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INDIA



TEACH DRAMA TO CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS IN MADURAI

Teaching Drama is a great way for children to practice their English in a creative way. If you have a passion for acting and a love of children, this is an excellent project for you!

You'll teach drama to children from the ages of 5 to 12, mainly at matriculation schools where English is taught as the main language. The Principals at the schools are very keen for the children to develop their acting skills and you'll have free rein on devising your own lessons.

Thank you for your interest on volunteering 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 the Indian culture, and best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**

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SUMMARY

Prices: From £995 excluding flights.

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Duration: From 2 weeks up to 1 year, subject to visa requirements.

Start Dates: All year round - you choose your start and finish dates! (Subject to school holidays – see dates below).

Requirements No qualifications required, just a love of children and a desire to help.

What's Included:

- ▶ Arranging your Programme,
- ▶ Payment Protection insurance
- ▶ 24-hr emergency support.
- ▶ Meeting you at Madurai airport
- ▶ Certificate of Completion
- ▶ Full pre-departure support and assistance,
- ▶ Accommodation and Food
- ▶ Transfer to your accommodation
- ▶ Local in-country team support and backup
- ▶ Transport to and from your project

What Not Included: Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas, Return transfer to airport.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

WORK CONTENT

Drama projects are based in primary and secondary schools in Madurai. You'll be introduced to the Principal on your first day and they will discuss your teaching programme with you.

Teaching drama is an excellent way of engaging children's imaginations and encourages them to communicate with few constraints. What's more, it is very satisfying to watch their confidence grow as they learn and develop new skills. Dance, drama and music can help teach children life skills, help with their communication and socialisation.

Children in India love to perform, whether it is singing or acting on stage, so they will be eagerly awaiting their every lesson with you!

You'll teach Drama to children from the ages of 5 to 12, mainly at matriculation schools where English is taught as the main language. The Principals at the schools are very keen for the children to develop their acting skills and you'll have free rein on devising your own lessons. You may even be able to put on a production at the school. This can be discussed with the Principal at your induction. You'll normally teach 4 to 5 classes per day.

At some of our schools in our other destinations, volunteers and pupils together have produced plays and concerts, and performances have been put on in the evenings for parents, students and visitors. The parents have loved it! Because the schools are poor, the volunteers and children have had to be very creative in putting together costumes and sets, but all productions have been a resounding success!

Volunteers have found that producing short plays written by the children that address local social issues has been a successful means of educating the children on issues such as AIDS awareness, cultural relationships, peer pressures and bullying. It gives the children an informal forum and a means of sharing their concerns and learning to deal with issue. You may work with large or small groups of children, so you need to be diverse and organised, but you are encouraged to utilise any skills or passions you have, whether these are playing sport, music, drama or just games. Past volunteers made a real difference by introducing a fun and creative way for the children to express themselves and learn about new things. You'll be rewarded by how much fun the children will have!

So if you haven't got anything planned and you're free for a couple a weeks or longer from April onwards, why not come to India and have fun with the kids. Our India team will look after you well. You'll get lots of advice about the do's and don'ts of Indian culture, what to do and where to go...

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS IN THE SOUTH OF INDIA (APPROX):

Please keep in mind that school holidays can change unexpectedly with very little notice given. Although at times this can be quite inconvenient, most of our volunteers use the opportunity to travel around and explore the country.



- First Term Vacation: 27 September to 6 October 2014
- Gandhi's birthday: 2 October 2014
- Bakrid: 3 October 2014
- Diwali Holiday: 21 to 23 October 2014
- Thevar Jayanthi: 30 October 2014
- Second Term Vacation: 21 December 2014 to 1 January 2015
- Pongal Holiday: 13 to 17 January 2015
- Summer Vacation: 11 April to 4 June 2015

Exam Periods: (approx):

- Quarterly Exams: 15 to 22 September
- Half Yearly Exams: 10 to 20 December
- Annual Exams: 2 to 11 April



SUMMER CAMPS:

During the summer holidays many of the schools offer "Summer Camps" to the students. Teaching of conversational English during this holiday is available to approximately 60 students who attend the camp. These camps normally take place on the school grounds and are an opportunity to give more informal lessons. They can also be combined with playing sports or putting together a play. Therefore the camps are much more relaxed and not quite so structured. They are a lot of fun! And the kids adore them!

Teaching is not available during the other holiday periods, so please take the above dates into account when planning your placement. On the other hand, if a holiday falls during your proposed placement, you could use this time to do any independent travelling and sightseeing.

"I have gained so much from teaching the children. I have learned some of the subtleties of teaching – how to get the best out of both the confident and quiet students and how to keep a class motivated by using a wide range of activities from writing on the board to role-playing and singing."

Kasia Markiewicz

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Host Family

For a complete Indian experience we can arrange for you to stay with one of our wonderful host families. All of our hosts are very welcoming and not only will be made to feel part of the family, you'll also gain a great insight into Indian culture and customs. Many of our volunteers remain friends with their host families long after they leave India and in some cases they return to the country later especially to visit their family.

You may share a room with up to 2 other volunteers and in most of the houses you'll have an en-suite, Western-style bathroom. Most of the showers in our host accommodation are cold water only – however your hosts will boil water for you on request.

All of our host family houses are close together and just a few minutes' walk away from internet cafes, banks and snack shops and just a short auto ride into the centre of town.

Food:

Breakfast and dinner will be provided and prepared for you by the family and is mainly local fare allowing you to taste a varied selection of delicious south Indian dishes and exotic fruits. You will need to make provision for your own lunch.



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.

“I can't describe how helpful and lovely Karen and Pradeep [Travellers' Managers in India] were the whole time I was there. I couldn't have asked for better in-country support staff! ”

Cristina Gatti

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:

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| ✓ Accommodation and Food | ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations) |
| ✓ Meeting you at the airport | ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection |
| ✓ Transport to and from your project | ✓ Staff Training/Equipment |
| ✓ Local in-country team support and backup | ✓ UK administration |
| ✓ 24hr emergency helpline | ✓ Donations to worthwhile project |
| ✓ Full pre-departure support | |

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 Fact file, 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 INDIA

LOCATION, EXPLORING AND SIGHTSEEING:

INDIA REALLY HAS IT ALL, from the hot sultry deserts of **Rajasthan**, the **Taj Mahal** and the majestic **Himalayas** in the north, to the idyllic palm fringed **beaches** and ancient **temples** of the south, plus a multitude of **wildlife parks**! The way to best enjoy India is to absorb it - the warmth of the people, the beauty, the smells, the food, and the wonderful hospitality!

MADURAI

Many of our projects are based in the bustling city of Madurai in the southern state of **Tamil Nadu**. Madurai is known by many names; 'Jasmine city' for the famous jasmine flowers that are cultivated here, 'the city of Nectar', Legend tells of a river of nectar that flowed after blessing from Lord Shiva, and the 'Temple City',

Madurai really does have a temple or shrine on practically every street but it is most famed for the **Sri Meenakshi Sundeswarar Temple**. Pilgrims and tourists alike flock to visit the temple and approximately 10,000 visit every day! The temple is named after goddess Meenakshi. It was built in the 17th century and is an enormous structure with 5 outer towers crammed full of idols and animals. The inner courtyard contains another 7 towers, again all highly adorned. It will take your breath away.

Madurai is located on Vaigai River and was the capital of Pandyan rulers till the 14th century. It is full of cultural diversity and life revolves around the awe inspiring Sri Meenakshi Sundareswarar temple, awash with pilgrims, market stalls and tourist shops. Children will stop you on the streets to chat to you and shake your hand and even ask for your autograph! You will be in demand everywhere you go and you'll feel like a celebrity, such is the warmth of the Indian people. If you're after an overwhelming experience, then Madurai is a certainty for this!

KERALA has been named "Gods own Country" by the locals for its stunning scenery, wildlife, beautiful beaches, picture postcard towns and the breathtaking backwaters. It is also the home of Ayurveda medicine, an ancient system using essential oils and vigorous massage to aid medical complaints or just for pampering - a one hour massage is an unforgettably relaxing experience.

Kerala also has one of the best wildlife parks in the country; Periyar. A huge array of activities are on offer, jungle trekking and jeep safari's which take you off the beaten track in the hope of spotting an elusive tiger although you are more likely to see elephants, boar, monkeys and many species of birds. You can also take an elephant ride, boat ride, visit spice and tea plantations, watch martial arts – it's an action packed weekend and only 4 hours from Madurai!



HOW TO BOOK

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We hope you'll join us!

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We're happy to help you plan your exciting adventure!

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