

Travellers Worldwide is a leading International Provider of Volunteering Programmes, Work Experience Internships and Cultural Courses Abroad

# ARGENTINA



### **VETERINARY WORK EXPERIENCE INTERNSHIPS**

If you have a passion for working with animals, whether in Veterinary Medicine or volunteering to care for or conserve animals, then our Work Experience Veterinary Programmes are a perfect way for you to gain some knowledge or put your skills into practice in the developing world.

On our Programmes you can volunteer whether you're taking a gap year, on a career break, retired, or on a holiday with a purpose. No matter what your age or experience, you'll find something for you with Travellers Worldwide!

#### **SELF-DEVELOPMENT:**

- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, greater knowledge, and invaluable personal and professional development.
- An entry on your CV or résumé that will put you head and shoulders above most others in the job market.

#### SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Your safety is our top priority. We risk-assess all destination countries, projects, accommodation and more to ensure that they are stable and safe.
- We have experienced local staff with 24/7 back-up and support who are there to assist you and look asfter you, starting with an in-depth induction on your arrival.

#### AN ADVENTURE!

• An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into Argentinean life and culture, and best of all ... an unforgettable experience!

# WHAT DO YOU GET?

**SUMMARY** 

Prices: From £1,095, excluding flights. See our Full Price List Online

Duration: From 2 weeks to 6 months, subject to visa requirements

Start Dates: All year round, you choose your start and finish dates.

**Requirements:** Minimum age 17, no qualifications required, but you must have a strong passion for animals. Some Spanish is strongly preferred. Your involvement and learning possibilities will depend on your level of Spanish and willingness to participate. The higher your level of Spanish, the more you'll be able to make the most of the placement and the more you'll be able to be involved. Open to all nationalities.

#### What's Included:

- Arranging your Programme,
- Payment Protection insurance
- Food (excluding lunch)
- Meeting you at Buenos Aires Airport
- Transport to and from your project
- ► 24-hr emergency support.

- ► Full pre-departure support and assistance,
- Accommodation
- Course fees and some materials
- Transfer to your accommodation
- Local in-country team support and backup
- Certificate of Completion

What Not Included: Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required), Return transfer to airport.

# **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

You'll need a strong passion for animals to be able to become part of the Centre's three different areas; depending on your likes, experience and level of Spanish. These areas are:

- Helping take care of the boarding pets as well as those for sale and under medical care (e.g. cleaning the cages, feeding the animals, checking their health, administering their medicine, etc.)
- Helping with the pets' grooming
- Providing assistance to the local vet during consultations and surgeries.

These activities will give you the unique opportunity to work hands-on and to observe the reality of day-to-day care of pets while you improve your level of Spanish mingling with local employees and dealing with clients.

The Centre also offers a wide variety of animals for sale, ranging from cats and dogs to all types



of birds (canaries, cockatiels, lovebirds, parrots of all sizes, parakeets, etc.), reptiles (iguanas, anoles, geckos, ball python, varanus, turtles, etc.), cold and tropical water fishes, titi monkeys and small animals (chinchillas, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, mice, rabbits, rats, etc.).

Additionally, the Centre organizes special talks and short courses for anyone interested in learning about the pets' world and the basics on veterinary nursing. You will be welcome to both attend these talks as well as, under certain circumstances, to give them.

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

Anyone who has a passion for animals and a willingness to help will be welcome! Vet doctors or vet students are most welcome and will be able to help with the clinic (if they have a high level of Spanish). Applicants should be able to meet the following criteria

• Have a strong passion for animals (you don't need to have a degree or any experience).

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- Be over 17 years of age
- Be able to work on your own initiative this is crucial to your success on the placement.
- Be able to speak some Spanish (intermediate level) to work in the clinic. Your involvement and learning possibilities will depend on your level of Spanish and willingness to participate. The higher your level of Spanish, the more you'll be able to make the most of the placement and the more you'll be able to be involved.

As Carina says (she spent 4 months on this internship): "I've finished my placement, and I loved it. However, in order to get the most out of it, you'll need to have a high level of Spanish knowledge. Even though I could manage an everyday conversation when I came, I couldn't fully enjoy my experience until the last month. But my experience was fantastic! Everybody was so helpful. I love the people, the culture, my "family" was



very caring and I would encourage everybody going to go with the homestay! Going abroad is the best thing I have ever done in my life. Hasta luego!"

# ACCOMMODATION

There are two choices for accommodation in Buenos Aires. You can choose to stay in a hostel where you will meet up with other travellers or for a more cultural experience you can choose to stay with a local family.

The hostel is located in the central district just a 15 minutes walk from the congress in one direction and Casa Rosa in the other. There are many shops, supermarkets, restaurants and banks nearby and just a few minutes walk from the nearest metro station.

This is a privately run, independent hostel for backpackers and comprises basic but clean facilities. You will usually share a room with up to five other guests and if there are other volunteers there at the same time as you, we will arrange for you to be in the same room. Accommodation is arranged into single sex rooms and you will have a bunk bed. The bathrooms are shared (with hot water) and have a locker.

**Food:** If you're staying in a Hostel, you'll be given an allowance for your meals (breakfast and dinner, lunch is excluded projects in Buenos Aires). This arrangement is to give you the flexibility to sample the great Argentinean food. Right on the door step of the hostel there are many cafes and restaurants with great priced menus just waiting for you....the choice is yours!

**HOST FAMILY:** For a more cultural experience you can choose to be accommodated with a local family. This allows you to get a better understanding of the culture of Argentina and you will be fluent in Spanish in no time! Basic/intermediate Spanish is required to stay with a Host Family. Please note that if you'd prefer to live with a host family, there is an additional supplement of £190.00 per month with half-board.





These families have been visited and vetted by Travellers and are with friendly and caring families who provide comfortable, warm and safe living surroundings. You'll most likely have access to TV/DVD and communal dining room and you will have your own key. This is an excellent way to improve your Spanish too! You will be met at the airport on your arrival by your family.

Food: Breakfast and dinner will be provided by your host family.

# WHY TRAVELLERS WORLDWIDE?

- Over 20 years' experience of sending thousands of participants overseas, plus the largest variety of flexible projects that are value for money!
- Accredited projects helps appeal to future employers
- Excellent support!
- Your own dedicated Project Co-ordinator to answer all questions before, during and after your trip of a lifetime!
- Detailed information on your project and country and suggestions, safety guide, tips and checklists, via our EXTRANET, available from anywhere, 24/7.
- 24/7 emergency helpline for you and your family
- Free pick up from the nearest airport.

""This has been a worthwhile experience for me because I have learnt a lot about reptiles which I have not had much previous contact with before. Also I have been able to see a country which is totally different to anything that I have experienced before. Overall, I feel that Buenos Aires is an exciting an exuberant city, with many European influences."

Kathryn Adams,

"I have been very impressed with Travellers' staff who are always interested in how I am getting on and willing to help if I need it." Jess Corbett

"First impressions are great! Made some friends quickly and the organisers here are also very professional."

**Jitesh Parikh** 

#### **HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:**

By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible.

Donations to Bridge The Gap Foundation. This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.

The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Food (excluding lunch)
- ✓ Meeting you at the airport
- ✓ Transport to and from your project
- ✓ Local in-country team support and backup
- ✓ 24hr emergency helpline
- ✓ Full pre-departure support

- ✓ UK administration
- Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations)
- ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection
- ✓ Staff Training/Equipment
- Donations to worthwhile projects

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### Got any questions? Please email us: info@travellersworldwide.com

Once you have applied for a placement, we'll contact you and send you our Welcome Pack. You'll also receive Log-on details and password for our Volunteer Extranet where you'll have access to all the documentation and information which we've put together to facilitate preparations for your adventure!

Your Project Co-ordinator for your country will liaise with you throughout the arrangements process, as well as while you're on your placement and on your return home.

The documents you'll have access to also include a Country Factfile, Safety Guide and any manuals that may assist you on your particular programme (for example, Teaching Guide, Sports Manuals, Enrichment Suggestions for Animal Care, etc.).

We do all we can to make your stay one that you'll never forget.



As with all our destinations, the culture and heritage is different to what you're used to ... which, although one of the most exciting aspects of travelling, should be borne in mind. Self-reliance and independence are highly appreciated in all our destinations and will help you to make the most of this wonderful opportunity!

This is a truly awesome, elegant and beautiful country.

# THINGS TO DO IN ARGENTINA

The romance of Argentina takes one's breath away. From the northern deserts to the southern Andean Cordillera, from Iguazú Falls to the magnificent desolation of Patagonia, Argentina's geography is varied and stunning. Argentina is geared up to thrill - from nights **tango**-ing in the chic quarter of Buenos Aires to **gaucho riding** in the grasslands of the Pampas.

#### **Cosmopolitan Buenos Aires:**

Buenos Aires is one of the most exciting cities in Latin America. Tango was born here, restaurants serve all manner of world cuisines, bars play the latest music, cafés spill on to the streets and nightclubs allow dancing throughout the night.

This fabulous city is renowned for its sophistication and has a surprisingly European feel about it.

BA is reminiscent of Paris and its tree-lined avenues and frequent plazas have a beguiling, faded elegance.

Downtown, the **Plaza de Mayo** is the traditional focus of activity.

Nearby **Avenida 9 de Julio** is popularly known as the world's widest thoroughfare and, with its nine lanes of traffic, is truly a pedestrian's nightmare!

Avenida Santa Fe is the most fashionable shopping area.

There are 4 clear seasons.....hot in summer, 35°C average and cold in the winter around 4 – 6°.



## **HOW TO BOOK**

#### TWO EASY WAYS ...

Complete a <u>booking form</u> online.

> Telephone 01903 502595 (UK) or 1-603-574-4935 (USA)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR PROGRAMME! We hope you'll join us! Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions. We're happy to help you plan your exciting adventure!

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