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Volunteering Programmes, Work Experience Internships
and Cultural Courses Abroad

MOROCCO



TEACH ENGLISH OR FRENCH TO CHILDREN IN ERRACHIDIA

You'll work with children from 13 to 18 years old who will benefit enormously from your help! You'll assist in non-government schools and other learning centres, as well as a special needs school, located in Errachidia where you'll get a true Moroccan experience.

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 Africa and the Moroccan culture! And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**

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Prices: £795 excluding flights. See our [Full Price List Online](#)

Duration: From 1 week to 12 weeks or longer, subject to visa requirements

Start Dates: All year round - you choose your start and finish dates. Not available during Ramadan and School Holidays

Requirements: No qualifications or experience required, just lots of enthusiasm. If teaching English, you should be fluent in English, and if teaching French, you should be fluent in French. Minimum age 18.

What's Included:

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

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

SUMMARY

PROJECT OVERVIEW

WORK CONTENT:

The project is based in the city of Errachidia, which is situated in the ZIZ valley, in between the mountains of High Atlas and the desert sand hills in South West Morocco.

You'll work in a school in Errachidia and your role will be to assist the children to learn English or French. You'll work as an assistant in the language lessons

TEACHING ENGLISH:

Overall the level of English is low, with the majority speaking Arabic and tribal languages. English is their third or fourth language (after French.) However, English is becoming more and more important to Morocco due to increased international trade and tourism.

TEACHING FRENCH:

As Morocco is an old French Colony, French is officially the second language after Arabic. Most government work and business and other activities are conducted in Arabic and French and printed in both languages. However as Arabic is still the main language you find the less educated people, or the people who don't deal with tourist, or those who live in remoter areas outside the main cities, will struggle with French. French teachers are always extremely welcomed, particularly in rural cities such as Errachidia where the project is based. If you're studying French this is a great place to come and practice it. As a westerner the local people and children in the streets and at the markets will always try speaking in French with you first.

The school that you'll assist in is for students between the ages of 8 and 20 years old. The schools usually have around 70 students. None of the schools have state-of-the-art equipment, but they do all have electricity.

You'll walk or cycle to school, which shouldn't be more than 2km away from your accommodation.

RAMADAN:

During Ramadan all cafes and many activities are closed and placements are not available during this period. However, you can use the time to go travelling and exploring around the country. The dates for Ramadan are as follows:

- 9 July - 8 August, 2013
- 28 June - 28 July, 2014
- 18 June - 17 July, 2015



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:

There are 5 school terms in the academic year which generally run as follows:

- **Term 1:** Around 6 September to 14 October, followed by **AUTUMN HOLIDAYS**
- **Term 2:** Around 10 November to 20 December (Harvesting Feast 19th to 20th Nov), followed by **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
- **Term 3:** Around 4 January to 19 February, followed by **WINTER HOLIDAYS**
- **Term 4:** Around 7 March to 23 April, followed by **SPRING HOLIDAYS**
- **Term 5:** Around 9 May to 1 July, followed by **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

“I feel that I gained some teaching experience and a lot of communication and language skills. The best thing about the placement was the family. They were so welcoming and kind.”

Aizhan Shorman

ACCOMMODATION

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When you arrive in Morocco you will fly into Marrakesh where you will be met at the airport and taken by taxi to a traditional guesthouse in the city of Marrakesh for your first night.

The following morning you will travel down to Errachidia by bus. The journey is long (10 hours!) but it is a stunning journey in which you can watch unfold out of your window Morocco's intense and changing landscapes. The journey to Errachidia will take you through the amazing Atlas Mountains and hours of winding mountain roads which emerge dramatically into the desert plains of the Sahara on the other side. A landscape trip in which to begin your experience!

You'll either stay in a house with other volunteers, in a privately run hostel, or with a host family, depending on your own preferences and availability at the time you're there. All of the accommodation is usually between 10 and 30 minutes from your Project (depending on whether you'd like to walk, ride a bike or take a taxi!)

Accommodation with host families means that Travellers volunteers get to eat, sleep, work, socialise and generally live like a Moroccan! Many of our volunteers remain friends with their host families long after they leave Morocco and in some cases they return to the country later especially to visit their family. Whichever accommodation you choose, you're sure to enjoy a great stay in Morocco!

FOOD:

Food is included in your placement.



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.

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 and Food
- ✓ Free T-Shirt
- ✓ Meeting you at the airport
- ✓ Transport to the placement site
- ✓ 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 project

“I am grateful to the local organiser for the historical and general information he provided, as well as for arranging some trips (e.g. to the desert, see below) which gave a fantastic insight into the culture and way of life in this distant region of Morocco.”

Jane Attwool

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.

QUALIFICATIONS:

You don't need any qualifications - you only need a good grasp of conversational English or French to do this project. Don't worry about not having special qualifications. The whole idea of Travellers is to provide any help possible, whether it is merely enabling children to hear pronunciation and natural grammar to help inspiring the kids to speak conversationally with you and each other. Other works will include providing additional help with other academic subjects or showing them how to use a computer – in fact anything you can offer is very much appreciated and don't worry - everyone knows you're not a qualified teacher (unless you are one, in which case great!).

The emphasis is on much-needed language development, additional learning and cultural contact. It gives your pupils valuable experience. You'll also make school more fun for them!

We provide you with a **Teaching Guide** and Suggestions which will help you plan lessons and advice on inexpensive resources to take with you.

THINGS TO DO IN MOROCCO

LOCATION, EXPLORING AND SIGHTSEEING:

Morocco has beautiful beaches and coastline, fantastic culture and heritage, and the winding streets of the ancient medinas (old towns).

It's easy to get around Morocco using buses or taxis through the labyrinth streets of the old town and the Souq's (markets) in Marrakesh. Soak up the sun in Agadir. Visit Casablanca, the city of Fes (called the 'Mecca of the West' and the 'Athens of Africa').

Errachidia is like nowhere you've ever seen before. It's almost as if you've stepped back to biblical times. Entrancing markets, colourful and hypnotic and not a western store in sight and that includes 7/11, Starbucks and MacDonalds – yes its true!

Errachidia is traditionally Islamic. The people are exceptionally friendly and open and though you'll be expected to cover your body in your dress, it is liberal enough that non-Islam visitors are not expected to cover their heads.

Alcohol is prohibited in Morocco and whilst Westerners can find alcohol and drink it in hotels, we suggest you try and get into your mint tea instead!

MINT TEA: There is nothing quite as delicious as the local tea speciality when travelling, whether Chai in India, Green in Japan or Mint in Morocco. For entertainment Moroccans drink this in coffee shops with exquisite Moroccan teapots and shot glasses. The mint leaves are mixed with a healthy handful of sugar lumps, heated, poured back and forth a few times and then downed. A lovely ceremony!

The region of Errachidia is a cultural and linguistic mosaic. Every tribe, every valley, every village has its own unique characteristics, identifiable by its music, architectural features and its customs. Ethnic diversity is considerable with many races and colours in evidence: the Chorfas Alaouites, natives of the Arabic peninsula mixed with the Berber tribe of Ait Morghad (from the region of Goulmima), the Ait Izdeg (the area around Rich) and the Ait Atta (around Aoufous).

Errachidia is a simple city, with many cafés, mosques, some hotels and restaurants, internet cafés, shops and a few swimming pools. People move around the city by bicycle, motorcycle or 'petit taxi's'. In summer in daytime the streets are quiet and everybody stays in the houses.

The quiet of the day is a contrast to the lively of the evenings. In the evenings everybody, men, women, youth and children, go outside. Many of them stay at the 'rond point', a field of grass in the middle of a roundabout. The palm trees around the roundabout make the place a little bit cooler than the rest of the city!



HOW TO BOOK

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

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