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Known as the 'Land of the Incas', Peru, with its geographic and cultural diversity, is a must-go destination at any time of year.

Explore the jungles of the Amazonian rainforest, which covers 60% of Peru's territory in the North, kick back on pristine beaches or take a trek on ancient trails through the magnificent Andean mountains. Live among the Inca descendants, and join effective projects which help some of the 44% of Peru's population who are living below the poverty line.

Life outside of the project

The landscape surrounding Cusco and the Sacred Valley make living here both beautiful and entertaining. Cusco is considered Peru's second city and the starting point for Andean adventures and the famous Machu Picchu trail. It is a busy hub with restaurants, shops and a lively nightlife so there is something to do every night of the week. It is also very easy and inexpensive to get to both Chile and Bolivia, making this a great location to base your future travel.

Peru



Weather

Average temperature: 10-15°C

Wet season: October - April

Dry season: May - September

At-Risk Youth Social Work Internship in Peru

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The project

This At-Risk Youth Social Work Internship in Peru is a great way to support young children and adolescents in a rural town right outside of Cusco, Peru. The NGO you will be interning with welcomes between 20 and 50 children from infant to teenagers at any given time. The centre was established by a retired police officer who wants to improve the life of the youth at risk. It provides them with accommodation, food, education and healthcare. The majority of the children are boys that have been abused or abandoned. Some comes from very impoverished family that could not afford to feed them. The aim of the centre is to provide a safe and loving home, as well as support and training opportunities for these at-risk children and adolescents that have already faced life hardship.

The NGO set up a Guinea pig business as it is a delicacy in Peru and teaches the children and adolescents about social enterprising. In addition, the center has many farm animals and a greenhouse on the ground to achieve sustainability. All of the initiatives of the centres help prepare the at-risk youth for a life independent of the project in the long term.

Come intern as a at-risk youth social worker and support the growth and impact of this project on vulnerable children and adolescents.

Role of the volunteer

Interns can bring their own skills and ideas to the NGO especially if they have experience of working with high-risk children. There are a number of activities in which interns will get involved including English workshops, computer science, music, art, painting, math, helping with homework and participating in sports activities. You will also be helping with the maintenance of gardens (plants in the greenhouse), cooking of the meals and maintenance of the buildings. The aim of the project and the role of the intern is to provide the children attention and support they need to success in life. With the encouragement in participating in the various activities, the children learn useful skills and habits that will help them through their entire life.

Skills required

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Why choose this project

- ✓ Enable this project as it offers vulnerable young children a different outlook on life through culture exchange and the hopes and opportunities for a better future.
- ✓ Empower the children and adolescents at the centre as they will be learning new skills through intern-run activities, as well as practice using a second language.
- ✓ Improve your Spanish skills while gaining insight into the challenges facing the project and its beneficiaries and learning the skills needed to work as a social worker.

Project location

The project is based a rural city just outside of Cusco. It is reachable by taxi or public bus from your homestay, but the centre also offers on-site accommodation for interns that do not wish to commute from Cusco daily.

Cusco is the oldest continuously inhabited city on the continent and its legacy as the seat of the Inca Empire is apparent. The city streets are lined with original stone walls and crowded with Quechua-speaking descendants of the Incas. There is a lovely square and plenty of places to observe local life. Visitors can join a dance class, explore the markets or simply watch the world go by from a cafe.

During your free time visit the museums, churches or art galleries and at night time visit one of the salsa clubs. The food is excellent and you are sure to find some local delicacies that you haven't sampled before in one of the many restaurants. Machu Picchu is not far so make sure you allow time before or after your placement to visit this amazing site.

Project facts

- Duration:** 4 – 12 weeks, longer terms available
Requirements: age 18+
Location: Cusco, Peru
Working hours: Monday – Friday 5 hours per day
Project availability: Every Monday throughout the year
Arrival day: Saturday

What's included

- Accommodation:** Single or shared room in a homestay (according to availability)
Meals: 3 meals provided per day
Airport: pickup and drop-off at Cusco International Airport
Training: Pre-departure pack, pre-departure & on-site orientation, learning reflection document
Internship certificate on completion
Support: 24-hour support
Excursion Planning: Staff will help plan cultural visits (activity prices will be extra) for your spare time and weekend off

What's not

- Flights
Insurance
Visas
Extra Spanish classes are available for £85/\$149 for 10 hours. Please contact us for more information about booking

Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check

Education Internship in Peru

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The project

The Education Internship in Peru takes place in a small primary school hosting Year 1 through 6th and is located in a small town just outside of Cusco. The school's resources are very limited as there are only 1 teacher for the entire school teaching all subjects for all grades. Interns on this education internship will assist the teacher with all basic subjects such as mathematics, science, reading, amongst others. The school also host activities and lessons surrounding environmentalism. A small garden is maintained on the school premises by the teacher and the students.

Role of the intern

As an education intern in Peru, you will gain exposure and further understanding on the operations of a small school in a rural community of Peru. You will be able to support the school and the teacher by assisting with classroom activities while also participating in schools improvements, including maintaining the special garden. You may get involved in activities like construction and maintenance, as well as mural painting, classroom decorating and alike. Every day, there will allotted time on the schedule to teach English to the students. Depending on your interests and skills, you may also get involved in teaching computer classes. Education interns in Peru also lead workshops for community members and parents on topics such as sanitation, childcare, English language, recycling, and other subjects depending on your personal interests. The goal of the workshops are to contribute to the academic and the social development of the entire community. Finally, interns are also asked to asset the needs of the school's resources by the end of their internship. This information is essential as the school organizes fundraisers or submit grant applications. Interns may also be able to get involved with fundraising goals and activities if that's something of interest.

Skills required

Previous experience in a classroom-setting is helpful. Interns will be responsible for creating lesson plans, and therefore should have a basic understanding of how to structure and lead a lesson. Academic/youth development enrichment skills are preferred - interns should have an idea of which subjects he/she can facilitate during the internship prior to arrival in-country. There are no language requirements for this internship, but basic-intermediate Spanish is helpful and recommended. You will be required to submit a CV, as well as to go through a phone interview for the vetting process before your placement is confirmed.

Why choose this project

- Be exposed to the Peruvian educational sector and learn of the obstacles a rural community are challenged with.
- Gain experience teaching abroad in a different context than your own.
- Make new friends and learn about Peruvian traditions along the way.

Project location

About the location

Intern in the ancient Capital of the Inca empire in the middle of the Peruvian Andes. Cusco is a UNESCO world heritage site and mixes an interesting mix of architecture with Inca ruins and Spanish colonialism.

Accommodation

During your education internship, you will live with a local host family, learn about local traditions, and be fully immersed into Peruvian culture. The homestay family houses are comfortable with electricity, running water and indoor plumbing.

What to do in your spare time

Cusco has a lot to offer during your free time, between museums, restaurants, nightlife. If you would like to venture further afield, there are opportunity to go visit several inca temples and ruins, as well as the famous Machu Picchu.

Project facts

Duration: 4+ weeks

Requirements: 18+

Location: Cusco, Peru

Working hours: Monday – Friday 5 hours per day.

Project availability: Every Monday throughout the year

Arrival day: Saturday

What's included

Accommodation: Single or shared room in a homestay (according to availability)

Meals: 3 meals a day

Airport: scheduled pickup and dropoff from Cusco International Airport

On the ground transportation: to/from projects included

Access to personal online Kaya

Community account including:

- Pre-departure information pack
- Fundraising Guide
- How to Manage your Money Abroad
- Learning Reflection Guide

On the ground training: cultural and safety orientation and project induction

Internship support:

- Certificate upon completion of your internship presentation
- Supervision from qualified professional

Support: 24-hour support including emergency contact numbers from local team

Excursion Planning assistance from local staff (activity prices may be extra)

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

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Routine or country specific vaccination if applicable

Environmental Conservation in the Peruvian Rainforest

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The project

As part of an amazing research programme undertaking environmental conservation in the Peruvian Rainforest, this biodiversity monitoring initiative unites the National Park Authorities, conservation organisations, local communities and international volunteers. Living in a camp within the rainforest, volunteers assist conservation researchers and community development staff to protect the rainforest whilst working with the local community. The environmental research and community work programme are carried out in a Peruvian national park. The activities are crucial to understanding the role of regenerating rainforest in rebuilding areas of the Amazon affected by deforestation. Come and join this volunteering and learning placement in Peru and help with sustainable community and environmental conservation initiatives in the rainforest.

Role of the volunteer

Volunteers work alongside researchers and local experts and are expected to engage in all aspects of the work being carried out. Volunteer activities include pit falling, mist netting, mammal transects, bio-gardens, agroforestry, camera traps, vegetation mapping, butterfly netting, day transects, biomass project participation and reptile surveys. Volunteers also work on a sustainable land management project, support a bio-garden building initiative, plan and construct agroforestry plots, plant seedlings, map reforested plots and calculate carbon values. Your first few days will be spent in Cusco where you will receive your orientation and have the opportunity to become accustomed to the local culture. You will receive comprehensive induction and training at the project site before starting your placement to equip with the tools necessary to get the most out of this fantastic placement.

Skills required

While no specific skills are required for this project, a love of the outdoors and the ability to embrace life in the jungle are essential. The project gathers a lot of data and attention to detail is important to ensure solid results. A basic level of fitness is required to ensure volunteers are able to undertake the activities – activities require participants to walk many miles each day. Those with a background in environmental sciences, sustainable development or research will be able to build their skills. You will need a genuine enthusiasm for the work. Volunteers with an interest in, protection of species and conservation research will find this a fascinating project. No Spanish is required.

Why choose this project

- ✔ Participate in a project relying on the assistance of volunteers to carry out extensive and thorough research that provides solid evidence to support various recovery initiatives for the Amazon region.
- ✔ Gain invaluable experience of the challenges faced by the most important ecological region in the world, and it is your chance to contribute to its protection.
- ✔ Gain extensive experience in data gathering and evaluation techniques, as this project is a true learning opportunity for those who wish to enter into the field of environmental conservation or sustainable development.

Project location

You will start your travels in Cusco – the archaeological capital of the Americas and the oldest continuously inhabited city on the continent. Here you will stock up before your drive into the rainforest. The project itself is located an 8-hour drive from the city, in a local national park. You will live in a comfortable eco-camp in the jungle, in purpose-built huts which share shower blocks, a central living space and kitchen. Participants can take a boat to a nearby town in their free time for supplies but generally stay on-site participating in evening activities relaxing in the hammocks and enjoying life in the Amazon.

Project facts

Duration: 4 – 10 weeks (please discuss the duration with an advisor, as these are approximate lengths)
Requirements: age 16+
Location: National Park, Peru
Working hours: 6 days per week; early starts and some late nights
Project availability: Monthly starts available throughout the year
Arrival day: Please speak to a Kaya advisor as these change depending on the time of your placement

What's included

Accommodation: Shared room in a forest eco lodge, shared bathrooms and lounge area.
Meals: 3 meals per day including water, juice, tea and coffee
Airport pick up: Cusco International Airport.
Training: Pre-departure pack, on-site orientation, project induction provided, EFR first aid, technical & scientific training
Support: 24-hour support from on-site coordinators
Excursion Planning: Staff can help you to plan extra activities for your spare time after your placement has finished (costs will be payable for extra activities)

What's not

Flights
Insurance
Visas
Vaccinations
Airport Drop-Off

Environmental Conservation Internship in Peru

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The project

Consolidate your academic field while developing field studies and leadership skills on this environmental conservation internship in Peru. With numerous environmental threats, understanding the complex relationships between human populations, wildlife and the ecosystems in which they live is vital. This is a skills-based internship placement over 6 months including both core and vocation-specific activities. Participants are supported with mentoring and workshops. The project believes that through studying animal distribution, ecology and behaviour they can begin to understand the relationship between the forest and wildlife. The 3 main areas of focus are biodiversity, ecosystem services and socio-economics. Based in a national park, home to thousands of incredible species, the project runs monitoring programmes focusing on macaws, birds, butterflies, mammals, reptiles and forest regeneration. The project's sustainable community initiatives include bio-gardens, agroforestry and education.

Role of the volunteer

Interns work alongside the project coordinators to carry out essential conservation research. It is a fantastic opportunity to learn from scientists and other experts in the field.

Weeks 1 -10 – volunteer phase introducing you to all projects, extensive field training, first aid certification. You will be trained to address the challenges of biodiversity conservation in an innovative and holistic manner. Interns that do not meet the targets set during the first 10 weeks will continue as a volunteer rather than progressing onto the project phase of the internship. You will receive regular feedback and mentoring to help you to achieve the goals.

Weeks 11 -12 – Cusco phase – Spanish immersion, homestay and leisure time.

Weeks 13 – 24 – internship phase – you will act as field staff; run your own project either in Conservation Research or Community Development. During this time we focus on developing your theoretical knowledge and practical skills. The Conservation Research projects can focus on geography, environmental sciences, agricultural practices, zoology, animal behaviour, ecology and or conservation biology, depending both on local needs and your own interests. Community projects topics include social, economic, and environmental issues and sustainable initiatives.

Skills required

Interns should be under or postgraduate students, or career breakers with a good basis in conservation looking to develop specific career skills in environmental research, community development, or non-profit project management. You should have a basic level of Spanish and should have a good level of fitness as you will walk up to 6 miles per day with a daypack. You will be asked to send a CV/resume, letter of motivation and to attend a telephone interview. Interns should bring a laptop. You will be asked to prepare a presentation at the end of your placement.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Consolidate and extend your skills and knowledge of conservation through mentoring and targets as well as workshops and activities related to conservation in the area.
- ✓ Learn about wildlife, habitats and scientific approaches to research as well as develop leadership and communication skills.
- ✓ Share your motivation and focus and assist a worthwhile project in data collection and lead research-based initiatives.

Project location

Cusco is the archaeological capital of the Americas and the oldest continuously inhabited city on the continent. Its legacy as the seat of the Inca Empire is readily apparent. Many of the city streets are lined with original stone walls and crowded with Quechua-speaking descendants of the Incas. You will spend time here for orientation and your mid placement break. The project itself is located in a local national park situated in the foothills of the Amazon. It is 30 million hectares in size ranging from southern Peru to central Bolivia. You will stay in accommodation at a top-level research centre located in the heart of the rainforest, a great base for both hard work and relaxation. You will work hard and want to spend time chilling out in a hammock or taking a swim in a local pool. With limited internet access, it makes a great get away from it all location where you can listen to the sounds of the jungle day and night.

Project facts

Duration: 6 months
Requirements: age 18+
Location: Cusco National Park, Peru
Working hours: start at 5.30 and end at 22.30 pm with 1-hour rest midday
Project availability: Every couple of months throughout the year. Please speak to an advisor.
Arrival day: Sunday

What's included

Accommodation: Shared jungle lodge
Meals: 3 meals daily
Airport: pickup and drop-off at Cusco International Airport
Transfers: between Cusco and rainforest included
Training: Pre-departure pack, pre-departure & on-site orientation, learning reflection document, 1st aid training
Internship certificate on completion
Support: 24-hour support
Informal Spanish language sessions with Peruvian staff
Supervision from qualified professional

What's not

Flights
Insurance
Vaccinations
Visas
Airport Dropoff

Global Health and Nutrition Volunteering in the Andes

The project

Come to Peru and volunteer on a global health and nutrition project in the Andes. Work with a project that reaches out to the rural communities around Cusco to provide health support. In high altitude rural communities, the reliance on potato crops results in high levels of malnutrition, and lack of general health education leads to many easily avoidable problems. Work alongside a rural nurse visiting villages to provide workshops, education sessions and help to run a feeding program within the schools. Global health and nutrition volunteering in the Andes is a great way to support local efforts to improve the quality of lives in the extended Cusco area.

Role of the volunteer

Volunteers on this project, will work alongside the community nurse preparing and delivering health workshops to the communities. Those with a nutrition background will focus on the feeding program, and help is needed to develop new recipes from cheap and available local ingredients. Those with nursing or medical backgrounds can help with clinics and home visits, especially to those families with disabled or elderly members. Those with other health skills will work to shape their placement. A medical clinic runs twice a year in June and October and volunteers can get involved with these if working during this period.

Skills required

This project requires a few specific skills for participation. An intermediate level of Spanish (level B1 Independent User on the CEFR) is required to communicate with patients and community members. A background in any field of health or nutrition is also requested. Your level and area of knowledge will shape your placement, so please discuss this with our advisors. The placement is especially looking for nurses, nutritionists, dental practitioners, occupational therapists, physical therapists and health educators as you can pass on their knowledge in an educational capacity. Qualified professionals and students in the fields stated are welcome to apply as this is a non-hands on or treatment placement. Professional registration with the Peruvian Medical Council is not required.

Volunteers will need to be happy working in a small team or independently where needed, but will always be accompanied by a nurse on community visits. Communities are found 1-3 hours outside the city and will require travel on public and private transport to carry out the work. You will be asked to attend a telephone interview before being accepted onto this project and to provide a full CV/Resume.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Learn about local health issues and teach the community to live healthier lifestyles within their local context to give them the ability to take control of their well-being.
- ✓ Contribute to providing a nutritious meal for children through the feeding program and, teach communities what they need to cook for themselves, as well as help them set up greenhouses to grow more diverse produce.
- ✓ Share your health knowledge via workshops in areas from dental hygiene to sexual health provide additional knowledge.

Project location

Cusco is the oldest continuously inhabited city on the continent and its legacy as the seat of the Inca Empire is apparent. Considered the capital of the Sacred Valley region, it is a tourist hotspot and the starting point for the Machu Picchu trail. You will be based here, living with a homestay family, but day-to-day will travel by public transport to Pisac, 30 minutes from Cusco, where the projects' office is based. When visiting communities, you will travel deep into the Andes and see towns rarely visited by foreigners.

Project facts

Duration: 4 – 26 weeks

Requirements: age 18+

Location: Cusco, Peru

Working hours: Monday – Friday, 5 hours per day

Project availability: Every Monday throughout the year

Arrival day: Saturday

What's included

Accommodation: Single or shared room in a homestay (according to availability)

Meals: 3 meals provided per day

Airport: pickup and drop-off at Cusco International Airport

Training: Pre-departure pack, pre-departure & on-site orientation

Support: 24-hour support

Excursion Planning: Staff will help plan cultural visits (activity prices will be extra) for your spare time and weekend off

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

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Healthy Kitchens Volunteering in Peru

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The project

Join us in supporting local families by addressing hygiene and sanitation issues by working on our healthy kitchens volunteering in Peru project. Often kitchens in lower-income communities are dirty, do not have clean water, ways to keep food refrigerated or storage options. They also contain smoky cookers which lead to very dirty surfaces and walls where bacteria and germs gather. This project has three elements; firstly cleaning the kitchens, secondly providing a ceramic water filter, building a cleaner burning stove, installing ecological refrigerators and installing cupboards for food storage, and thirdly educating families about hygiene and sanitation good practice. These elements aim to improve the lives of families by tackling the current problem and providing solutions.

The project is run by a local NGO in Cusco and its staff know the communities, located about 30 – 40 minutes outside of the city, really well. The NGO utilises project donations and an amount generated through accepting volunteers onto its programme to secure the items needed to enable this project to continue each year. Come to Peru and help the NGO to improve the day to day lives of families in Cusco as well as gaining an insight into the solutions to improving hygiene in the home being implemented in poorer communities.

Role of the volunteer

Volunteers can bring their enthusiasm and great work ethic to support the local project team. Volunteers will be asked to work with a family for 4 days, each morning on improving the hygiene in the kitchen through clearing and cleaning the surfaces, walls, pots and utensils. In the afternoon's, volunteers will work on materials to help the families learn more about good sanitation and hygiene practices. Volunteers will also install the new local appliances and build cupboards for food storage. This really is a great placement where volunteers and project beneficiaries can see first hand the benefit of their work.

Skills required

Volunteer do not have to have any particular skills to participate in this project. However, volunteers should be able to manage manual work such as scrubbing floors and washing walls. A solid level of Spanish is required (level A2 Basic User of CEFR) to enable volunteers, project participants and the family members to get the most out of this placement. Students who are studying Public Health and International Development will find this placement of interest.

Why choose this project

- ✔ Contribute to a worthy project that offers families healthier futures through good sanitation practices which in turn reduces the cases of illnesses and improves work and school attendance.
- ✔ Help the local NGO with their workload and get the opportunity to learn about the grassroots approach to tackling hygiene and sanitation.
- ✔ Gain insight into the challenges facing the project and its beneficiaries while improving your Spanish and participating in a unique cultural exchange experience.

Project location

Cusco is the oldest continuously inhabited city on the continent and its legacy as the seat of the Inca Empire is apparent in its architecture. The city streets are lined with original stone walls and crowded with Quechua-speaking descendants of the Incas as well as museums. There are a lovely square and plenty of places to observe local life such as cafes. Visitors can join a cooking class, explore the markets or even undertake a nighttime tours of the city. For those of you that want to go further afield why not take a half day tour of Típon, Piquillacta and Andahuaylilas. There is a range of historical options or for the more adventurous activities such as zip lining or white water rafting. Machu Picchu is not far and if you want to book a full tour make sure you do so in advance and allow time before or after your placement to visit this amazing site.

Project facts

Duration: 2 – 26 weeks

Requirements: age 18+

Location: Cusco, Peru

Working hours: Monday – Friday 5 hours per day

Project availability: Every Monday throughout the year

Arrival day: Saturday

What's included

Accommodation: Single or shared room in a homestay (according to availability)

Meals: 3 meals provided per day

Airport: pickup and drop-off at Cusco International Airport

Training: Pre-departure pack, pre-departure & on-site orientation, learning reflection document

Support: 24-hour support

Excursion Planning: Staff will help plan cultural visits (activity prices will be extra) for your spare time and weekend off

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

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Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check

Inca Jewellery-Making Cooperative Marketing Project

The project

Volunteer in Peru on this Inca Jewellery-making cooperative marketing project and assist with the resurrection of traditional cultural jewellery making techniques with a social initiative in the city of Cusco. Young adults from disadvantaged communities are being given apprenticeships to learn the ancient techniques of their Inca ancestors, providing them valuable skills and an income while ensuring the skill never dies out. The workshop aims to sell the pieces it makes to sustain its work. It is looking to attract the tourists in Cusco to see their crafts as well as selling their products to wider markets using a range of marketing tools and techniques.

Role of the volunteer

Volunteers will focus on developing physical material that can be used to provide guided tours of the workshop and explain the techniques being used. Volunteers who can stay longer than 2 weeks will also spend time learning the techniques themselves in order to write 'guidebooks' to explain the processes and provide support in the workshop tours. Any additional marketing ideas that volunteers can share with the project will be of great help. A plan has been devised which details the work that previous volunteers have undertaken so that a variety of marketing techniques and avenues can be explored. This also ensures that the knowledge and experience that you have is captured and built upon by the next volunteer.

Skills required

No particular skills are required to participate in this project. However, volunteers with a background in marketing and PR will find their skills in much demand. Volunteers with an interest in art or fashion will also find this a fascinating project. A basic level of Spanish is useful (level A1 Basic User of CEFR or better)

Why choose this project

- ✓ Learn marketing strategies that will help local artists to attract western tourists and communicate the great work that they are doing.
- ✓ Support the project's goals by bringing their skills and experience to share with the local project team, helping them to build a market where tourists understand the difference between this authentic initiative and the regular jewellery stores that they are often pushed toward around popular destinations.
- ✓ Benefit from their exposure to different marketing strategies, and from gaining insight about the different industries in the region.

Project location

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The word Cusco is the Spanish spelling of the Quechua word Qosqo. According to Inca mythology, when Manco Capac, the first Inca emperor saw the lush Sacred Valley, he struck a staff into the ground and declared the spot Cusco which means "navel of the universe."

Cusco is a vibrant city with plenty to do and see during your spare time. Spend days wandering around the museums, churches, art galleries and markets. At night time why not find one of the free salsa lessons held in one of the many clubs. Food is excellent and there are an array of coffee shops and bars to explore. Cusco is sure to stimulate all of your senses.

Project facts

Duration: 2 – 26 weeks

Requirements: age 18+

Location: Cusco, Peru

Working hours: Flexible working hours/ day available Monday – Sunday between 9:00am – 4:00pm

Project availability: Every Monday throughout the year

Arrival day: Saturday

What's included

Accommodation: Single or shared room in a homestay (according to availability)

Meals: 3 meals provided per day

Airport: pickup and drop-off at Cusco International Airport

Training: Pre-departure pack, pre-departure & on-site orientation

Support: 24-hour support

Excursion Planning: Staff will help plan cultural visits (activity prices will be extra) for your spare time and weekend off

What's not

Flights

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Visas

Extra Spanish classes are available for £85/\$149 for 10 hours. Please contact us for more information about booking

Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check

The project

Learn Spanish abroad with Kaya in the beautiful colonial setting of Cusco, Peru. Here is your chance to go from a beginner to intermediate Spanish speaker in just a few weeks with our language classes in the beautiful city of Cusco. If you would like to learn Spanish in the shortest time possible, then this is the program for you, helping you to achieve your own personal goals.

Whether you have little or no Spanish, are a beginner or improver, we have a class to suit your level and skill. All students will be placed according to your background and ability ensuring that you progress as fast as possible.

Course Content

Our language school occupies a beautiful 19th Century colonial house in one of the many small plazas in Cusco. The school boasts 17 classrooms on two floors with an indoor patio, video room, auditorium, entertainment room, wireless internet access and an interior plaza.

All of your classes will be in a group of between 1 and 5 students depending on your level and time of year. You will be placed according to your skills and prior experience. Your classes will consist of grammar lessons, interactive activities, conversation and written exercises. Specific homework assignments are given daily and every student is evaluated and tested on a weekly basis.

Your first Monday will be your orientation day and every student will take an oral and written placement test. This has no other purpose than to place the student in the right group at the right level. You will also be evaluated every week just to check your progress.

By joining our Spanish School in Cusco you can be sure of the finest Spanish training experience including outstanding personalized attention with an experienced and motivated teacher and top-of-the-line facilities.

Why choose this project

- ✓ As one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, Spanish is a great option for you to choose.
- ✓ With an incredible Incan history and boasting the comforts of an international town, Cusco truly is an exciting city to experience, live and learn Spanish.

Project location

Cusco is the archaeological capital of the Americas and the oldest continuously inhabited city on the continent. Its legacy as the seat of the Inca Empire is readily apparent. Many of the city streets are lined with original stone walls and crowded with Quechua-speaking descendants of the Incas.

The word Cusco is the Spanish spelling of the Quechua word Qosqo. According to Inca mythology, when Manco Capac, the first Inca emperor saw the lush Sacred Valley, he struck a staff into the ground and declared the spot Qosqo which means "navel of the universe."

Cusco is a vibrant city with plenty to do and see during your spare time. Spend the days wandering around the museums, churches, art galleries and markets. At night time why not find one of the free salsa lessons held in one of the many clubs. Food is excellent and there are an array of coffee shops and bars to explore. Cusco is sure to stimulate all of your senses.

Project facts

Duration: 2 – 6 weeks (recommended time 4 weeks)

Location: Cusco, Peru

Project activities: Structured grammar sessions, interactive tasks, homework assignments, conversation and written tests.

Working hours: Monday to Thursday, 12 hours per week, more hours available for an additional fee.

Project availability: Every Monday year-round.

Arrival day: Saturday

What's included

Accommodation: Single or shared room in a homestay (according to availability)

Food: 3 meals a day

Airport pick-up at Cusco International Airport on a Monday

Training: Pre-departure pack, on-site orientation and full program support

All teaching materials

Safety deposit box

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Airport Drop

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Transport to and from your project

Police/Government Background Check; US and U

Media and Marketing Internship in Peru

PERU

The project

The Media and Marketing Internship in Peru takes place in a non-profit social enterprise that works to alleviate poverty as well as conserve and revitalize cultural traditions in Peru. The organization mainly works in rural indigenous communities around Cusco. By introducing Peruvian textiles to the global marketplace, the organization has been enabling women to earn an income while continuing to live a traditional lifestyle using ancient craft techniques. The social enterprise works with weaving cooperatives and promotes workshops for the local weavers in the rural communities. It also runs adult education programs, employs teachers for grade schools and supports building projects such as schools, weaving houses, and washroom facilities to further develop the traditional weaving communities and empower them to sustain themselves financially.

Role of the intern

Media and Marketing interns in Peru may be given a variety of roles depending on experience and interests. The social enterprise needs help with a variety of tasks including research about the ancient practice of Peruvian weaving and traditional designs of Peruvian textiles. There are also opportunities for interns to coordinate, photograph and film, edit, and work on multimedia related projects. The products are sold via online stores, so interns will gain first-hand experience in photo shoots, content, online promotions, etc. Interns may also be involved with website management including creating and managing content, optimizing keywords, creating analytical reports, etc. There are also opportunities for anyone interesting in social media platforms (blogs, facebook, twitter, instagram) and creating the communication needed to attract potential buyers, find new partners, and network with like-minded communities.

Skills required

Experience with social media, online networking, website design and administration, photography, film, qualitative research are all assets. Some experience within one of the field is required. Previous experience in professional environments and working on social enterprise would also be an asset. Basic intermediate Spanish would be helpful. If you are interested in the research aspect of the internet, then Advanced Spanish is required. Also, the internship may require some overnight stay within the community. You will be required to submit a CV, as well as to go through a phone interview for the vetting process before your placement is confirmed.

Why choose this project

- Gain hands-on experience abroad in your field of study and make yourself stand out from the ground.
- Learn about fair trade, slow fashion, conservation and community empowerment along the way.
- Experience Peruvian culture and traditions at the deepest and make new friends in the process.

Project location

About the location

Media and Marketing interns are located in Cusco, the ancient Capital of the Incas, and World Heritage UNESCO site. In the middle of the Peruvian Andes, Cusco offers a good mix of ancient history from the Incas with Spanish colonialism, while being a vibrant city.

Accommodation

As a media and marketing intern, you will be accommodated with a local host family. This will be a great opportunity for you to practice your Spanish, learn about the culture and traditions of the local culture. All homestay houses are comfortable with electricity, running water and indoor plumbing.

What to do in your spare time

Peru's seventh city has a lot to offer from coffee shops, restaurants, nightlife, museums and churches. Of course, Machu Picchu is also a must-see while you are on your placement.

Project facts

Duration: 4+ weeks

Requirements: age 18+

Location: Cusco, Peru

Working hours: Monday – Friday, 5 hours per day.

Project availability: Every Monday throughout the year

Arrival day: Saturday

What's included

Accommodation: Single or shared room in a homestay (according to availability)

Meals: 3 meals a day

Airport: scheduled pickup and dropoff from Cusco International Airport

On the ground transportation: to/from projects included

Access to personal online Kaya

Community account including:

- Pre-departure information pack
- Fundraising Guide
- How to Manage your Money Abroad
- Learning Reflection Guide

On the ground training: cultural and safety orientation and project induction

Internship support:

- Certificate upon completion of your internship presentation
- Supervision from qualified professional

Support: 24-hour support including emergency contact numbers from local team

Excursion Planning assistance from local staff (activity prices may be extra)

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Extra Spanish classes are available for £85/\$149 for 10 hours. Please contact us for more information about booking Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check

Routine or country specific vaccination if applicable

Microfinance Internship in Peru

PERU

The project

This Microfinance Internship in Peru has been working for 20 years, providing microfinance services to the local communities in and around Cusco, especially to those living in rural areas. Many Peruvians live off of small business ventures, like selling artisan products or running food stalls at the markets. Microfinance is an important option for people, who cannot receive loans from reputable sources, to borrow money for developing and continuing their businesses. These small loans help the workers to expand their businesses and earn more income to support their families.

The local team has a good understanding of the challenges facing borrowers and are aware of the types of people and businesses that are able to repay the loans. They've noted that women, in particular, have proven to be reliable in their repayments. This understanding is essential in ensuring that this microfinance programme is sustainable. Those interested in banking, accountancy or economics will find this Microfinance Internship placement extremely interesting as it would give them a unique perspective into the financial matters of another culture.

Role of the intern

Interns will support local staff with their duties and may be involved with:

- Visiting borrowers to gauge their financial management and business success
- Visiting small companies that do money loans
- Running education sessions on financial management, including introducing the concept of savings
- Assisting with administrative tasks and paperwork as needed

All interns will be expected to be flexible as tasks will vary depending on the progress of the different loan cycles.

Skills required

Interns should be able to speak Intermediate Level Spanish (Level B1 Intermediate User of CEFR) as they will need to be able to converse with borrowers who speak little to no English. Interns who are studying or who have a background in economics, accountancy, banking or international development will be of most use to the local project team. Interest in this project is very high and it is recommended to apply in advance to ensure your placement.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Help with the success of this project through community visits and administrative work.
- ✓ Provide new perspectives and ideas to the local team for running financial education sessions.
- ✓ Gain a much better understanding of the process of microfinance by seeing aspects like borrowers, loan securement and repayment challenges and the impact of this service to poorer communities.

Project location

You will be located in Cusco, the archaeological capital of the Americas and the oldest continuously inhabited city on the continent. You'll enjoy the city's vibrant, historic centre as you explore its alleys, made of original Inca stone walls, and filled with vendors in bright, traditional costumes selling mouthwatering food and precious artisanal items. Spend your days wandering through the churches, plazas and markets. At night, attend a free salsa lesson held in one of the many clubs around the main plaza!

On weekends, you can choose from exciting adventure activities like white water rafting or zip lining, or hike around old Incan ruins throughout the Sacred Valley. Many volunteers take a day or two to visit the incredible Machu Picchu, a New 7th Wonder of the World.

Project facts

Duration: 4 – 26 weeks

Requirements: age 18+

Location: Cusco, Peru

Working hours: Monday – Friday, 5 hours per day.

Project availability: Every Monday throughout the year

Arrival day: Saturday

What's included

Accommodation: Single or shared room in a homestay (according to availability)

Meals: 3 meals provided per day

Airport: scheduled pickup and dropoff from Cusco International Airport

On the ground transportation: to/from projects included

Access to personal online Kaya

Community account including:

- Pre-departure information pack
- Fundraising Guide
- How to Manage your Money Abroad
- Learning Reflection Guide

On the ground training: cultural and safety orientation and project induction

Internship support:

- Certificate upon completion of your internship presentation
- Supervision from qualified professional

Support: 24-hour support including emergency contact numbers from local team

Excursion Planning assistance from local staff (activity prices may be extra)

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Extra Spanish classes are available for £85/\$149 for 10 hours. Please contact us for more information about booking

Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check

Multimedia Internship in Peru

PERU

The project

If you want to support biodiversity conservation and sustainable development while gaining experience and possibly earning credits towards your degree, this is the multimedia internship for you. This multimedia internship takes place on a national park in the remote south-eastern Peruvian Amazon. The location is well known and will immerse you in an incredible environment. During this internship, you will learn about the challenges and solutions to protecting the rainforest by working alongside scientific researchers and sustainable development experts. While gaining these invaluable insights in the field, you will be trained by a professional Multimedia Content Creator to tell compelling environmental stories through written, photographic, film and design media. You will be surrounded by an international team of like-minded people, all driven by their passion to create a sustainable future for the Amazon.

Role of the volunteer

During this multimedia internship, you will gain practical workshops and field-based training learning about design, photography, writing, marketing, and filmmaking. Along with these topics, the intern programme incorporates training in transferable skills: leadership, teamwork, creative thinking, organisation, time management, verbal communication and presentation skills. By the end of the internship, you will have a portfolio of work that will showcase your written, photographic, video and design skills to future employers.

Skills required

To participate in this multimedia internship, it's essential to be physically fit. Trekking through the jungle is hard work. You will encounter many diverse challenges, and for this reason, there are some basic requirements you need to be accepted in this internship program:

- Independently follow verbal and visual instructions.
- Traverse over uneven and muddy terrain on a daily basis. You may be required to walk up to 10 km (6.2 miles) a day while carrying a heavy pack in a hot, humid environment.
- Enjoy being outdoors all day in all types of weather as you will often be exposed to intense and highly variable weather conditions, which may include sudden tropical storms.
- Be comfortable about being outdoors in the potential presence of wild and possibly dangerous animals, snakes, and insects.
- Be able to get in and out of a small boat and ride seated while wearing a personal flotation device.
- Be able to carry personal daily supplies, such as lunch, water, photography and filming equipment, insect repellent, and sunblock. Some assistance will also be needed in getting supplies from the boat or van, however, heavy lifting is not required for those who cannot manage it.
- In addition, you will be required to bring a laptop, a camera with video capabilities and basic editing software for photographs and videos.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Gain practical workshops and field-based training in the multimedia world – from writing and marketing to photography, filmmaking and design.
- ✓ Get training in transferable skills: leadership, teamwork, creative thinking, organisation, time management, verbal communication and presentation skills.
- ✓ Create a portfolio of work that will showcase your written, photographic, video and design skills to future employers.

Project location

You will arrive in Cusco and spend your first two days in Cusco, where you will be given an orientation. Cusco is known for being the historical capital of the Inca Empire.

The majority of the time, you will be based inside the national park.

You will stay in a comfortable jungle lodge and have up-close wildlife encounters. The camp is remote and secluded, sitting on the bank of a river and in the middle of the tropical forest. You will experience some breathtaking views and unforgettable wildlife while on this internship.

Once a week, you will travel via boat and through hiking to the nearby town.

Project facts

Duration: 3 months

Requirements: age 18+

Location: Cusco National Park, Peru

Working hours: start at 5.30 and end at 22.30 pm with 1-hour rest midday

Project availability: Start dates 2019 – March 4 (full), May 27 and August 19

Arrival day: Sunday

What's included

Accommodation: Shared jungle lodge

Meals: 3 meals daily

Airport: pickup and drop-off at Cusco International Airport

Transfers: between Cusco and rainforest included

Training: Pre-departure pack, pre-departure & on-site orientation, learning reflection document

Internship certificate on completion

Support: 24-hour support

Informal Spanish language sessions with Peruvian staff

Supervision from qualified professional

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Vaccinations

Visas

Special Needs Therapy Internship in Peru

PERU

The project

If you want to gain experience in special need therapy while helping local disabled children and possibly earning credits towards your degree, this is the internship for you!

During your Special Needs Therapy Internship in Peru, you will be placed in a special education centre in Cusco that hosts approximately 75 children from the age of 5 to 35 years old with different impairments causing them physical, communication and mental disorders caused by autism, intellectual disabilities and cerebral palsy, amongst others. The school's inclusive objective focuses on preparing students to be included into a regular education and/or vocational setting. The staff is composed of qualified professionals in the fields of intellectual disabilities, hearing impairment, psychology, social work, physiotherapy amongst others. The centre is well catered for the local children and is equipped with a modern infrastructure and up-to-date technologies thanks to some government funding.

The centre caters for children with special education needs in Peru and Latin America including significant disabilities and autism. The school promotes teaching skills to achieve autonomy working together with the parents.

This special needs therapy internship is a great and rewarding experience to help you grow personally and professionally.

Role of the intern

The interns will help the patients in all capacity including improving their speech therapy, acquiring psychomotor skills, and living their day-to-day life at the centre. The campus include both a primary and secondary school, so depending on the intern's specific skills and interests, you will be able to contribute to either. Interns will also be able to assist in building the capacity needed for the school to support the students in a meaningful way like serving their meals, helping at toilet breaks, etc etc. In addition, interns will also have the opportunity to implement programs or activities and offer suggestions to improve the school.

Skills required

No particular skills are required to participate in this project. However, volunteers with a background in childcare or special needs are greatly appreciated. A basic level of Spanish is required (level A1 Basic User of CEFR) to enable you to communicate and make the most out of this placement.

Why choose this project

- ✓ Work with children as well as share your experience and skills with the staff of the centre.
- ✓ Be exposed to children with a variety of health conditions making your work more rewarding and challenging.
- ✓ Gain practical experience within the therap field for children with a variety of disorders while building your CV/Resume and practising a second language.

Project location

Well-known for being the Inca majestic city for its baroque style of architecture, Cusco is a nice little Peruvian small city worth to visit. Also referred to as the "Archaeological Capital of the Americas", Cusco mixes modern architecture and indigenous styles of building. The majestic cathedral on the Plaza de Armas and Qoricancha both gives a good example of the history of the City.

Whilst volunteering in Peru, you will be staying with a homestay family in Cusco. The homestay families are familiar with receiving volunteers and will make you feel right at home. Staying with a local family allows you to fully engage with Peruvian culture for the period of time you are there. All homes have electricity, running water and indoor plumbing so you will be quite comfortable. You will generally have your own room, though in the summer months you may be required to share with another participant.

Cusco is a vibrant city with lots to do. Many visitors choose to go to Machu Picchu, either by trekking for 4 days along the Inca Trail or by 4 hours on the train. You may choose to spend your weekends touring the City, the nearby Inca Ruins of Sacsayhuaman, Qenko, Puca Pucara and Tambomachay or spending in the Sacred Valley of the Incas. Make sure you include a visit to the traditional Indian market at Pisac, the beautiful village of Ollantaytambo and the small village of Chinchero located high up in the mountains.

Project facts

Duration: 4 – 12 weeks, longer terms available

Requirements: age 18+

Location: Cusco, Peru

Working hours: Monday – Friday 5 hours per day

Project availability: Every Monday
Project is closed at the end of July and December to March for school holidays. Also, closed during Public Holidays. Speak to your Kaya Advisor to find out more.

Arrival day: Saturday

What's included

Accommodation: Single or shared room in a homestay (according to availability)

Meals: 3 meals provided per day

Airport: scheduled pickup and dropoff from Cusco International Airport

On the ground transportation: to/from projects included

Access to personal online Kaya Community account including:

- Pre-departure information pack
- Fundraising Guide
- How to Manage your Money Abroad
- Learning Reflection Guide

On the ground training: cultural and safety orientation and project induction

Internship support:

- Certificate upon completion of your internship presentation
- Supervision from qualified professional

Support: 24-hour support including emergency contact numbers from local team

Excursion Planning assistance from local staff (activity prices may be extra)

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Extra Spanish classes are available for £85/\$149 for 10 hours. Please contact us for more information about booking

Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check

Volunteer Support For Young Mothers In Peru

The project

Join us in Cusco and volunteer your support to young mothers and their children in Peru. As abortion is illegal and sex education is lacking, there has been an unfortunate increase in girls aged, 10 to 17, becoming pregnant. Cases of abuse have also become more common. We work with a small NGO that provides accommodation, support and opportunities for mothers. The project strives to create a family environment so that the mothers and their babies can develop and grow. It provides safety, socialization and education to help them prepare for a life independent of the project.

The project supports 10 young mothers and their child aged between 3 and 5 years old. The project provides basic nutrition, hygiene, childcare and household skills lessons to the mothers. It also teaches the women new skills, so that they can potentially develop a business and earn income in the future. Help these vulnerable, young women raise their children in a safe environment and open them up to opportunities for a better future.

Role of the volunteer

Most of the volunteer activities will evolve around childcare, such as baby care, meal preparation and feeding, general house chores, art classes for the children, and other game-like activities to encourage the development of the children on site. You will be solely in charge of the children while the mothers will be taking classes or working. Other activities may involve teaching English classes or other subjects to the mothers when they are back at the centre.

Skills required

No particular skills are required to participate in this project, however, volunteers with a background in childcare will be beneficial. A basic level of Spanish is recommended (level A1 Basic User of CEFR).

Why choose this project

- ✓ The volunteer will perform a variety of duties depending on the needs of the project at the time of placement. The most frequent duties will revolve around childcare while the mothers are working or in school.
- ✓ The mothers will benefit from learning new skills through volunteer-run activities and language exchange. That said, other duties may involve teaching English classes or other subjects to the mothers, preparing food in the kitchen, and leading art projects (especially for the children). It should be noted that the mothers are often absent from the home working or going to school. So volunteer will be largely responsible for children and will not have as many chances to interact with the mothers. They will be available 1 or 2 days per week for classes and other interactions
- ✓ Meanwhile, volunteers will learn about themselves through cultural exchange and by helping others. You will also be able to practice your Spanish.

Project location

Cusco is the oldest, continuously inhabited city in South America, having served as the seat of the Inca Empire. Explore the city's charming centre with its original stone walls and brightly dressed, Quechua-speaking vendors. Join nightly dance classes, explore the many artisan markets or hike up to the Inca ruins overlooking the city. You won't be disappointed by the excellent and unique food at cheap prices that Peru has to offer!

Be sure to talk to the local staff about organizing visits to amazing sights, such as Machu Picchu, Rainbow Mountain and Lake Titicaca!

Project facts

Duration: 2 – 26 weeks

Requirements: age 18+

Location: Cusco, Peru

Working hours: Monday – Friday 5 hours per day, optional hours on a Saturday to help with shopping

Project availability: Every Monday throughout the year

Arrival day: Saturday

What's included

Accommodation: Single or shared room in a homestay (according to availability)

Meals: 3 meals provided per day

Airport: pickup and drop-off at Cusco International Airport

Training: Pre-departure pack, pre-departure & on-site orientation, learning reflection document

Support: 24-hour support

Excursion Planning: Staff will help plan cultural visits (activity prices will be extra) for your spare time and weekend off

What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Extra Spanish classes are available for £85/\$149 for 10 hours. Please contact us for more information about booking

Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check

Project Costs for Peru

COUNTRY	PROJECT	2 WEEKS PRICING		4 WEEKS PRICING		EXTRA WEEKLY PRICING	
		Price GBP (£)	Price USD (\$)	Price GBP (£)	Price USD (\$)	Price GBP (£)	Price USD (\$)
Peru	At-Risk Youth Social Work Internship in Peru	NA	NA	£1399	\$2184	£311	\$485
Peru	Education Internship in Peru	NA	NA	£1399	\$2184	£311	\$485
Peru	Environmental Conservation in the Peruvian Rainforest	£1423	\$2221	£1975	\$3083	NA	NA
Peru	Environmental Conservation Internship in Peru	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peru	Global Health and Nutrition Volunteering in the Andes	NA	NA	£1343	\$2096	£306	\$477
Peru	Healthy Kitchens Volunteering in Peru	NA	NA	£1343	\$2096	£306	\$477
Peru	Inca Jewellery-Making Cooperative Marketing Project	£1064	\$1661	£1343	\$2096	£306	\$477
Peru	Learn Spanish in Peru	£1116	\$1741	£1659	\$2589	NA	NA
Peru	Media and Marketing Internship	NA	NA	£1399	\$2184	£311	\$485
Peru	Microfinance Internship in Peru	NA	NA	£1399	\$2184	£311	\$485
Peru	Multimedia Internship in Peru	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Peru	Special Needs Therapy Internship in Peru	NA	NA	£1399	\$2184	£311	\$485
Peru	Volunteer Support For Young Mothers In Peru	£1064	\$1661	£1343	\$2096	£306	\$477

Program Agreement, Terms and Conditions

Thank you for choosing to apply for placement on a Kaya programme. We are committed to providing you the best support as you prepare for the experience of a lifetime, which is why we have laid down the following terms and conditions. By checking the agreement of these terms and conditions you have accepted to abide by the rules laid down in this agreement, and we suggest that you read the details carefully and speak to us if you require any further clarification. Please note there may be additional conditions that apply to individual placements.

Program Agreement Terms and Conditions

NOTE: The current terms outlined include temporary accommodations made to address the current Covid-19 global pandemic. We have called these Kaya Amended Coronavirus Terms – Kaya ACT. These temporary terms are outlined alongside Kaya regular terms and conditions and may be amended at any time. These are all shown in red for easy identification.

Deadlines, Dates and Prices

Applications are accepted throughout the year and are subject to limited space availability. Programs are priced individually and displayed on the Kaya website alongside each project. Deadlines are based on the dates of the desired placement. Some programs and project placements fill up prior to their published application deadlines. Apply early to secure your space. Important deadlines for the Kaya Programs are:

Early Application

Application can be made up to 1 year in advance, however, arrangement and communication of the program specifics will commence 2-3 months prior to program start.

Application Deadline

Programs have varying deadlines. Most are around 3 months prior to the program start. Last-minute bookings will be considered on an individual basis. Last-minute bookings are advised that their placement arrangements may require more flexibility to accommodate.

Total Fee Due

60 days prior to program start – unless specified for a particular project

Late Payment

Payment deadlines are displayed on the invoices provided. It is important to meet these deadlines to secure your placement, and missing these deadlines may result in the cancellation of your placement. Where a payment extension is requested, this will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will incur a late payment fee of £35/\$60 basis.

Program Start and Finish Dates, Current Prices, and “What’s Included” are displayed on the Kaya website alongside each project. Details shown on printed materials are subject to change. Projects prices are reviewed annually and bookings for the following year may differ from those listed. Payments may be made in GBP or US\$.

Application Instructions

Apply online: <https://www.kayavolunteer.com/book-now>

At the time of initial application, an application fee of GBP£75/ US\$95 is requested. This fee will be deducted from your total program fees. This is a non-refundable fee that enables us to process your application and ensures we work to match you with the best possible placement for your skills, interest, and needs. In the event that the application is rejected by Kaya, this payment will be returned in full. You will be provided the option to “speak to an advisor before submitting your fee”, but please note that your application may not be completed until payment of this fee is received.

Upon receipt of the application form and fee, we will contact you to arrange an online interview, work with our in-country teams to review your information, and offer you a placement in line with your request. Kaya will contact all applicants within 2 weeks of receipt of the application.

Confirming your placement: Once a placement is offered, you will have the option to confirm your placement and dates, and reserve your space with a confirmation fee of GBP£150/ US\$250. This fee will be deducted from your total program fees.

Kaya ACT: During the Covid pandemic, this payment will not be requested until travel to that country is possible (the host country borders open to you, and your home country is allowing travel to the host country). These will be deferred until confirmation of travel dates can be provided, at which time applicants may decide whether to proceed with, or cancel their application.

Until your confirmation fee is received we cannot guarantee your space on the program. See Trip Cancellation & Refund Policy below for further details.

Additional deposit fees: A small number of our programs have an additional deposit applied by our in-country project partners. You will be notified of this on initial inquiry if this exists for your program. Any payments made will be applied toward the total program fee. These additional deposits are non-refundable in all cases but can be applied to future participation for that specific placement if your placement dates need to be moved.

Trip Cancellation & Refund Policy

Kaya reserves the right to cancel any program if there are insufficient registrants (where minimum numbers apply) or if Kaya determines it is in the best interest of the applicant's safety and quality of programming to cancel the program. Kaya is not responsible for other costs incurred by applicants preparing for the trip. Should a program be canceled by Kaya, for any reason, applicants will be offered the option of positions in other Kaya Programs or a full refund on all fees paid, minus application fees and bank charges.

For participants wishing to cancel or shorten their program, the following terms apply:

- Application fees are non-refundable in all instances for successful applicants. Unsuccessful applicants will be fully refunded.
- Additional deposits, where applicable, are also non-refundable in all instances.
- Confirmation fees: If you decide to cancel, for any reason, any time up to 61 days before travel, we will provide a 50% refund, less application fee, and bank fees.

If the travel status of your program changes prior to your travel dates, and those are likely to interrupt your travel at your booked program time, we will provide a full refund, less application fee, and bank fees. Cancellations made within 60 days before departure will make confirmation fees non-refundable.

- Program fee balance – Payment of all remaining program fees are due 60 days prior to your program start date. Payment of program balance fees prior to this deadline are fully refundable up to 61 days before departure (minus any bank fees incurred). Payments not received by this deadline may result in the cancellation of your program or a late payment surcharge of £35/\$60.

If the travel status of your program changes prior to your travel dates, and those are likely to interrupt your travel at the booked program time, we will provide a full refund, less application fee, and bank fees.

- Under our standard terms, if you decide to cancel or shorten your program within 60 days of your program start, no refunds will be provided.

Individuals who cancel or shorten their program, for any reason (including health, bereavement, and visa issues) less than 60 days prior to the program start or during the program will not receive any refund, and we encourage you to approach your travel insurance to seek compensation in this instance. We are happy to provide proof of payment and cancellation if required. Travel insurance with trip cancellation coverage is strongly encouraged for this reason.

- **Kaya ACT:** Due to the impacts of Covid-19, for programs planned for 2021 we will be providing a more flexible cancellation policy. For programs with start dates in 2021, if you decide to cancel between 60-31 days prior to travel, a 50% refund less application fee and bank fees will be provided. Some programs are exempt from this flexible arrangement and you will be notified of this upon booking. After 30 days, no refunds will be provided.
- **Date Flexibility** – Participants will be permitted to change program dates any time until 2 weeks prior to departure, for any reason, for no additional fees. Last-minute changes will be considered on a case-by-case basis. New dates will be subject to availability. Programs being delayed to a future year may incur program fee increases. Dates must be changed prior to payment deadlines for “payment due” dates to be amended.

Program Agreement, Terms and Conditions

- If the Participant cancels for any reason, the Participant must notify Kaya in writing. The cancellation will be effective upon receipt of the written notification by Kaya to info@kayavolunteer.com. Careful planning goes into developing volunteer and intern programs for every individual applicant. As a result, Kaya and our host communities and partners incur substantial administrative and planning costs, including accommodation reservation fees, prior to the start of each program.
- Kaya strives to ensure sustainable projects and quality programs for Participants. The Refund Policy is defined in an effort to protect and accomplish these goals. Kaya deals with each situation fairly, in consideration of well-established policies, and with the best interests of community members and Participants in mind.

Date and Project Changes

Upon application, you will receive an interview in which your placement and program dates will be discussed. When you confirm your placement and pay your confirmation fees, we will agree program dates against which your placement will be held. We encourage you to stick to these as the projects plan around your participation. Under standard terms, one (1) date or program change made prior to 60 days before departure will be accommodated for, at no charge, subject to availability. Placements moved to the following year may be subject to price increases. After 1 change has been accommodated for, any future changes made will be subject to an administration charge of GBP£40 / USD\$70 – payable at the time of change. For project changes where the original project incurred an additional deposit, the additional deposit amount will NOT be transferable to your new project.

Date changes requested within 60 days prior to departure will be considered on an individual basis, the original payment deadlines will apply and changes will be subject to an administration charge of GBP£40 / USD\$70 – payable at the time of change. Placement changes within 60 days prior to departure are typically not accommodated for, due to project commitments made at that time.

Under Kaya ACT, the 60-day deadline outlined for changing program dates without a fee has been reduced to 14 days, with further flexibility considered as a result of travel bans and advisories in place at the time of your placement.

Age

Participants must be aged 18 years over at the time of pick up, unless expressly agreed in advance by Kaya. Kaya reserves the right to cancel any application or terminate any placement, without refund, if false proof of age is found to have been supplied.

For participants under 18yrs, who have been accepted onto a Kaya program, parental consent is required and participants agree to our Code of Conduct, which includes strict policies about alcohol consumption. Where accepted, participants under 18yrs will not be offered any different or additional service or treatment to other participants. All participants under 18yrs must participate in an interview and require a reference from a professional person who has known them for over 2 years.

Program Flexibility

Kaya programs are different from travel or adventure programs. Each development project and work experience placement is unique and often cannot be implemented exactly as planned for a variety of reasons. Itineraries shown are a guide and the order of activities may be shifted in line with factors, including, but not limited to the weather, changing project needs, local regulations and individual situations. Project activities shown cover most areas that you may be asked to get involved, but additional activities may arise that require your assistance and not all activities shown may be carried out in the period of your stay. Applicants are advised that these variables may require changes before or during a program. Part of the challenge and growth opportunity is in adapting to changing conditions and overcoming the obstacles they may present.

Legal Jurisdiction, Release of Liability and Assumption of Risks

UK and European Participants:

Participants from the UK and European countries booking their placements on kayavolunteer.com enter a contract with Kaya Responsible Travel Ltd., of The Arches, North Campus, Sackville St, Manchester, a company registered in England and Wales (company number 6885700). This contract is governed by English law under the exclusive jurisdiction of English courts.

Participants from North America and other Non-European countries:

Participants from North America and other Non-European countries booking their placements on kayavolunteer.com enter a contract with Kaya Responsible Travel Ltd, part of the Global Educators Inc consortium of 3 Ferry Street, Studio 3-West, Easthampton, MA, a company registered in the state of Massachusetts, USA. This contract is governed by the laws of the State of Massachusetts, U.S.A., excluding Massachusetts's conflict of laws rules, regardless of your location. You hereby expressly consent to exclusive jurisdiction and venue in the federal and state courts located in Massachusetts U.S.A., for all matters or disputes arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions or your access or use of the Website.

All Participants:

In organising and managing volunteer projects, work experience placements, group programs, and courses, Kaya, its agents, employees, and staff give notice that they act solely on behalf of and for the benefit of the participants, on the express agreement that Kaya shall not be liable, financially or otherwise, for non-performance or unsatisfactory service; for the injury to persons including death, for loss of or damage to property, for accident or delay, and/or for expenses arising from strikes, weather, quarantine, sickness, government regulation, civil unrest or war, or from any act or omission of Kaya agents or employees, and/or airline, mail services, rail, bus company, vehicle rental entity, hotel, restaurant, or other suppliers of service.

By submitting this application form the participant assumes all of these risks and agrees to indemnify Kaya, its officers, directors, and employees harmless for any and all liability that may arise in connection with participation in the Kaya Programs. Kaya reserves the right to refuse any applicant admission to any program if he or she is deemed ill-suited for the program. Important program information will be sent to the email address provided on the application. Photographs, videotapes, and/or statements of participants may be used in promoting Kaya. Kaya publishes program and project photos on a regular basis on the Kaya website. These photos and videos are available for participants, friends, family, and interested individuals to download, email, or print for personal use. Photography usage for distribution purposes will be considered on an individual basis on application to Kaya.

Participants accept that they will be subjected to various physical and emotional demands and accept that the standard of living, including food, hygiene and accommodation in the relevant country may be below the general standards of their own country. The Participant also understands that certain risks may arise, including, but not limited to, hazards of traveling in remote areas; travel by automobile, van, bus, airplane, boat, train or any other means of conveyance; the forces of nature; civil disturbances; national or international conflicts; terrorism; arbitrary itinerary changes made by foreign governments or vendors; dive related accidents, boat accidents; interacting with dangerous wildlife; personal injury or illness from the local environment; accident or illness in remote locations without immediate evacuation or medical facilities; or negligent acts of third parties. The Participant asserts that they know, understands and appreciate these and other risks inherent in the program, agrees that participation is completely voluntary and assumes all risk associated with the program.

Kaya shall have no responsibility for any activities undertaken by the Participant outside the scope of those directly relating to the program, including activities that may have been recommended by Kaya staff, or it's partners, within the location. For all excursion activities, Kaya acts as an agent, not a principle of the activity. Any information provided by Kaya, including but not limited to information about visas, vaccinations, healthcare, climate, group sizes and packing requirements is given in good faith for information and educational purposes only but without responsibility on the part of Kaya or it's partners.

Travel Documents and Insurance

All participants must possess a valid passport for their Kaya trip. Participants are responsible for any costs associated with visas, airport taxes, obtaining the proper travel documents for their trip, and changes to flight itineraries. All participants must have valid, comprehensive health and travel insurance during the time of their program covering risks associated with a 'Force Majeur' event, medical emergencies and repatriation. Details of insurance must be supplied to Kaya prior to commencement of any program. Kaya reserves the right to refuse entry to programs if insurance details are not supplied.

Program Agreement, Terms and Conditions

Behavioural Expectations

By joining a Kaya Program, the participant assumes certain obligations to Kaya, its community, and other program participants. If on-site program directors determine a participant fails to meet the behavioural expectations set out in this contract and within Kaya's Code of Conduct document, that participant will be asked to leave the program. Participants asked to leave under these circumstances will not receive a refund. In addition to other program responsibilities, as a program participant you are responsible for:

- Being in sufficient good health to undertake the program.
- Acting in an appropriate and respectful manner towards the local people, fellow travellers, program participants, and staff in accordance with the customs, laws, regulations, and ordinances of the country of placement.
- Following all health and safety protocols and precautions outlined by ground-team members.
- Communicating effectively your interests, skills, limitations, and needs to home community members and program staff members.

Disclosure

All participants must disclose at the time of application any pre-existing or existing medical conditions (including depression and eating disorders) and disabilities. Some placements may require doctor's notes as a requirement for participation – some of which may be dictated by legal requirements or liability purposes. Any medical conditions arising after Application and prior to Placement must be disclosed to Kaya prior to placement commencement. Kaya reserve the right to refuse applications based on these disclosures, if deemed necessary for the safety of the participant and the project. Kaya operates a policy of non-discrimination and any information provided that may impact an application will be discussed with the applicant prior to any decisions being implemented to establish the basis for any concerns. Kaya reserve the right to cancel any application, or terminate a placement without refund if false information or lack of disclosure is found to have been supplied. Kaya is not held responsible for the administration or monitoring of any medication. While Kaya makes every effort to establish safety conditions and risk assessment, Participants are warned that the general standards of health, safety and hygiene in many countries visited may not be of comparable standard to Western countries and hence a risk of injury and illness is inherent to this venture.

Some placements may require a police criminal background check, conducted by the government. This check shall be carried out at the applicant's expense with guidance from Kaya. Some placements require proof that volunteers are clear of certain medical conditions, through the provision of a health certificate. This check shall be carried out at the applicant's expense.

Complaints

If a Participant wishes to lodge a complaint in relation to their program, they shall first bring the complaint to the attention of the in-country coordinator, who will make reasonable efforts to deal with and, where possible, resolve the complaint within a reasonable time. If a Participant feels that a complaint is not being dealt with adequately by their in-country coordinator they should then contact the Kaya placement advice team to escalate the issue. If the coordinator is unable to resolve any serious complaint, and the participant chooses to terminate their placement early and depart the project, they shall provide the coordinator with a written version of events leading to their early termination, prior to departure. Refunds cannot be provided for early departure unless extreme circumstances are found, which will be determined at the sole discretion of Kaya. Issues reported after the end of a program that were not reported during the program, giving the site team an opportunity to address the issue in country, will not be considered for any compensation. Participants agree that Kaya shall not be liable for damages or compensation relating to any claim regarding inconvenience, disappointment, discomfort or loss of enjoyment.