

Volunteer in a Cape Town School



Highlights

Inspire and be inspired on holiday by volunteering abroad in a Cape Town school. Spend a fortnight helping out as a classroom assistant in a local township school and mucking in with some community projects in the area.

You will spend each morning in one of three deprived pre-schools or primary schools in the Cape Town slums. Your role is as flexible as you are and can range from helping children to read and write, to organising craft activities and helping out with mealtimes and classroom maintenance.

After lunch with the other volunteers in your communal house, which will serve as a base for your time here, you will spend the afternoon helping out with one of 3 local community projects. You will rotate between doing maintenance and repair of tired classrooms, working at a community outreach centre and helping out at the local library.

In the evening, you will be picked up and taken home for dinner. You can then spend the rest of the night relaxing, or go out socialising with the other volunteers.

To each of the projects that you work on, you will be able to give something truly unique and special. Whether it is teaching someone new computer skills, fixing a broken window or finger-painting with pre-schoolers. There are so many ways that you can make a difference and also get a totally new outlook on life.

Given that you have come all the way to Cape Town, you will also want to make sure that you also get a chance to take in some of the local sights and sounds. Included in your trip price is a tour out to Cape Point and a chance to see the penguins at Boulders Beach. You will also be taken up the cable car to visit the world famous summit of Table Mountain. Don't stop there! After you have finished your volunteering, you could head off down the Garden route or go off on safari.....

Is it for me?

Volunteering holidays are absolutely not for beach bunnies or sunbed slaves. You will be working on this holiday with no air con and some degree of physical work. However, this is a very genuine opportunity to meet local people and gain an insight into their lives and culture. And there is always the chance to extend your trip so that you can have some R & R afterwards – which you will have well and truly earned!

You will be spending a lot of time with young children, working in the schools and on the community projects, so an interest in education and a degree of patience would be helpful.

Some volunteers view the experience as a chance to make new friends and enjoy socialising with each other in the evenings. You don't have to participate, but bear in mind that you will be living in communal accommodation, so some degree of social interaction is likely!

Accommodation

When you are not working, you will be living with other volunteers in a comfortable house in Fish Hoek, which is a short drive from Cape Town. All of your meals will be served here and your laundry will also be taken care of during your stay.

Prices from

835 GBP (2 weeks) per person

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Itinerary

Your itinerary may vary, depending on your own experience and the number of other volunteers on the placement at the same time. Below is a sample itinerary.

07:00

Rise and Shine! Eat breakfast of cereal, toast, tea/coffee, and begin to get ready for your project.

07:45

Head off on a short drive to your morning project.

08:00

Start work at your community school. To make sure you teach a variety of classes, you will rotate between different tasks and classes.

12:30

After serving the children their lunch, you will be picked up from your project and taken to your volunteer house, where lunch will be waiting for you.

14:30

Leave for one of your afternoon community projects. You will spend the afternoon playing with the children at the schools and library or building and painting classrooms.

16.30

End of the working day. You will be picked up from your project and taken home where we evaluate the day and discuss the schedule for the next day. You can also opt to be dropped off in town to check your emails.

18.30

Dinner at your volunteer house. After dinner, volunteers often go for a few drinks at one of the local night spots.

Details

Price includes

Project Fee: this entails financing that goes directly back into the project that you are involved with. This fee facilitates funding for items such as teachers wages, building materials, equipment, supplies, etc. Project fees are also used to buy vehicles / equipment for the project, and for developing new housing for volunteers to provide for the expansion of the project

- All airport transfers from Cape Town International Airport upon your arrival and departure
- Orientation program
- All daily transfers to and from your projects during your stay
- Full board and lodging which includes 3 meals a day at our volunteer house
- Weekly laundry service during your stay
- Assistance in your projects by various African Impact staff and project managers
- Outings to Cape Point – the most South-Western tip of Africa, Boulder beach – to see the African Penguin colony, and Table Mountain

Comfort level

Reasonably comfortable (Inns, B&Bs, luxury camping etc.)

Experience required

A reasonable interest is all that is needed