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BRAZIL



UNUSUAL TEACHING PROJECT WITH DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN ON FLORIANOPOLIS ISLAND

This project is very unusual in that you won't teach in a school - rather, you'll work in a Centre that provides unorthodox learning outside of the school environment. Lessons are unique and great fun! The children of Florianopolis have an infectious laugh and cheeky manner you can't help but fall in love with.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering on this Project. Below is a description of what you can do and expect. 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, we look forward to welcoming you to the team!

WHAT DO YOU GET?

SELF-DEVELOPMENT:

- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
- The enormous satisfaction of helping disadvantaged children and knowing that you made a difference to them.
- 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 after you, starting with an in-depth induction on your arrival.

AN ADVENTURE!

- An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into South America and the Brazilian culture, and best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**

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SUMMARY

Duration: From 1 week to 6 months or longer, subject to visa requirements

Start Dates: All year round, you choose your start and finish dates, but subject to school holidays.

Requirements: Minimum age 17, no qualifications required, but if you have some grasp of Portuguese or Spanish, that would be a big help.

What's Included:

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| ▶ Arranging your Programme, | ▶ Full pre-departure support and assistance, |
| ▶ Payment Protection insurance | ▶ Accommodation |
| ▶ Food (Breakfast only) | ▶ Transfer to your accommodation |
| ▶ Meeting you at the nearest airport | ▶ Local in-country team support and backup |
| ▶ Transport to and from your project | ▶ Certificate of Completion |
| ▶ 24-hr emergency support. | ▶ Free T-Shirt. |

What Not Included: Food (Lunch and Dinner, see above, breakfast is provided), Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required), Return transfer to airport.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

WORK CONTENT

The Centre fulfils the role of a base for the local children to attend during non-school hours. This encourages further education and social interaction. It also provides what is often their main meal of the day. The Centre is a means of keeping the children off the streets once they leave school for the day and also eliminates negative influences.

There is an average of 40 children attending the project, which is run by 2 people, a cook and a teacher. Any help you can provide is very gratefully received!

The activities and lessons developed in the Centre are always planned over a specific topic.

For example: Today the subject is "Italy", this means that the children will study and develop all kinds of activities relating to Italy. This includes history, geography, singing, food, movies and anything you can possibly imagine about the country.

You are encouraged to either take part in planning these Projects, or you can bring your own Project to work with the kids during your placement period. For example, if you are British, you can develop a Project about England to work on with the children. You have the freedom to create any activities and lessons relating to your home. These could include...

- Cooking
- Music (play an instrument with the children), sing British songs ...
- Prepare a dance presentation
- Sports (you could do an intensive rugby course, or any other sports associated with Britain)

Any activity that can bring a taste and understanding of your culture to the children is encouraged!

The children's English level is very basic, considering they have very Basic English lessons in regular school. The idea is to offer to them the opportunity of an intensive English course, which can only be done with your help. They benefit enormously from the experience of having a native speaker working together with them!

Because these types of lessons are unusual and also not mandatory, the children are hugely enthusiastic to take part. You can feel and gauge their energy and enthusiasm levels, and you can change the activity whenever you feel their interest is not 100% anymore.



The institution is used to receiving foreign volunteers (they have recently received volunteers from China and Mexico and the children loved them!) and the coordinator is more than happy to help you to prepare activities to be developed with the children.

The Centre is open from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. and runs in two shifts: from 8.00 to 11:30 a.m. and from 13:30 to 17:00 p.m. During the mornings the Centre receives around 15 children, and in the afternoon another 25 students join in.

You can choose to do just the morning or the afternoon shifts, or you can do both shifts, the flexibility and options are yours.

HOLIDAYS AND CARNAVAL!

There are times when the crèche is closed due to holidays and festivals. Please see below:

- Winter Holiday: 18th July 2015 – 1st August 2015
- Summer Holiday: 12th December 2015 to 10th January 2016

Carnaval!

Carnaval begins at midnight on the Friday before Ash Wednesday (usually around the second week of February) and lasts for five days, but the whole country stops for about two weeks. Carnaval is celebrated all over Brazil. The most famous is, of course, held in Rio, but the authentic versions of Carnaval are found outside of Rio.

The dates for 2015 are 13th to 18th February.

CAN'T SPEAK THE LANGUAGE?

If you speak some Portuguese (or even Spanish), you will find it very beneficial on this project. But don't be put off if languages aren't your thing! You're sure to pick up some of the basic words whilst you are there, and will find other ways to converse without language becoming a barrier.

Don't forget that we can also arrange some Portuguese Lessons for you during your programme if you'd like.

MORE ABOUT THE CENTRE:

Located in the neighbourhood of Praia dos Ingleses in the North of Florianópolis' Island this project is maintained by the local government and the occasional sponsor, but this support only assists in covering the costs of the house where the project takes place and the 2 amazing people who run the project.

“One special experience I had was with a little girl who kept herself to herself, did not speak or play with the other children. She had a bad rash and sores all over her body. She was scratching all the time. I bought her some lotions and creams to help her and she got better and better. I spent more time with her and she started talking. I got her and the other children to interact and play games together. Soon she was just one of the group and fitted in with the rest. I will never forget her and she made the experience so special for me.”

Ken Russell

“I really couldn't have asked for a better bunch of kids! The children are so much fun and very talented, I became very close to them all and I miss them very much!”

Stephanie White

ACCOMMODATION

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Step into the amazing cultural of Florianopolis by living with one of our local host families. A home away from home and an authentic integration into the local culture.

You'll be much more than just a "tourist" and the added benefits are that often our host families introduce you to their families and friends ... which often results in invitations to many local events such as football matches, cinema, a drink in a local bar, birthday parties, family meals, a ride to the beach, etc.

You may have your own room, but depending on the number of volunteers there at the time, you will share your room.

FOOD

At your accommodation you will be provided with breakfast. This usually consists of coffee, milk, bread and butter, cheese and fruits, setting you up for the day ahead.

You will need to budget for your lunch and dinner, but with an array of shops, supermarkets and restaurants nearby, you'll have a lot of choice for eating out

You can also choose to buy ingredients and prepare your own home-cooked meals at the host family. There are all the usual facilities to do this.



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- 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!
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- 24/7 emergency helpline for you and your family
- Free pick up from the nearest airport.

“I would definitely recommend Travellers Volunteering to anybody that wants a challenge and is ready to get stuck in.”

Lizzie Faithfull

“I still haven't got over my Brazilian experience. :) Just wanted to thank you. It's been exactly as you told me it would be, mind blowing! As I tell everybody that asks, I just can't explain. You have to do it, to feel it in order to know what I'm talking about. Thank you, Travellers.”

Andrei Dinescu

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 (Breakfast only)
- ✓ 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
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- ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection
- ✓ Staff Training/Equipment
- ✓ Free T-Shirt
- ✓ Donations to worthwhile project

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 BRAZIL

LOCATION, EXPLORING AND SIGHTSEEING:

Florianópolis, or **Floripa** as it is more commonly known, is the capital city of Santa Catarina in southern Brazil. It is composed of one main island, **Ilha de Santa Catarina**, and a number of surrounding small islands.

Floripa is a natural treasure with truly exceptional sights, like beautiful lagoons, stunning beaches, rolling mountains lush with Atlantic rainforest, soft white dunes and an array of small offshore islands.

The island has something for everyone, from authentic and rustic fishing villages to surfer's paradises, high-end Brazilian summer getaways, pristine and untouched nature reserves just minutes away from modern shopping malls and cinema complexes.

Its numerous white and clean sand bottom beaches attract visitors from around the world as well as holidaying Brazilians.

There are lots of fun activities, like **surfing, windsurfing, paragliding, snorkelling, diving, boat tours, jiu-jitsu, hiking, whale-watching** and many other ecotourism options.

Florianópolis is blessed with some of the most breath-taking beaches in the world, 42 in total and has a wonderful sub-tropical climate, with average temperature between 70°F and 90°F, perfect for the beach! The beaches offer everything from secluded and paradise-like getaways to nature preserves with long stretches of untouched and undeveloped coastline such as:



Lagoa da Conceição, which has several of the island's most beautiful beaches, including Joaquina, a Brazilian temple of surf and stage with immense sand dunes. It's also home to the world-wide surfing championships.

Praia Mole, another paradise of surfers and sun worshippers and a favourite of the island's young, athletic and beautiful!

Barra da Lagoa, which concentrates the biggest fishing colony of the Island of Santa Catarina and is popular with backpackers.

Praia da Galheta, a jaw-dropping coastal nature preserve completely virgin in its natural state, with a soft white sand beach, clear waters and surrounded by lush green hills.

Pantano do Sul beach, known for typical seafood restaurants and local fishing boats that make the passage to the beautiful offshore island Ilha do Campeche; and Ribeirão da Ilha, an historic district and one of the rustic fishing villages of Florianópolis.

Just 12 miles from the centre of the city, this entire part of the eastern region of the island has an advanced infrastructure and charm very popular with tourists from around the world. Further north along the eastern coast is **Moçambique**, the island's longest beach and completely virgin, also a nature preserve, and **Santinho** beach, a more populated region offering good tourism infrastructure.

In the southern stretch of the eastern coast, **Matadeiro beach** is a great option for surfing.

Morro das Pedras has an agitated sea and a unique rock formation advancing into the sea.

CARNAVAL!

Like Mardi Gras, Carnival has its roots in ancient pagan ritual. The wild parties began in the Middle Ages. Over time it flourished and incorporated extravagant costumes from India and primitive carnal beats from African rhythm. Carnival takes place before Lent where Catholic Brazilians officially gave up luxuries such as meat, alcohol and pastries. The excitement of Carnival builds practically all year round. Rehearsals at samba schools begin in August and marching percussion bands practise for their performances of music throughout the year.

Carnaval Balls are extreme, surreal and erotic events. There are various stages of undress, extravagant body painting, stickered tattoos, fishnets and spandex involved! Hypnotic music, grinding movements and beautiful ladies of the night vying for the camera's attention are included in the price of the ticket. Some of these beautiful ladies are less 'lady' than they may appear... Street Carnival is all about the **dancing in the streets**, marching bands pump out their theme tune and other rhythms as the drag queens and party crazed people bop along behind.

The **samba parades** are perhaps a highlight of carnival. As the Lonely Planet so nicely puts it, the Brazilians harness sweat, noise and confusion and turn it into art. This procession is a competition of the art. The winner of the samba parades earns admiration and the pride of Rio and all of Brazil.

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