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USA



CARE FOR AND REHABILITATE ABUSED WILD MUSTANG HORSES IN FLORIDA

Assist in a Centre that rescues wild Mustang horses that would have been put to death. The horses (who are often close to death when they reach the Centre), are nursed back to health and then trained with positive reinforcement and love to become adoptable.

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 abused horses 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 American life and culture, and best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**

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SUMMARY

Prices: From £845, excluding flights. See our [Full Price List Online](#)

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

Start Dates: Projects start every Monday, all year round, you choose your start and finish dates.

Requirements: Minimum age 18, no qualifications required, but you should love horses. 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
- ▶ 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

Work at the Centre is all focused on helping the horses. Apart from the elements in the Example Weekly Itinerary below, you could also take part in Vet visits and new rescue missions, should they arise during your project.

The work schedule is structured in two work shifts. One morning and one afternoon. Each work shift is about 2 hours. Breaks can be taken any time. Other than work, there will be activities such as riding and socializing with the horses. This is an example of your weekly itinerary:

Day 1:

This day will change and this is only a very rough guide - your schedule will depend on what time your arrive
Pick at the airport.

You'll be taken to your accommodation and settled in, then have an Induction/Orientation into the area and into the Project Centre. Diane will tell you about the problems wild mustangs face in the US, how most of the horses come to Centre, how she works with them, that some horses will always be wild, why they do not breed the horses, etc... Diane will also explain what your volunteer assignments will be.

1 pm – Lunch.

2 pm – You'll be taken around the place to see the Centre, sanctuary horses and the surroundings.

5 pm- Freshen up and start to make dinner.

Day 2:

8 am - Breakfast and orientation for the day. Here Diane and Mary-Alice will tell you what the schedule for today will be. I.e, what chores the morning and afternoon work shifts will include.

10 am - Half morning work shift. You'll will help with the most pressing chores of that morning.

11 am - Go visit the sanctuary horses and help Noreen or Ellen with the feeding of these horses.

12.30 pm – Lunch. From this day forwards, you'll take turns helping prepare lunch.

2 pm – Afternoon work shift.



5 pm - Freshen up and start to make dinner. If you're not assigned to help with dinner on this day, you'll have leisure time.

Day 3:

8 am - Breakfast and orientation of chores for work shifts and other activities of the day.

10 am- Half morning work shift.

11.30 am - Trail ride. Lunch will be prepared and brought along to eat.

1.30 – Return from Trail Ride, care for the horses, freshen up and relax.

3 pm – Afternoon work shift.

5 pm – Freshen up, make dinner.

Day 4:

8 am - Breakfast and orientation of chores for work shifts and other activities of the day.

10 am – Morning work shift

Noon - Prepare lunch and bring lunch to eat with the sanctuary horses. Spend time walking with the sanctuary horses and feeding them. Noreen will supervise this and tell you about how she cares for these horses.

4 pm- Late afternoon work shift

5 pm- Freshen up, make dinner.



Day 5:

8 am - Breakfast and orientation of chores for work shifts and other activities of the day.

10 am – Morning work shift

Noon - Lunch

1 pm - Afternoon trip. Examples of afternoon trips include: visit Homer and Kathleen or another adoption rescue team, go swimming (possibly with the horses) airboat ride (\$32), nature walk with the dogs.

5 pm - Get back from the afternoon trip, feed horses, clean pens and make dinner.

Day 6:

8 am - Breakfast and orientation of chores for work shifts and other activities of the day.

10 am – Half morning work shift

11.30 am – Horse massage

1 pm - Lunch

3 pm - Afternoon work shift

4.30 pm – Stop for BBQ evening - lots of fun!

Day 7:

This day will change according to whether it's your last day and you're leaving, or not. If your project is longer than 1 week, you'll work either 5 or 6 days a week, depending on what's required at the time you're there. You can use your days off to explore the region - remember, you're only 40 minutes away from ORLANDO!

9 am – Breakfast.

10 am - Horse Painting (You'll get a painting to take home with you!)

1 pm - Lunch – evaluation forms

2 pm - Head back to the airport to catch your flight (again, this day will adapt to what time your flight leaves - or whether you're a longer-term volunteer, in which case, enjoy the day!)

WORKING TIMES

You'll work either 5 or 6 days a week, depending on what's required at the time you're there. You'll generally get one or two days off and you can use that time to explore. Other activities that you can do will include Trail riding, socializing with the horses, BBQ's, kayaking, walking with sanctuary/wild horses, and more.

BACKGROUND ON WHY THE HORSES NEED RESCUE

The Centre was founded over 12 years ago to address the fate of mustangs that are taken from the wild. After these mustangs are captured, they are placed in holding pens where they await adoption. Currently there are over 40,000 horses awaiting adoption. The ones that don't get adopted, are killed.

A lot of people think they can adopt a wild horse and tame it themselves. They cannot. The result is that these horses end up in abusive and neglectful environments.

What the Centre does about the problem:

The Centre rescues mustangs from such situations and illegal slaughter houses. The horses, who are often at the

brink of death when they reach the Centre, are nursed back to health and then trained with positive reinforcement and love to become adoptable.

The Centre currently houses about 30 horses (plus 10 dogs, 2 cats, one pig, a few geese and hens as well!). You'll be working with all of them.

Why the Centre needs volunteers:

When the horses arrive at the Centre, they are often terrified of people. That is why volunteers are not only needed for the daily upkeep of the Centre, but also critical to the taming and training of these horses. By spending time with kindhearted people who care, the horses come to realize that not all people are bad.

Mustangs were, historically, a valued resource that played a critical role in the successful development of America. Mustangs are regarded as a treasured national symbol in America, but, sadly, they are currently treated in a cruel and inhumane manner. You can help some of these horses to live a dignified, happy life.

The Horse Whisperer:

The Centre is run by an incredible lady, Diane, who historically has supported the Centre from her job as a bartender! She talks to the horses ... and they talk back!

ACCOMMODATION

Your accommodation location is onsite at the project - and it is stunning!

You'll live at the project centre in 38 acres of beautiful Florida landscape, either in the main house or in a trailer set in the grounds of the Centre.

You'll be sharing with other volunteers (generally 4 to a room) and can be mixed-sex room. The trailer is very comfortable and sleeps 5 volunteers. The house has a number of bathrooms, all with hot running water and showers.

The site has a communal area for volunteers to relax in during their breaks and time off. This has comfy sofas, a TV, DVD player, CD player and a computer (with Wifi).

There is also a swimming pool and hot tub on site for you to enjoy during your time off.

FOOD:

Food will be provided at the project (3 meals every day). You'll take turns assisting with preparing lunch and supper, with the occasional barbecue.

TRAVEL:

On arrival at the airport, you'll be met by someone from the Project and taken to your accommodation to settle in. The accommodation is on site. You'll be given a warm welcome, Induction and introduction to everyone (including the horses!).



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Jess Corbett

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 | ✓ UK administration |
| ✓ Food (excluding lunch) | ✓ 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 | ✓ Donations to worthwhile project |
| ✓ 24hr emergency helpline | |
| ✓ 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 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 THE USA

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS IN FLORIDA

The main attraction in the region is, of course, **ORLANDO!** It has everything you could wish for as a visitor to the USA. And the most famous are the theme parks. From the classic **Magic Kingdom** at Walt Disney World® Resort to the magical **Wizarding World of Harry Potter** at Universal Orlando® Resort, there's something for everyone.



Fly through a swamp on an airboat or get up close with wildlife at **Gatorland** or **SeaWorld's Discovery Cove**.

Sports lovers can cheer on the Magic NBA basketball team at the new Amway Center or take a ride on one of multiple zip-lines in the area.

When the sun goes down, check out a show at **Cirque de Soleil**, Blue Man Group or one of Orlando's many dinner theaters for an entertaining nightcap.

Orlando has a vibrant local arts scene. From the best of independent film at the Florida Film Festival to fine arts museums, cultural options in Orlando offer a mix of traditional and modern entertainment for visitors.

For those with more traditional tastes, the city's theaters entertain with options from Shakespeare to children's classics, and area museums and galleries showcase local and global artists.

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