monuments, castles and medieval villages. This is the country of the Dukes and Lords, but also of Coldplay and clubbing. Interning in the UK will give you much-desired international experience without the handicap of a foreign language.



A truly outstanding range of internship opportunities will allow you to gain relevant work experience. We can accommodate almost every academic discipline and major. Placements range from large multinational banks and corporate entities to small- and medium-sized enterprises and include media, political, public sector and volunteer organizations. An on-site center offers you a wealth of information and support while being part of London's cosmopolitan and energetic workforce.



UNITED KINGDOM OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
- ☐ Full-time Volunteer
- ☐ Volunteer Only
- ☒ Internship

- ☒ Business/Professional
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Environment/Nature
- ☐ ESL Teacher
- ☐ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☐ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

London & other cities

CLASSES:

Not offered

LODGING OPTIONS:

Hostel, shared apartment, or residence

TIP:

London is one of the most expensive cities in the world, so budget accordingly for your personal expenses.



CANADA

FRENCH CANADA OPTIONS:

- ☐ Part-time Volunteer
- ☐ Full-time Volunteer
- ☐ Volunteer Only
- ☒ Internship

- ☒ Business/Professional
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Environment/Nature
- ☐ ESL Teacher
- ☐ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Montreal

FRENCH CLASSES:

4 hrs/day group; 10 hrs/wk internship prep course for 1st 4 wks

LODGING OPTIONS:

Hostel, private room in homestay, or shared on-site lodgings

CANADA is bordered by the Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Alaska, Greenland and the USA. The country's diverse landscape includes the Arctic tundra of the north, the great wheat lands, the



Rocky Mountains to the west, the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River and Niagara Falls. Canada's French and British origins have been infused with a mixture of new traditions brought by immigrants from all over the world. The country is divided into ten provinces and three territories with two official languages, English and French.

The work experience program, which is offered in Montreal, gives you the opportunity to immerse yourself in French Canadian culture. In Montreal you can experience the dynamics of a

bilingual environment, an uncommon situation. The placements available depend on your education and experience. Placements include organizations in the following fields: Accounting, Media, Community Services, Marketing & Advertising, Information Technology, Museums & Art Galleries, Fund-raising, Retail & Sales, General Office and Tourism & Hospitality.



TIP:

Internships will require at least a High Intermediate level of English and French as both of the languages are used to conduct business in Montreal.



MEXICO

MEXICO OPTIONS:

- ☒ Part-time Volunteer
- ☒ Full-time Volunteer
- ☒ Volunteer Only
- ☐ Internship

- ☐ Business/Professional
- ☐ Construction
- ☒ Education
- ☒ Environment/Nature
- ☒ ESL Teacher
- ☒ Healthcare
- ☒ Other
- ☒ Social Work

LOCATIONS:

Oaxaca, Merida & Guanajuato

SPANISH CLASSES:

4-5 hrs/day group, private lessons

LODGING OPTIONS:

Private room with homestay or shared room in residence

MEXICO's people and geography are best described as diverse. Over 50 different indigenous groups, each with its own language, comprise 28% of Mexico's 83 million inhabitants. Divided by the Tropic of Cancer into the temperate North and the tropical South, Mexico boasts snow-capped volcanoes, jungle clad beaches, deserts, archeological ruins, modern cities, upscale resorts and isolated villages.

It's not possible to experience all of Mexico in one trip as it's such a varied country. At AmeriSpan we can extend that statement to include our volunteer projects! You can choose from 5 destinations and dozens of projects. There's an orphanage which houses mostly indigenous children from the poorest area of Mexico as well as



several shelters for the homeless, battered women and at-risk youth. You can give workshops on hygiene, fund-raise for a local charity... the options are endless.

A different type of experience is available at the Nature Reserves which need volunteers to help in the office and with research on-site. It makes for a good combination of those that are looking to experience Mexican professional life as well as the beautiful Mexican nature. For those that like to stay active there are more possibilities: You can volunteer in a rehabilitation clinic, help implement fitness programs for the elderly or organize sporting events at the local university.



TIP:

Although Mexico is in some respects a very developed nation, there are many regions and large sections of the population which are disadvantaged and would be very glad to receive your help.

APPLICATION PROCESS

How to Apply

Send the following application materials in one envelope at least 2-4 months (Internships), 2 months (Part-time Volunteer, Full-time Volunteer & Volunteer Only) before the program will begin:

1. Volunteer/Internship application form and signed terms & conditions
2. Answer the essay questions (Part 1 and 2 for all applicants, Part 3 for Full-time Volunteering and Volunteering Only, Part 4 for Internships)
3. Resume
4. Include deposit (\$250 for Part-time Volunteer, \$350 for Full-time Volunteer & Volunteer Only, \$550 for Internship)
5. Two letters of reference, either academic or professional, may also be submitted to AmeriSpan via the online reference form: www.amerispan.com/reference

Process After You Submit Your Application

After we receive your application materials, we will contact you to set-up an informal telephone interview. During the telephone interview we will discuss your placement choices, the current available opportunities and the types of housing associated with the various placements.

We will inform you of placement specifics within about 4-5 weeks after the telephone interview (for Part-time Volunteering, you will receive your specific placement details once on-site). You will receive a confirmation statement, "Need-to-Know" country factsheets, cultural recommendations and additional pre-departure information in the mail or via email if requested.

After full payment and all missing information (e.g., airline arrival particulars) are received, a final confirmation will be mailed. Check these confirmations carefully to make sure that everything is correct. If there is an error, contact us immediately.

Important Note: Positions are limited and the application process can be competitive. If we are unable to place you we will notify you and refund your placement fee. The placement fee is non-refundable once we have obtained a placement for you.

Please read the terms and conditions carefully before sending in your application. It contains important information about refunds and cancellations.

Application Essay Questions

Please type (handwritten will not be accepted) your answers to the following questions on a separate piece of paper and include with your application. Some answers only require short responses, while others should be in complete paragraphs.

Part 1: Language Proficiency (if the target language is different from your own)

Answer as many of these questions in the target language as possible (regardless of your level) to the best of your ability without using a dictionary or grammar book. Each question is directed to you in the 3rd person 'polite you' form.

1. What type of activities do you like to do?
2. What is your best friend like?
3. What did you do last weekend?
4. What did you do last year?
5. You are talking with a person that is going to travel to your country for the first time. What would you advise him/her?

Part 2: For all programs

1. Explain your reasons for wanting to participate in this program. Why do you think you are a good candidate for it?
2. Please describe the type of work you would most enjoy for the placement category you have listed on the application (for this category only).

If you chose:

- a. Environment/Nature: Please describe your interests: Volunteering with animals (if so, what types), at a garden or farm, in an agricultural cooperative within the local community, etc.
 - b. Educational, ESL teacher and/or Social Work: Please explain what populations you would like to work with (the elderly, infants, teenagers, disabled, etc) and in what type of setting (school, orphanage, community center, etc.)
 - c. Healthcare placement: Please list your medical certification/area of expertise.
 - d. Other categories: Please list your interests and preferences (marketing, tourism, museums, libraries, government, etc).
3. What are your expectations for the placement (the work, the environment, etc.)?
 4. Do you have any health-related or physical conditions that would limit where you could be placed? If yes, please explain.

Part 3: For Full-time Volunteer and Volunteer Only

5. What research have you done on the geographical area? Are you going to be able to work in this climate and in these conditions?
6. Explain how you would apply some of your current skills to your description(s) of work in question 2 above.
7. List three challenges (besides language) you expect to encounter in your work environment. How would you resolve them?
8. Please describe any travel experience you have had in developing countries and if you experienced culture shock. If you have not traveled in developing countries, please describe culture shock and how you think you would handle it.
9. How flexible are you about where you are placed? Our placements include non-profit, for-profit, NGOs, local, national and international/governmental organizations, etc. Would you work in any of the above? What are your placement requirements?
10. How much supervision do you expect to receive at your placement?
11. Do you realize that volunteer work may be full-time (some times including nights and/or weekends) and can be very difficult and at times boring?

Part 4: For Internships

1. Please write a motivation letter of 1-2 pages (if possible in the target language) explaining why you want to do an Internship, your goals for the experience, and what you could contribute to the organization.
2. A copy of your college transcripts is required for most professional placements in Europe and Australia.

Volunteer/Internship Application

Mail To: PO Box 58129, Philadelphia, PA 19102-8129
FedEx To: 1500 Walnut St, Ste 1306, Philadelphia, PA 19102-3514
Questions: 800-879-6640 or 215-751-1100



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Part A: General Information

Name: _____ Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Country: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Birthdate: ____/____/____ Sex: Male / Female Occupation: _____ Employer/ School: _____
Nationality: _____ Passport No.: _____ How you heard about us: _____
Please list the name(s) of any especially helpful AmeriSpan staff member(s): _____
Emergency contact (name & telephone): _____
Target Language? _____ Level: Zero / Beginner / Intermediate / Advanced – Low / Mid / High (see: www.amerispan.com/level)
Target Language Level Comments: _____
Any knowledge of other languages? _____

Part B: Volunteer/Internship Program

Country/City: _____ Program Type: Part-time Volunteer / Full-time Volunteer / Volunteer only / Internship
Category: Business/Professional / Construction / Education / Environment/Nature / ESL Teacher / Healthcare / Other / Social Work
Placement: Number of Weeks: _____ Start date: _____ End date: _____
Preferred Placement: _____
2nd Choice: _____
3rd Choice: _____

Part C: Accommodation and Language Classes

Lodging: Homestay / Apartment / Residence / Dorm / None Start Date: _____ End Date: _____ Room: Private / Shared
Language Classes (leave blank if no classes): Hours/day: _____ Weeks: _____ Start Date: _____ End Date: _____
Course: Private / Group classes Applying for Academic Credit?: Yes/No From (Brookhaven, Other) : _____
Airport Pick-up: Yes / No Arrival Date, Time, Airline & Flight # (if available): _____
Would you like a study abroad airfare specialist to send you an airfare quote? Yes/No

VOLUNTEER/INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FEES (please read the attached terms and conditions)

Program Fee	\$
Less Deposit	\$
Total Still Owed	\$

Total payment due at least 4 weeks before start date of program. Upon registering, a deposit is due.

Check/Visa/MC/AMEX/Discover # _____ Exp. Date: _____ CCV/CCV2: _____ Amount: _____
Cardholder's Name (if different than above) _____
Billing Address (if different than above) _____



Terms & Conditions

What To Include With Your Application

- Typed responses to essay questions listed above.
- Resume (for ALL applicants)
- Deposit (\$250 for Part-time Volunteer, \$350 for Full-time Volunteer & Volunteer Only, \$550 for Internship)
- 2 letters of reference either academic or professional (for Internships)

Application and Payment Process

- Send all application materials and deposit in one envelope at least 2-4 months (Internships), 2 months (Part-time Volunteer, Full-time Volunteer & Volunteer Only) before you wish to start. Late applications may be accepted but placement confirmation before you travel is not guaranteed.
- We will inform you of placement specifics about 4 weeks after your telephone interview. You will receive a confirmation statement with the total amount due, "Need to Know" country facts sheets and additional pre-departure information in the mail. If we are unable to place you, we will notify you at this time. In this case, your full deposit will be refunded. The deposit is non-refundable once we have obtained a placement for you. NOTE: Never purchase a non-refundable or non-changeable airline ticket before you have been confirmed by AmeriSpan.
- All program costs must be paid in full at least 4 weeks before your start date. For airport pick-ups, AmeriSpan should receive flight arrival information at least 2 weeks prior to start date. We will send a final confirmation statement when full payment is received and all details are finalized.
- Late payments and/or late applications are subject to a \$35 late fee. If registering less than 4 weeks in advance, full payment with \$35 late fee) is due.
- All changes within 2 weeks of the scheduled start date are subject to a \$50 change fee. Although everything will be done to accommodate you, you are not guaranteed your original placement if you change your dates.

Transferable Academic Credit For Volunteering and/or Studying A Foreign Language

- If you wish to receive transferable academic credit for volunteering and/or your language program through SCCC or Brookhaven (offered at select locations only) refer to the following link for more details: http://www.amerispan.com/credit_volunteer.

Calculating Your Program Fee

- We have done our best to try and keep the program fees simple. The most common are listed in our catalog and all are listed on our website. If you aren't sure, we'll calculate them and let you know the exact amount during the telephone interview. This is still early enough in the process to cancel and receive 100% of your deposit back.

Refund Policies

- If AmeriSpan is not able to place you within given time limits, your full deposit will be returned. The deposit will not be returned if you decline a placement that meets your requests as outlined in your application.
- Cancellations more than 2 weeks before start date (start of language classes) are entitled to a full refund less the deposit. Cancellations less than 2 weeks before the start date will be refunded less 25% of the deposit, whichever is greater.
- There will be no refunds after a program has begun. If a personal emergency has occurred, participant should notify AmeriSpan in writing. We will review the claim and a partial refund may be issued. The above refund policy is the same in cases of cancellation due to war, terrorism or similar cases. Programs can get canceled and/or changed, AmeriSpan is not responsible for these changes. AmeriSpan reserves the right to substitute comparable programs or refund program fees.

Satisfaction Guarantee

- Your satisfaction is our main concern. If you are not satisfied, we'll pay for a week of group classes at the same program or another of your choice. The guarantee is only applicable to the language class component of your program. To invoke the Satisfaction Guarantee, please submit a letter upon completion of your program which describes why you are dissatisfied with the language component of your program. We use this information to evaluate and improve the program for future participants. Within 3 weeks, we will issue you a coupon for one week of group language class (does not include lodging) at the same program or any of our other programs teaching the same language. You may use this free week of classes at any time in the future.

Behavioral Expectations

- Volunteers/Interns who fail to comply with the rules of the host organization, do not fulfill work responsibilities, or who have falsely represented his/her skills on the application, will be dismissed without notice or refunds. The costs of the return trip is at the expense of the participant or his/her family.
- Participants agree to work the full amount of time for which they have registered. No changes to program are permitted once the program has begun
- It is understood that AmeriSpan serves as an intermediary between the volunteer/intern and the host organization and is not responsible for the actions of either party.

IMPORTANT: Although these are unpaid positions, please consider it a job. Dress appropriately and recognize standard business etiquette (be on time, be respectful of superiors, etc.). This is a serious commitment. Please reconsider if you have pending graduate school acceptance, are waiting to hear from a job, are considering this a 'work vacation', have known family issues at home, etc. Please schedule all independent travel, extended trips and family/friends visiting you in-country to occur after your work commitment has ended. Scheduling 'time off' during your placement is not appropriate.

Liability

- While participating in this program, you may be exposed to certain risks. These risks may include, but are not limited to, accident and/or sickness without readily available medical facilities, the forces of nature, travel in the air, travel on the ground, terrorism and war. By signing the other side of this form, you are assuming all these risks and agreeing to indemnify AmeriSpan Study Abroad, their officer, directors and employees harmless for any and all liability that may arise in connection with your participation in AmeriSpan programs outside the United States.
- While participating in this program, you may be responsible for paying additional funds related to your own actions while on-site. Some schools will collect deposits upon your arrival while others will collect only if you incur these charges. Typical extra charges include: Lost keys, property damage, overstaying in your lodging, hosting overnight guests in your lodging and lost books.

I have read and I agree to all the TERMS & CONDITIONS on this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Rating Your Language Level

Overview

Carefully read the following descriptions and determine which category best describes your skills. Keep in mind that you will be given a placement test once you arrive at the school.

Low Beginner

No real functional ability in the language. Speech is characterized by a few memorized words or phrases. Unable to handle a typical 'survival situation.' Utterances rarely consist of more than two or three words with frequent long pauses. Understanding limited to occasional words, cognates and short slowly spoken utterances. No practical communicative writing skills.

IN OTHER WORDS: You know a few words and phrases, but would not be able to hold a basic survival situation type conversation (ordering food, asking for bus information, getting a hotel room price, etc.). You have no writing skills in the language, but can recognize some written words.



Mid Beginner

Speaking ability still limited to memorized words and phrases, although quantity is increased. Vocabulary is limited to expressing very basic needs and courtesies. Utterances are limited to a few words at a time with frequent pauses. Can understand simple commonly used phrases and questions. Requires native speaker to speak slowly and often repeat a phrase before comprehension is achieved.

IN OTHER WORDS: You can introduce yourself and ask someone's name. You can ask and answer the questions, "How are you? Where are you from?" You can handle some basic survival situations such as ordering a meal. You know the alphabet and some numbers.



High Beginner

Limited to simple conversation dealing with common everyday themes. Ability to operate in only a very limited capacity with difficulty constructing sentences properly in the present tense. Can ask and answer questions based on memorized utterances. Vocabulary is sufficient only for handling simple, elementary needs and expressing basic courtesies. Frequent repetition and slower speech is required for comprehension. Can read standardized messages, phrases, expressions, schedules, menus and signs. Can supply information on simple forms and documents.

IN OTHER WORDS: You can have a basic conversation in the present tense. You can handle a basic survival situation such as making hotel reservations. Your speech is slow with frequent pauses. You can understand what is said if it is said slowly and repeated a few times. You can ask and tell time and the date. You can ask basic what and when questions. You can use possessive adjectives. You can talk about the weather. You are aware of when to use formal and informal 2nd person. You still sometimes require slow and repeated speech in order to understand what is being said.

Low Intermediate

Able to handle successfully only a limited number of interactive, task-oriented and social situations. Capable of using simple structures and a general, limited vocabulary. Speaks with general ease in the present tense and can give simple commands. Can get by in restaurants, banks, asking directions and discussing familiar topics. Can initiate and respond to simple statements. Able to understand sentence length utterances. Misunderstandings frequently arise but with repetition and slower speech can understand and be understood. Able to understand main ideas or some facts from simple texts. Capable of writing short messages.

IN OTHER WORDS: You feel comfortable speaking in the present tense. Your vocabulary is extended to include such topics as clothing, colors, foods, recreational activities, professions. You can express likes and dislikes.

You can ask and understand directions. You can talk about clothing. Ask about cost. For Spanish, you are familiar with when to use "ser" and "estar". You know some irregular verbs like "tener" and "dar". You can use expressions with "tener".



Mid Intermediate

Able to handle basic communicative tasks and social situations. Can ask and answer questions and participate in simple conversations on topics beyond basic needs such as leisure activities and personal history. Sentence length is increased, but still characterized by frequent pauses. You can understand sentence length utterances in face to face conversation as well as over the phone.

IN OTHER WORDS: You can identify most places in a town and give directions to them. You

can request information, express opinions. Can ask and tell where someone is going, how they are getting there, what they will do and when. You have limited use of simple future tense and present progressive tenses.



High Intermediate

Can understand and use tenses such as the simple present, present progressive, preterit and simple future. Have knowledge of the subjunctive in a limited capacity. Can talk easily about self and others. Ability to converse on topics beyond immediate needs such as personal history, leisure interests and work. Has frequent errors in grammar and vocabulary but uses more irregular verbs and has increased vocabulary.

IN OTHER WORDS: You can express surprise, emotion, certainty and doubt. You can say what one can and can't do. You can give reasons for something. You can hold a telephone conversation. Can discuss simple health problems. You can ask and tell how long something lasts. You feel comfortable in most conversational contexts, but are still limited in how well you can express yourself.

Low/Mid/High Advanced

Rate yourself according to your skill in performing the following tasks:

Ability to speak the language with sufficient structural accuracy and vocabulary to participate effectively in most formal and informal contexts. Can handle unknown topics and situations, give supported opinions, hypothesize, provide complicated explanations and can describe in detail with a great deal of precision any practical, social, professional, or abstract topic. Ability to use all tenses and common idioms.

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Argentina Volunteer Only	4 Week	5 Weeks	6 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer & Lodging (Cordoba)	\$795	\$900	\$1,005	\$105	Included	No classes	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Volunteer & Lodging (Buenos Aires)	\$1,050	\$1,170	\$1,290	\$120	Included	No classes	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
<i>If staying in a Buenos Aires residence between 1/1-2/14 and 6/14-8/9, add \$40/week.</i>								
Argentina Part-time Volunteer	4 Week	5 Weeks	6 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes & Homestay (Cordoba)	\$1,595	\$1,920	\$2,155	\$325	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Family / 2 / Private	Any Monday
Volunteer, Classes & Homestay (Buenos Aires)	\$1,985	\$2,360	\$2,735	\$375	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Family / 2 / Private	Any Monday
Argentina Full-time Volunteer	2 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	2 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Vol	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes & Lodging (Cordoba)	\$1,295	\$1,945	\$325	\$105	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Volunteer, Classes & Lodging (Buenos Aires)	\$1,925	\$2,785	\$430	\$130	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
<i>If staying in a Buenos Aires residence between 1/1-2/14 and 6/14-8/9, add \$40/week for each week of placement.</i>								
Argentina Internship	0 Wks Class + 8 Wks Work.	4 Wks Class + 8 Wks Work	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Work	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Internship & Lodging (Cordoba)	\$1,395	\$2,355	\$240	\$105	Included	Apt / 0 / Shared	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Internship & Lodging (Buenos Aires)	\$1,795	\$3,055	\$250	\$130	Included	Apt / 0 / Shared	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
<i>If staying in a Buenos Aires residence between 1/1-2/14 and 6/14-8/9, add \$40/week for each week of placement. Add \$425 to above prices to customize an internship</i>								
Austria Internship	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Work	4 Wks Class + 8 Wks Work	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Work	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Internship, Classes, and Residence	\$4,075	\$5,155	\$480	\$105	Included	Apt / 0 / Shared	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Internship, Classes, and Homestay	\$5,650	\$7,450	\$665	\$1,800	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Family / 2 / Private	Any Monday
<i>Summer surcharge: If staying in an apartment or homestay from June 28-August 29, add \$65/week.</i>								
Bolivia Volunteer Only	4 Weeks	5 Weeks	6 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer and Homestay	\$895	\$1,030	\$1,165	\$135	Included	No classes	Family / 2 / Private	Any Monday
Volunteer and Lodging	\$695	\$810	\$925	\$115	Included	No classes	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
<i>We offer La Paz Transfer Package. This includes airport transfers, one night hotel in La Paz and one-way airfare to Sucre. You should arrive in La Paz on the Saturday before your classes start.</i>								
Bolivia Part-Time Volunteer	4 Weeks	5 Weeks	6 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Homestay	\$1,375	\$1,675	\$1,975	\$300	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Family / 2 / Private	Any Monday
<i>We offer La Paz Transfer Package. This includes airport transfers, one night hotel in La Paz and one-way airfare to Sucre. You should arrive in La Paz on the Saturday before your classes start.</i>								
Bolivia Full-Time Volunteer	2 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Vol	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging	\$1,185	\$1,765	\$290	\$80	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging (Nature Placement)	\$1,485	\$2,065	\$290	\$130	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
<i>We offer La Paz Transfer Package. This includes airport transfers, one night hotel in La Paz and one-way airfare to Sucre. You should arrive in La Paz on the Saturday before your classes start</i>								
Brazil Full-Time Volunteer	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	4 Wks Class + 6 Wks Vol.	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Vol.	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes, and Lodging (Maceio)	\$2,725	\$3,215	\$430	\$245	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Volunteer, Classes, and Lodging (Maceio)	\$2,725	\$3,215	\$430	\$245	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Cambodia Volunteer Only	2 Weeks	3 Weeks	4 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer with Lodging & Meals	\$750	\$990	\$1,230	\$240	Included	No classes	Apt / 3 / Shared	See Page 3
Canada Internship	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Work	8 Wks Class + 8 Wks Work	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Work	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Internship, Classes, and Homestay	\$3,995	\$6,575	\$455	\$645	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Family / 2 / Private	Any Monday
Chile Full-Time Volunteer	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	6 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Vol.	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging	\$2,195	\$2,985	\$395	\$160	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Chile Internship	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Work	6 Wks Class + 4 Wks Work	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Work	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Internship and Lodging	\$2,695	\$3,485	\$395	\$160	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
China Volunteer Only	2 Weeks	3 Weeks	4 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer with Lodging (Pandas)	\$995	\$1,495	\$1,895	\$495	Included	No classes	Apt / 3 / Shared	See Page 3
Volunteer with Lodging (All Others)	\$750	\$990	\$1,230	\$240	Included	No classes	Apt / 3 / Shared	See Page 3
Colombia Part-Time Volunteer	4 Weeks	5 Weeks	6 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Homestay	\$1,550	\$1,895	\$2,240	\$345	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Family / 2 / Private	Any Monday
Costa Rica Volunteer Only	4 Weeks	5 Weeks	6 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer with Lodging	\$950	\$1,100	\$1,250	\$150	Included	No classes	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Volunteer with Lodging (Nature Placement)	\$1,095	\$1,245	\$1,395	\$150	Included	No classes	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Costa Rica Part-Time Volunteer	2 Weeks	3 Weeks	4 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Homestay	\$1,030	\$1,385	\$1,740	\$355	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Family / 2 / Private	Any Monday
Costa Rica Full-Time Volunteer	2 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Vol.	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging	\$1,320	\$2,010	\$345	\$70	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging (Nature Placement)	\$1,695	\$2,385	\$345	\$125	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Costa Rica Internship	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Work	4 Wks Class + 8 Wks Work	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Work	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Internship, Classes and Lodging	\$2,695	\$3,255	\$435	\$140	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday

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Ecuador Volunteer Only	4 Weeks	5 Weeks	6 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer with Homestay	\$920	\$1,085	\$1,250	\$165	Included	No classes	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Volunteer with Lodging (no meals)	\$795	\$890	\$985	\$95	Included	No classes	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
<i>For nature placements, please add \$225/month for lodging. Galapagos price varies.</i>								
Ecuador Part-Time Volunteer	4 Weeks	5 Weeks	6 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Homestay (Quito)	\$1,375	\$1,675	\$1,975	\$300	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Family / 2 / Private	Any Monday
Volunteer, Classes and Homestay (Cuenca)	\$1,495	\$1,795	\$2,095	\$300	Included	Family / 3 / Private	Family / 3 / Private	Any Monday
<i>If staying in Cuenca, we offer a Quito Transfer Package for \$180. This includes airport transfers, one night hotel in Quito and one way airfare to Cuenca. You should arrive in Quito the Saturday before your classes start.</i>								
Ecuador Full-Time Volunteer	2 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Vol.	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging (Quito)	\$1,185	\$1,765	\$290	\$80	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging (Cuenca)	N/A	\$1,765	\$290	\$80	Included	Family / 3 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging (Nature Placement)	\$1,485	\$2,065	\$290	\$130	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
<i>If staying in Cuenca, we offer a Quito Transfer Package for \$180. This includes airport transfers, one night hotel in Quito and one-way airfare to Cuenca. You should arrive in Quito the Saturday before your classes start.</i>								
France Internship	4 Wks Class + 6 Wks Work	8 Wks Class + 6 Wks Work	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Work	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Internship, Classes and Lodging (Paris)	\$6,295	\$8,855	\$640	\$345	Included	Family / 1 / Private	Family / 1 / Private	Any Monday
Germany Internship	4 Wks Class + 6 Wks Work	6 Wks Class + 6 Wks Work	2 Week Add'l Work	1 Week Add'l Classes	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Internship, Classes and Homestay (Berlin)	\$5,495	\$6,555	\$675	\$530	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Family / 2 / Private	Any Monday
Internship, Classes and Apartment (Berlin)	\$5,095	\$6,125	\$635	\$515	Included	Apt / 0 / Shared	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Summer surcharges: -Surcharge for Classes: add \$55/week to prices if studying Jun. 27-Aug. 14 -Surcharge for Apt: add \$110/week to prices if studying Jun. 27-Aug. 14 -Surcharge for Family: add \$55/week to prices if studying Jun. 27-Aug. 14								
Ghana Volunteer Only	2 Weeks	4 Weeks	6 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer with Lodging and Meals	\$1,520	\$1,755	\$1,990	N/A	Included	No classes	Apt / 3 / Shared	See Page 3
Guatemala Volunteer Only	2 Weeks	3 Weeks	4 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer and Homestay (Antigua)	\$550	\$670	\$790	\$120	Included	No classes	Family / 2 / Private	Any Monday
Volunteer and Lodging (Antigua)	\$495	\$595	\$695	\$100	Included	No classes	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Guatemala Part-Time Volunteer	2 Weeks	3 Weeks	4 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Homestay	\$835	\$1,070	\$1,305	\$235	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Family / 2 / Private	Any Monday
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging (No Meals)	\$795	\$1,010	\$1,225	\$215	Included	Apt / 0 / Shared	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Volunteer and Classes (No Lodging)	\$660	\$800	\$940	\$140	Included	N/A	N/A	Any Monday
Guatemala Full-Time Volunteer	2 Wks Class + 2 Wks Vol.	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Vol.	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging (Antigua)	\$930	\$1,600	\$225	\$100	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging (Hawaii)	N/A	\$1,720	\$225	\$130	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging (Petén)	N/A	\$1,855	\$225	\$140	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Honduras Full-Time Volunteer	2 Wks Class + 2 Wks Vol.	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Vol.	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Homestay (La Ceiba)	\$795	\$1,390	\$235	\$160	Included	Family / 3 / Private	Family / 3 / Private	Any Monday
India Volunteer Only	2 Weeks	3 Weeks	4 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer with Lodging and Meals	\$1,095	\$1,255	\$1,395	\$160	Included	No classes	Apt / 3 / Shared	See Page 3
India Full-Time Volunteer	2 Wks Class + 2 Wks Vol.	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Vol.	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes & Lodging	\$1,595	\$2,020	\$425	\$160	Included	Apt / 3 / Shared	Apt / 3 / Shared	See Page 3
Italy Internship	6 Wks Class + 8 Wks Work	7 Wks Class + 8 Wks Work	8 Wks Class + 8 Wks Work	4 Weeks Add'l Work	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Internship, Classes and Lodging (Florence & Rome)	\$5,595	\$6,045	\$6,495	\$1,100	N/A	Family / 1 / Private	Family / 1 / Private	Any Monday
Kenya Volunteer Only	2 Weeks	4 Weeks	6 Weeks	Add'l 2 Weeks	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer with Lodging and Meals	\$1,415	\$2,260	\$2,960	N/A	Included	No classes	Apt / 3 / Shared	See Page 3
Mexico Volunteer Only	4 Weeks	5 Weeks	6 Weeks	Add'l 2 Weeks	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer and Homestay	\$1,095	\$1,285	\$1,475	\$190	Included	No classes	Family / 2 / Private	Any Monday
Volunteer and Lodging (No Meals)	\$795	\$925	\$1,055	\$130	Included	No classes	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Mexico Part-Time Volunteer	2 Weeks	3 Weeks	4 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Homestay	\$995	\$1,415	\$1,795	\$370	Included	Family / 2-3 / Private	Family / 2-3 / Private	Any Monday
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging (No Meals)	\$850	\$1,135	\$1,350	\$260	Included	Apt / 0 / Shared	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Mexico Full-Time Volunteer	2 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Vol.	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging	\$1,375	\$1,950	Varies	\$140	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Nepal Volunteer Only	2 Weeks	3 Weeks	4 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer with Lodging and Meals	\$750	\$990	\$1,230	\$240	Included	No classes	Family / 2 / Private	See Page 3

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Nicaragua Part-Time Volunteer	2 Weeks	3 Weeks	4 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Homestay	N/A	N/A	\$1,360	\$295	Included	Family / 3 / Private	Family / 2-3 / Private	Any Monday
Nicaragua Full-Time Volunteer	2 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	1 Week Add'l Classes	4 Weeks Add'l Vol.	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Homestay	\$1,275	\$1,865	\$295	\$340	Included	Family / 3 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Peru Volunteer Only	4 Weeks	5 Weeks	6 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer and Homestay	\$920	\$1,085	\$1,250	\$165	Included	No classes	Family / 3 / Private	Any Monday
Volunteer and Lodging (No Meals)	\$795	\$890	\$985	\$95	Included	No classes	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
<i>We offer a Lima Transfer Package. This includes airport transfers, one night hotel in Lima and one-way airfare to Cusco. You should arrive in Lima the Saturday before your classes start. Prices are determined upon confirmation, around \$200-\$200 average.</i>								
Peru Part-Time Volunteer	4 Weeks	5 Weeks	6 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Homestay	\$1,375	\$1,675	\$1,975	\$300	Included	Family / 3 / Private	Family / 3 / Private	Any Monday
Peru Full-Time Volunteer	2 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Vol.	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes and Lodging	\$1,185	\$1,765	\$290	\$80	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Russia Internship	0 Wks Class + 4 Wks Work	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Work	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Work	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Internship, Classes and Lodging (Moscow)	\$2,225	\$5,320	\$785	\$1,420	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Private	Any Monday
Internship, Classes and Lodging (St. Petersburg)	\$2,225	\$4,975	\$740	\$1,220	Included	Family / 2 / Private	Apt / 0 / Private	Any Monday
<i>Summer surcharge: Add \$85/week to above prices is taking Russian classes during June 2-Sep. 21</i>								
South Africa Volunteer Only	2 Weeks	3 Weeks	4 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer and Lodging (Cape Town)	\$1,525	N/A	\$2,295	\$800	Included	No classes	Apt / 3 / Shared	See Page 3
Volunteer and Lodging (Cheetah Reintroduction)	\$1,495	N/A	\$2,895	\$1,450	Included	No classes	Apt / 3 / Shared	See Page 3
Volunteer and Lodging (St. Lucia)	N/A	N/A	\$2,695	N/A	Included	No classes	Apt / 3 / Shared	See Page 3
Spain Internship	4 Wks Class + 8 Wks Work	8 Wks Class + 8 Wks Work	1 Week Add'l Classes	1 Week Add'l Work	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Internship, Classes and Homestay (Customized)	\$6,295	\$8,215	\$480	\$520	Included	Family / 2 / Shared	Family / 2 / Shared	Any Monday
<i>Note: Substitute Business Spanish classes for General Spanish for an additional cost.</i>								
Tanzania Volunteer Only	2 Weeks	3 Weeks	4 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer with Lodging and Meals	\$1,350	\$1,980	\$2,665	TBD	Included	No classes	Apt / 3 / Shared	See Page 3
Thailand Volunteer Only	2 Weeks	3 Weeks	4 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer with Lodging and Meals (Standard)	\$750	\$990	\$1,230	\$240	Included	No classes	Apt / 3 / Shared	Any Monday
Volunteer with Lodging and Meals (Elephant/Horse)	\$995	\$1,495	\$1,895	\$495	Included	No classes	Apt / 3 / Shared	Any Monday
Gold Volunteer with Lodging & Meals (Elephant/Horse)	\$1,495	\$2,145	\$2,795	\$650	Included	No classes	Apt / 3 / Shared	See Page 3
Venezuela Full-Time Volunteer	1 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	4 Wks Class + 4 Wks Vol.	1 Week Add'l Classes	4 Weeks Add'l Vol.	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer, Classes, Lodging and Activities	\$1,245	\$2,575	\$345	\$860	Included	Apt / 2 / Shared	Apt / 0 / Shared	Any Monday
Vietnam Volunteer Only	2 Weeks	3 Weeks	4 Weeks	Add'l Week	Airport Pick-up	Classes Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Placement Lodging Type / Meals / Room	Start Dates
Volunteer with Lodging and Meals	\$750	\$990	\$1,230	\$240	Included	No classes	Family / 2 / Private	See Page 3

IMPORTANT NOTES – Please read this

- All fees are listed in US dollars and are subject to change.
- When registering, the following deposits are required: \$250 for Part-time Volunteer, \$350 for Volunteer-only and Full-time Volunteer OR \$550 for Internships. Deposit is non-refundable unless placement is unavailable.
- Classes canceled in honor of local holidays will not be made up and are not subject to any refund. School holidays are listed at www.amerispan.com
- Volunteer lodging denoted as "Apt" varies and includes dorms, group homes and other shared lodging where you may be up to 4 or 5 per room. Internship lodging denoted as Apt means shared apartment, apartment or school residence.
- For detailed information, please see http://www.amerispan.com/volunteer_intern/

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Cambodia: 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 3/29, 4/26, 5/24, 6/21, 7/19, 8/16, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/6
China (Pandas): 1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/19, 5/17, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9, 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6, 12/27
China (All Other): 1/4, 1/18, 3/1, 3/15, 3/29, 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, 5/24, 6/7, 6/21, 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 8/30, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, 12/20
Ghana: 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/15, 4/1, 4/15, 5/1, 5/15, 6/1, 6/15, 7/1, 7/15, 8/1, 8/15, 9/1, 9/15, 10/1, 10/15, 11/1, 11/15
India: 1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/15, 3/29, 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, 5/24, 6/7, 6/21, 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 8/30, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, 12/20
Kenya: 1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/15, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 6/7, 6/21, 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29 (closed 12/17/2010-1/3/2011)
Nepal: 1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/15, 3/29, 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, 5/24, 6/7, 6/21, 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 8/30, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, 12/20
South Africa (Capetown): 1/11, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/15, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 6/7, 6/21, 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29 (closed 12/10/2010-1/10/2011)
South Africa (Cheetah Reintroduction): Pending
South Africa (St. Lucia): 1/10, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 5/30, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22, 9/19, 10/17, 11/14
Tanzania: 1/4, 1/18, 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/15, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 6/7, 6/21, 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29 (closed 12/17/2010-1/3/2011)
Thailand (GOLD programs geared toward older participants): 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/5, 5/3, 5/31, 6/28, 7/26, 8/23, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/13
Vietnam: 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 3/29, 4/26, 5/24, 6/21, 7/19, 8/16, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/6

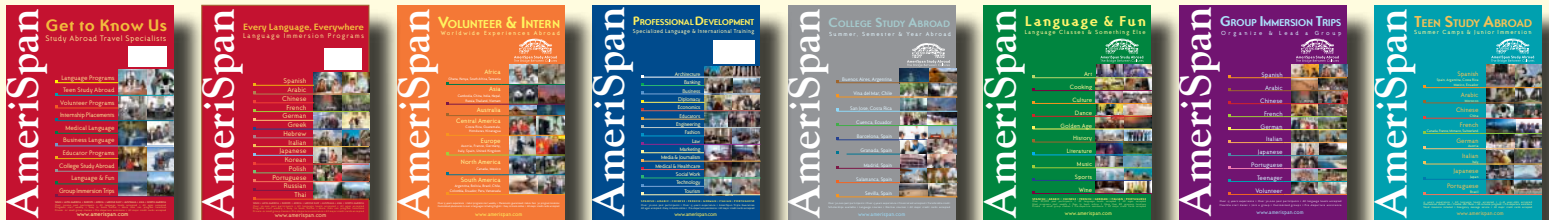
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