



## FAMILY VOLUNTEERING

Brochure

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Do something worthwhile as a family this year, and volunteer on one of our environmental, wildlife or community projects for an amazing experience! What a better way to spend time together while supporting a global initiative and contributing to a better world?

#### What is Family Volunteering?

Family Volunteering Abroad is your chance to travel with a purpose as a family, in an off-beaten track location, while remaining in a safe environment.

If you love to travel abroad, consider yourself a little adventurous and would like your children to experience the world surrounding them in a meaningful way, family volunteering abroad might be for you. It's an out of the ordinary experience that allows families to contribute to sustainable local projects and make a positive impact altogether.

#### Why Volunteer Abroad as a Family?

Volunteering is a unique way to spend time together away from your daily routine while teaching your children from a young age to be compassionate and generous while helping others. Not only that, being abroad will take your entire family out of their comfort zone and as you learn along, your children will learn to be flexible and adaptive, which can be very valuable skills to acquire for the future.

Whether you're involved in a conservation project, a community project or working with wildlife, there are educational themes running through all of our projects including respect for others and their cultures, understanding the challenges facing millions of people every day, as well as the specific objectives of your chosen project.

Kaya's projects offer each member of the family the opportunity to get involved in a range of activities, tailored to the age of the children. For example, in childcare projects, younger children can join local children in activities while older children will be able to help local teachers lead songs, art activities etc. As a result, every member of the family gets their own experience from their volunteering placement. This allows for a family to participate even with children of different age group.

Family volunteering abroad is the opportunity to share a rewarding experience by creating a positive impact in an impoverished community.

## Family Volunteering



#### What type of projects can you do as a family abroad?

Kaya offers a variety of project you can get involved in as a family including childcare, teaching, sports, building, and even diving!

For older children, they may be interested in gaining some work experience. A career in conservation or community work can be kick-started by experience on voluntary projects like the one's Kaya offer. Participating in a project as a family will help them gain the confidence to pursue the career they have interest in. And it will allow you to help develop their passion creating tighter bonds with your children.

## How does Family Volunteering Abroad work?

At Kaya we know families have individual requirements, which is why we have put together a range of options that offer experiences to suit different needs. Projects are specially designed to cater for a range of ages and interests, with exciting ideas about ways to spend your free time.

Most of our programs are designed to be short-term and fit in around your holidays, as we are aware family time can be limited. You can join any project for 1 to 2 weeks, and several projects have the option to add on extra weeks. Kaya's advisors will work with you to find the adventure that best suits your family!

Many families want to volunteer their time to help others but feel restricted by time available away from both work and school. Kaya's projects have been purposefully selected as they can identify specific areas where extra help, concentrated over a short time, would be of benefit to the overall project.

The added benefit of Kaya's projects is that they are all in unique locations, so you and your children will find enjoyment in exploring the surrounding area and activities on offer. This way you'll give your children the travel bug, whilst encouraging safe and responsible travel.

Unlike other holiday options, a volunteer placement with Kaya does not vary in price at peak holiday times of the year. Like any activity, prices sometimes increase from year to year but what makes us different is that our project prices remain the same throughout the year, whether you travel in July or November. This makes it easier for families to plan their finances, and not have to worry about hidden extras.

Kaya makes all the arrangements for you to make it a stress-free experience. Your family will get picked up at the designated airport and driven to your accommodation where we will have booked sleeping and eating arrangements. Our advisors will also be able to recommend some tourist activities to do during your free time in-country.

## So what are the first steps?

You need to decide when and where you want to go and what kind of activities will work best for your family so that you have an overall list of requirements for a project, accommodation and a location. Once you have this in place, you can begin to narrow down your project search.

We do ask that parents take full responsibility for children of all ages at all times. Health and safety are important in all of our locations but especially on our wildlife projects. Following the instructions of local staff is paramount for every member of the family. Local staff do not have the spare time to babysit younger children, which is why we ask for the parents to be responsible for their children while on the projects.

## How do we select our project?

This brochure contains some pre-designed family packages that have been put together and take into account popular choices and destinations. If you are keen to volunteer but cannot see a package that best matches your travel plans and interests, then Kaya will be happy to try and put together an individual package for you.

Every family has different interests and goals and one of our Kaya Placement Advisors will be happy to discuss the choices available to you by calling 0161 870 6212. You will be able to discuss the age, interests and needs of your family as well as the weekend activities available in each location.

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## How do we book our family placement?

Once you have selected the project that most appeals to you and your family, contact a Kaya Placement Advisor to check the availability. When that's been confirmed you should book your place by paying your deposits through our online booking system on Kaya's website.

# Family Volunteering: Building and Organic Farming in Belize

BELIZE

## Project Summary

Bring your family to Belize and join us on this farming and building project for disadvantaged teenagers. Building work can be some of the most rewarding volunteer work you can do as a family, because it leads to tangible results which children, in particular, like to see. Working in a team, learning about eco-friendly construction techniques and organic farming in the friendly environment of a community farm in Belize, will be fun for all the family.

In Belize, the law states that orphaned children must leave the system at only 16 years of age. This means that many children face life on the streets and are unprepared for the reality of supporting themselves. This initiative offers a halfway house, acting as a safe environment for children to have shelter and work on the farm, learning techniques that they can use to find employment when they move on. The farm is self-sustainable and dedicated to the promotion of self-reliance, harmonious living and above all, providing a safe, stable and healthy home.

## Why Choose this project?

This is an extremely innovative project, where the building efforts are complemented by sustainable agricultural practices used to preserve biodiversity through land management and skills development. The work that you contribute as volunteers will help to support these practices and provide much-needed manpower to the local team. Sustainability is the main aim of this venture and you will learn how to make sustainable building materials, which makes for an educational experience.

## Role of the volunteers

Volunteers will participate in the construction of outbuildings, using local resources and methods. You will have the opportunity to assist in many aspects of construction such as tiling and building during which you will learn ecological architecture such as sandbag construction and feeder roads built with old tyres. Depending on the needs of the project at the time, you may be involved in helping in the construction of waterless composting latrines and wood conservation stove and ovens. This is a fantastic opportunity for the whole family to learn about the world of sustainability!

We are constantly working to develop the farm which will in the future be used to raise animals, so you will also be involved in developing the areas to house the animals. Children will enjoy feeding and take care of the animals on site, mostly horses, ducks, chickens and goats.

There are many small projects for children if they do not wish to get involved with building. They can participate in assistance activities such as earthbag building, tree-house maintenance or paint signs for the properties. If they wish to work more on the farm, they can learn organic farming techniques, collect eggs, pick fruits, help with landscaping duties or do some painting at the toddlers challenge course in the recreational area at the farm.

## Project location

The farm is based in Georgeville – a 15-minute bus ride outside the centre of San Ignacio, where the volunteer house is located. As a family, you will enjoy a private room at the volunteer house. From your location, you will take transport to the farm each day, which is included in the price.

San Ignacio is an attractive market town set among pleasant tropical hills with a wide, shallow river running through the centre, where children will love to swim. You can visit nearby Maya ruins and take part in caving adventures in your free time.

## Project facts

**Duration:** 1 week

**Cost:**

- 16 and Above: £1133 / \$1768
- Children 13-15: £948 / \$1480
- Children 10-12: £837 / \$1284
- Children 7-9: £785 / \$1204
- Additional weeks available on request

**Requirements:**

minimum age 7 yrs.

**Location:** San Ignacio and Cayo District, Belize

**Working hours:** 09:00-16:00, Monday – Friday

**Project availability:** all year round

**Arrival day:** Saturdays

## What's included

**Accommodation:** private room in a volunteer house near San Ignacio

**Food:** 2 meals per day

**Airport:** pick-up and drop-off from Rabat – Salé Airport

**Training:** Pre-departure information pack, learning reflection guide, on-site orientation, cultural tour and project induction provided, Fundraising guide

**Support:** 24 hour support from on-site coordinator

**Activities:** Assistance with planning your weekend excursions from local staff

## What's not

Flights

Food

Insurance

Visas if applicable

Assistance with planning your weekend excursions from local staff

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Police/Government Background Check: US and UK  
Daily transfers to and from your project (would cost extra)



# Family Volunteering: Community Development Projects in Bolivia

BOLIVIA

## Project Summary

Volunteer in one of the poorest country in South America, yet in the most friendly environment, you can envision for your family! This community will welcome you with open arms and your efforts will be much appreciated. Volunteer work for all the family will focus on a variety of projects dedicated to the developing and further the interests of the community.

Projects relating to nutrition and education are designed to support educational development. Volunteers advise and work with women in charge of providing food for schools and orphanages and assist in children's centres which contributes to change in two important areas; improving the level of attention children receive and the nutritional value of their meals. Similarly, sports coaching and after-school clubs have been designed to give children somewhere to spend their evenings and focus their energy on something constructive. Lastly, as tourism in Bolivia is thriving, two initiatives have been set up so that local people and businesses can benefit from the input of international volunteers as they design and deliver workshops based on advancement in business and contribute to maintaining the local area by planting trees and painting murals.

## Why Choose this project?

From the wide selection of placements in this Community Development volunteering option, you can find something the whole family will enjoy! Your skills as native English speakers will inspire and advance the community's English education. By volunteering as a family, you will be able to influence many areas of this rural community. Provide your children with a different life perspective and grow closer as a family by providing extra assistance to this needy community.

## Role of the volunteers

Parents and older children – Depending on your skills and interest and the project needs, you may be involved in:

- **Sports coaching** – volunteers run after-school sports activities for children in the area, including teaching rules of games and introducing new ones.
- **Children's centre** – here your skills will determine your level of responsibility, but you will typically work alongside educators to look after the children, prepare and serve meals, run games and creative activities and help with homework.
- **Nutrition workshops** – you will be required to work closely with local people, preparing materials for nutrition training in the community and share meal ideas with local staff.
- **Local tourism project** – your role will be to assist local businesses with growth by preparing business plans and materials to promote the business, discussing the role of new marketing vehicles and delivering English language classes.
- **Animal and environment conservation** – help locals to achieve a cleaner community by painting murals and public art, planting trees and helping in an animal refuge.

Younger children may accompany parents and participate in activities with local children, helping everyone to adjust to a new culture and attitudes to learning. They will not be able to take responsibility for teaching, or working directly with animals, but will join in with activities such as art, murals and environmental work. It will be a fun time for all!

## Project location

Bolivia is also known as The Tibet of the Americas since many Bolivians maintain the ways of their great ancestors. Your volunteer project will be based in La Paz, a city with a cool climate due to the high altitude. Bolivia's dry season begins in May and runs through June July and August which is perfect if you're planning to volunteer abroad in the summer holidays. Bolivia is a destination filled with beautiful scenery for you and your family to explore. You and your family will be staying in a homely village called Mallasa (pronounced Mayasa) whilst on your family volunteering project. Mallasa is around 30 – 45 minutes from La Paz so you and your family can easily take a trip into the city centre outside working hours. In Mallasa, you will experience a strong sense of community, lots of natural beauty and the opportunity for yourself and your family members to develop speaking the Spanish language.

## Project facts

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Cost:**

- 16 and Above: £779 / \$1216
- Children 10-15: £510 / \$796
- Children 5-9: £439 / \$686
- Additional weeks available on request.

**Requirements:**

Basic Spanish level

**Location:** Mallasa, La Paz, Bolivia

**Working hours:** 09:00-16:00, Monday – Friday

**Project availability:** all year round. RECRUITING FOR 2022

**Arrival day:** Monday

## What's included

**Accommodation:** variety of options depending on family size

**Airport:** pick-up and drop-off from La Paz International Airport (fees may increase depending on family size, please ask)

**Training:** pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction, Fundraising Guide

**Support:** 24 hour support from on-site coordinator

## What's not

Flights

Food

Insurance

Visas

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

Required for over 18 years of age

Daily transfers to and from your project (would cost approx. 50 cents per day)

# Family Volunteering: Community Beautification and Development Projects in Costa Rica

COSTA RICA

## Project Summary

Costa Rica still endures relatively high poverty levels, especially in rural areas despite the growing tourism, agriculture and electronic industries. To support this trend and ensure community and environmental work continues to make a difference, you may want to consider volunteering as a family and support a number of projects around this agricultural town.

For families that would like a varied experience, volunteering in Costa Rica allows you to choose one or two projects from four to spend time on. As projects are all located around the area of Atenas, there is flexibility for children to choose their own projects, giving them some level of independence, whilst being safe with the reassurance that they aren't too far away. Project requests will be accommodated as much as possible, depending on the needs of the projects at the time.

The projects available to choose from are:

- Supporting women's empowerment at a cooperative
- Assist mothers and children in a nutrition-focused program
- Help clean-up and beautify a National Park
- Renovate and decorate local schools

The whole family will be able to get involved in an exciting range of tasks, either as a group or independently, allowing you to get a true feel for Costa Rican community life. This is a rewarding opportunity as you get to know the locals including your homestay family and see the impact that initiatives such as these have on improving quality of life.

## Why Choose this project?

The city of Atenas itself has a population of around 5,000, many of whom are reliant on the agricultural fruits of the surrounding areas, including coffee plantations. However, with coffee prices at all time lows due to weather impacts, recessions and more, coffee pickers struggle on low wages, and employment is very uncertain.

For this reason, many communities around the city struggle to support their families and the city green spaces and buildings have been neglected slightly. By working on one or more of our projects around the city, you can contribute to creating a better existence for the city's population. Whether you lend your nutrition knowledge, support a women's cooperative or work on National Parks and Schools to improve their appearance, you are helping to lift the spirits of those residing there and making a living in the city.

## Role of the volunteers

Your time will be split up according to which project or projects you choose. It may be split by days per week, the whole week or mornings and afternoons, depending on what is most suitable for you and the projects. You will be required to spend 4-5 hours per day as a minimum on your placement. Project activities will be finalised before departure, but will typically include, assisting women at the orchid cooperative with potting and planting, working with local mothers to give nutritional education and create realistic meal plans as well as helping with various renovation projects in parks and schools, from painting to cleaning graffiti and more.

## Project location

You will be located in the small and laid-back town of Atenas, 45 minutes outside of San Jose. This picturesque town is made up of many agricultural communities that base their livelihoods on growing coffee, oranges, mangoes, and sugarcane. Costa Rican history, tradition and culture are deeply rooted here, which makes it ideal for understanding your host country. You will further be enriched by your stay with a local family, where you will have private rooms and meals prepared for you. This is will be a great opportunity for both of your families to exchange and be exposed to "la Pura Vida"! Not to mention a chance to sample true home-cooking!

## Project facts

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Cost:**

- 16 and Above: £1477 / \$2305
- Children 12-15: £1292 / \$2017
- Children under 12: £723 / \$1129
- Additional weeks available on request

**Requirements:** Minimum age 7 yrs.

**Location:** Atenas, Costa Rica

**Project activities:** Women's orchid initiative, nutrition support and beautification of parks and schools

**Working hours:** Monday -Friday, times vary

**Project availability:** Year-round. Arrive no later than 13h30 on the Sunday before the project begins

**Arrival day:** Saturday

## What's included

**Accommodation:** Homestay accommodation

**Food:** 3 meals per day - Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**Airport:** Pick up and drop off from San Jose Airport

6 hours of Spanish tuition

**Training:** Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction provided

**Support:** 24 hour support from on-site coordinator

24/7 emergency number for volunteers and families

## What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Police/Government Background Check US and UK citizens processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check - Required for over 16 years of age Transport to and from projects on public transport

# Family Volunteering: Ecotourism and Community Development in Ecuador

ECUADOR

## Project Summary

Volunteer in Ecuador on this eco-friendly placement and take your family back to basics! The whole family will enjoy living in a tight-knit community while working on a small conservation project designed to preserve the unique location of the project, located high in the misty cloud forest.

A small community of 50 families works together every day to develop economic alternatives that allow them to improve their quality of life without losing their principles, values and traditions. From humble beginnings, the project began in 1995 as a forestry conservation effort and later gained the support of NGOs and international cooperation. It was then that the project was able to implement sustainable productive activities such as organic gardening, growing fruits for making jams and small dairy processing factories for ecotourism.

A few years ago, with the support of other organisations, this location was declared as a protected area. In order to achieve conservation sustainably, there has been no use of monocultures, agrochemicals, logging, or mass tourism. Further, several scientific research programs focus on helping to rescue the biological and cultural wealth of the area, with the objective of improving the quality of life of its people through the sustainable use of natural resources.

## Why Choose this project?

In a rural community of only 50 families, people work hard every day to develop the land around them and come up with economic alternatives. This project has provided them with such alternatives such as jam production and cheese making, which improve their quality of life and reduce their dependency on the conditions of the land. As a volunteer, you will be providing valuable assistance in these day-to-day pursuits, allowing them to increase their capacity.

## Role of the volunteers

Families will be involved in a variety of activities, which will be largely determined by the needs of the project at the time. Typically, you can look forward to gaining practical knowledge of organic agriculture and working alongside the local community to improve farms in the area. Other community work includes planting seeds in the tree nursery for reforestation, watering plants in the orchard, supporting the environmental education program for children and more.

Children will particularly enjoy taking part in activities at the small dairy processing factory such as cheese making, picking fruit for making delicious jams and small ecotourism projects such as maintaining forest trails.

## Project location

You will be located in Yunguilla, a small town, an hour outside of the capital of Quito. It is high up in the cloud forest and is part of a municipal natural reserve, located in between a private reserve and a national one. You'll be greeted with bright, sunny mornings and murky afternoons, where clouds roll in and engulf the town in a misty haze, creating stunning views over the mountains.

Living and eating with members of the community will increase the feeling of integration into another culture. Families have the option of staying with a home-stay family, usually 2 or 3 per house or staying altogether at Yunguilla's community house. In both cases you will dine with local families who will prepare all of your meals, allowing you to deepen your understanding of local lifestyle and cuisine. When you have weekends free and are in search of some entertainment, head to the city of Quito, a busy and vibrant city, framed on all sides by white-capped peaks and lush forested hills. Quito was named as a world heritage site in 1978 and has wonderful museums, arts and other places of interest to keep the whole family busy in your free time.

## Project facts

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Cost:**

- 16 and above: £1423/ \$2221
- Children 10-15: £1350 / \$2108
- Children 5-9: £934/ \$1458
- Children 0-4: £50 / \$88
- Additional weeks available upon request

**Requirements:** basic Spanish

**Location:** Yunguilla, Ecuador

**Project activities:** organic gardening, dairy processing, making jams

**Working hours:** Monday – Friday, times vary

**Project availability:** open all-year round. RECRUITING FOR 2021

**Arrival day:** Friday

## What's included

**Accommodation:** Room in a volunteer house or home-stay

**Food:** 3 meals per day – Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**Airport** pick up and drop off from Quito International Airport

**Transfer** from Quito to your project on public transport

**Training:** Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction provided

**Support:** 24 hour support from on-site coordinator

24/7 emergency number for volunteers and families

## What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Police/Government Background Check US and UK citizens processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check – Required for over 18 years of age



# Family Volunteering: Childhood Development and Education in India

INDIA

## Project Summary

With an ever-increasing population and a lack of funding, Indian early education centres and schools often struggle to keep the children there. In some cases, there is not enough place for the children due to a limited number of teachers. In other cases, teachers, burdened by other government requirements like managing records, mid-day meals, census work, etc., prevent them from running bigger classes or even making lessons' plans.

A poor educational environment tends to discourage the children to go to school, ultimately contributing to other long-term issues such as a decrease in self-esteem. In addition, some children stop going to school because of corporal punishments given if they don't complete their homework, or because the parents need them to generate an income for the family instead.

## Why Choose this project?

Families' volunteers will be able to assist early ages education centres and schools with their current needs, depending on the location of the project. With the help of the volunteers caring for the children, the teachers have more time to prepare lesson plans and teach the children the curriculum. Volunteers also have the opportunity to contribute to preparing lessons' plans and provide an emotional support that children would not have otherwise.

## Role of the volunteers

The vast majority of tasks will consist of supporting teaching, creating learning materials, supporting meals and personal hygiene, encouraging motor skills development and language development (based on the age of the children). You will also be responsible for playing with the children. Through play and interaction, it will give them a knowledge and understanding of the world that they wouldn't otherwise be exposed to.

## Project location

A unique feature of this project is that we offer a choice of two locations; Jaipur or Goa – each location will suit different families depending on what kind of environment you would prefer. In each case, you will stay in a comfortable volunteer house, in a dorm room for 4 people.

Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan is a busy and beautiful city. Known as the pink city, it has many magnificent buildings, including the Hawa Mahal palace complex and the Jantar Mantar observatory, a UNESCO world heritage site. On weekends, camel rides are popular with volunteers.

For those who would prefer a beach location, Goa offers a relaxed seaside feel, with plenty to see and do. Don't miss out on the unique cuisine featuring some interesting vegetarian dishes.

## Project facts

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Cost:**

- 16 and Above: £1437 / \$2243
- Children 10-15: £1253/ \$1955
- Children 4-9: £1201 / \$1875
- Additional weeks available on request. Discounts may be applicable depending on the number of family members. Please ask your placement advisor.

**Requirements:** Minimum age 4 yrs.

**Location:** Jaipur or Goa

**Project activities:** playing, teaching, improving hygiene, helping with meals, etc...

**Working hours:** Monday – Friday, times vary

**Project availability:** Project dates on request

**Arrival day:** every other Monday

## What's included

**Accommodation:** Dorm room in a volunteer house

**Food:** 3 meals per day

**Airport:** Pick up at Jaipur, Delhi or Goa Airport

**Transport** to and from projects

**Training:** Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction provided

**Support:** 24 hour support from on-site coordinator

## What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Police/Government Background Check US and UK citizens processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check – Required for over 18 years of age

# Family Volunteering: Volunteer in a Wildlife Rescue Sanctuary in Zimbabwe

ZIMBABWE

## Project Summary

Volunteering at this wildlife sanctuary in Zimbabwe offers your family the chance to contribute in protecting indigenous African wildlife and have up-close encounters with animals such as lions and leopards to monkeys, antelope and birds in a responsible way.

Since 1973, the centre has opened its doors to orphaned, abandoned and sick wild animals. Human conflict is often the source of the problem as African wildlife can pose a threat to local farmers looking to protect their livestock. The ultimate aim of the project is to rehabilitate animals and return them to the wild when possible. Volunteers help maintain an environment that is as close to their natural habitat as possible to make it a success. In the event that a return to the wild isn't possible, the sanctuary continues to care for the animals and use them for educational purposes, zoological study or breeding programmes, looking towards the future sustainability of each species.

The centre has high aspirations for its successful endeavours, but it lacks the funding to focus on realistic expansion. This is why volunteers are invaluable to the project, by assisting with not only the day to day activities at the centre but helping to spread awareness to children in the community. The workshops are essential as children are the future of Zimbabwe and it teaches them to live in harmony with wildlife.

Highlights of the project include the chance to observe animal care and rehabilitation as well as learn more about African species and their habitats.

## Why Choose this project?

This centre is one of the oldest and biggest in Zimbabwe and therefore handles a high volume of animals. Volunteers' help is always needed for maintenance work, animal feeding, and injured animals' caring. By lending your support, you will assist the centre in handling an increased number of animals. Not only that, with more volunteers, the centre will also be able to put on more regular educational sessions at local schools.

## Role of the volunteers

Be ready to get involved with a range of duties related to the care of injured, sick or orphaned animals. As a family you will be involved in all aspects of the centre:

- Basic care and maintenance of animals at the centre
- Relocation and tracking of released animals
- Schools' visit to engage local children in conservation activities

Your role is essential for the ongoing survival of the centre. Children will enjoy feeding and interact with the animals, but parents must accompany children at all times.

## Project location

The project is located 20 minutes outside the city of Bulawayo – the second largest city in Zimbabwe. Bulawayo has much to explore and trips to local sights such as the Matapos National Park can be organised. As a family, you will stay in private huts on site, with access to communal lounge, TV and BBQ areas. There is also a swimming pool which the children will certainly appreciate in the hot summer days.

## Project facts

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Cost:**

**16 and Above:** £1281/ \$2000

**Children 12-15:** £1097/ \$1712

**Requirements:** Minimum age 12 yrs.

**Location:** Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

**Project activities:** Feeding animals, cleaning enclosures, games release and monitoring, teaching conservation classes

**Working hours:** Tuesday – Sunday, times vary

**Project availability:** Project is open all year round, speak to project advisor about availability. RECRUITING FOR 2021

**Arrival day:** Sunday

## What's included

**Accommodation:** Shared room in a volunteer cabin on site

**Food:** 3 meals per day – Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**Airport:** Pick up and drop off from Bulawayo airport

**Training:** Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction provided

**Support:** 24 hour support from on-site coordinator

## What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

# Family Volunteering: Community Development in Morocco

MOROCCO

## Project Summary

Volunteer with your family on this community development project in Morocco! Morocco faces many significant challenges, including low literacy rates, bad governance and stagnant growth due to Morocco's poor education, higher poverty, lack of infrastructure, poor healthcare, corruption and environmental pollution.

Morocco has a lot to offer between its natural beauty and its abundant natural resources. Our project works with a variety of centres in Rabat, the Capital of Morocco. Some of the centres promote professional development so that Moroccan children and teenagers have the opportunity to acquire marketable skills. You may be involved in running small workshops alongside local staff to teach them English, French or even information technology.

Our project also works with childcare centres that host children with special needs and children from low-income areas. In those centres, you will engage with the kids through games and activities to develop their cognitive abilities, physical capabilities, and other creative skills. The objective is to provide new and enriching activities for these underprivileged kids that may not have access to sports, toys, games, music, or arts elsewhere other than at the centres.

Finally, our project work with a variety of women group to lead workshops such as reading, language, sewing, finance, arts, and others. The objective is to increase the women literacy rate, education level and promote work for women by teaching them a new skill. Morocco is still a male-dominated society and those women groups provide the support to women that may have been victims of abuse, violence, or may have been forced to marry young and abandoned schooling. Volunteering as a family will be enriching as you will be completely immersed in a different culture and will be able to show your children how to be compassionate with others while respecting their local culture.

## Why Choose this project?

This is a placement that will guarantee cultural immersion and cultural enrichment! You will be able to contribute your skills to the community as a family and make long-lasting friendship with local families.

## Role of the volunteers

Family volunteers will provide additional support to the staff in the different centres, as well as bring some new ideas and possibly new skills that can be taught for the different groups. You may be asked to teach French, or English, or computer technology classes depending on your abilities. Or you may be asked to help feed the children, entertain them or organise recreational activities for them. Family placements will take into consideration the skills set of the entire family as well as the age of your children.

## Project location

You will be based in the medina centre of Rabat. Rabat is the capital of Morocco, and is a well-kept and clean city with a different feel from the chaos of Marrakesh or Casablanca. It's very rich culturally and very traditional, while very welcoming to foreigners. You will be within walking distance of everything located in the centre of town. You will be fascinated with the little gems Rabat has to offer including its medina quarter, its 12th century kasbah overlooking the water and pristine public beaches.

You will most likely be placed in a private house close to where the volunteers stay in a traditional Riad. You will be able to have access to a local cook for your meals or self cater if you wish. You will be about 15 minute walk from your project.

Rabat has many points of interest to explore during your free time including the tower Hassan and Mausoleum of Mohammad V, the Musee des Oudaia, the Kabash, the Rabat Zoo, The Rabat Exotic Garden, and of course the medina. Another favourite spot is Chellah, located on the outskirts of Rabat where you will be able to sport storks at certain times of the year. You will also be able to go explore Rabat's sister city, Salé, located across the lagoon and reachable by foot, tram or rowing boat. If you are there during the summer and you are a music-lover, you should plan to attend the city's annual Mawazine festival. For those of you wanting to venture a little further and maximise your time in Morocco, you may organise to visit Atlas Mountains, the Sahara Desert, and cities such as Casablanca, Essaouira, Fes, Marrakesh, and Tangiers.

## Project facts

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Cost:**

16 and Above: £1123 / \$1754

- Children 10 to 15: £939 / \$1466

- Children 5-9: £888 / \$1386

- Additional weeks available on request.

**Requirements:**

Age minimum 5 years old

**Location:** Rabat, Morocco

**Working hours:** 09:00-16:00, Monday – Friday

**Project availability:** all year round except during Ramadan. RECRUITING FOR 2021

**Arrival day:** Saturdays

## What's included

**Accommodation:** Local house near the volunteer house

**Food:** 2 meals per day

**Airport:** pick-up and drop-off from Rabat – Salé Airport

**Training:** Pre-departure information pack, learning reflection guide, on-site orientation, cultural tour and project induction provided, Fundraising guide

**Support:** 24 hour support from on-site coordinator

**Activities:** Assistance with planning your weekend excursions from local staff

## What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas if applicable

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Assistance with planning your weekend excursions from local

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Police/Government Background Check: US and U

Daily transfers to and from your project (would c



# Family Volunteering: Women and Child Empowerment in Nepal

NEPAL

## Project Summary

Bring your family to Nepal and spend your holiday volunteering in either a rural setting while giving something back to the local impoverished community. Your family will support a project in rural Nepal and work on a women's farm cooperative just outside of Kathmandu. The community already struggling, was also hit by the earthquake in April 2015. While thankfully, there were no fatalities, many homes were destroyed. Support has been fantastic for the community but assistance is still much needed. Raising the profile of the project is important in gaining much-needed funds to help with the rebuilding work and to fix the access road to the village and the ladies have been developing photography and film skills to promote the organisation online. Why not help these ladies and their families build a better future?

Working in our rural location offers the chance to connect with simple village life in Nepal. With 85% of the population in Nepal residing in small villages and working on family farms, there is a real need to improve the educational resources in those areas, giving children in rural communities equal opportunities. You will work on a farm that was established to provide a place for disadvantaged women to work and support themselves. Assisting these women with daily tasks and helping them raising their children will aid the development of the rural population and give your family a chance to get back to basics.

## Why Choose this project?

You will be spending time on a rural agriculture placement and doing something as valuable. You will be providing support to farmers, who work on a cooperative day in and day out. The farm provides work for women to live and sustain themselves. Your help means they can increase the pace of their work while improving their English language. In exchange, you will learn sustainable techniques from them.

## Role of the volunteers

Families will be involved in a variety of activities, which will be largely determined by the needs of the project at the time. Typically, you can look forward to gaining practical knowledge of organic agriculture and working alongside the local community to improve farms in the area. If you are fit enough and are interested in helping there will be plenty for you to do. Those who have an interest in childcare can get involved with activities such as reading, running homework clubs and playing games. Anyone with social media and photography skills can help the ladies improve their skills in advocacy and fundraising for the community.

Children will particularly enjoy taking part in activities with the animals and helping local children with their English through reading stories, singing songs and playing games. It is a great place for your family to connect with a community that despite their difficulties enjoy their life and way of living

## Project location

The city of Kathmandu is a bustling capital, with plenty to keep children entertained. Being the centre of Nepalese culture, there are numerous things to see and do including many world heritage sites. Some of the oldest structures were destroyed in 2015 but many remain. Sampling the local culinary delights and bargaining in the labyrinth of small shops are favourite past times, or simply sit and take in the tuk-tuk taxis buzzing around, cows roaming the streets freely, Buddhist monks in wingtip's shoes and more.

Your project is located in rural Nepal just under a 2-hour drive from the capital. It suits families who want a tranquil and rustic experience, complemented by impressive mountain views and many hike trails within reach. Being only 35 km from Kathmandu, there is easy access to the capital if you wish to explore during your free time and experience the contrast between the two locations. Families will need to walk up to the village on arrival so be prepared for this – it is all part of the experience!

## Project facts

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Cost:**

– 16 and Above: £ 1295 / \$2022

– Children 8 to 15: £461/ \$720

– Additional weeks available on request.

**Requirements:** Minimum age 8 yrs.

**Location:** Rural Nepal

**Project activities:** animal care, digging, building, playing games, reading support, running English classes, photography, social media training

**Working hours:** Monday –Friday, times vary

**Project availability:** open all year round

**Arrival day:** Saturday

## What's included

**Accommodation:** Room in a volunteer house. 1st night will be spent in a volunteer house in Kathmandu

**Food:** 3 meals per day – Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**Airport** pick up and drop off

**Transfer** from Kathmandu to your project on public transport

**Training:** Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction provided

**Support:** 24 hour support from on-site coordinator

## What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Police/Government Background Check US and UK citizens processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check – Required for over 18 years of age

# Family Volunteering: Community Child Support in the Philippines

PHILIPPINES

## Project Summary

Volunteer as a family in the Philippines and work on child support activities in a community that survived 2013 Typhoon Haiyan. Obviously, the community was devastated physically, emotionally and environmentally by the Typhoon but by working together with the support of many others they have managed to rebuild. As a result, the community is very welcoming of volunteers and many NGOs still rely on the support of volunteers. As a family volunteer, you can help support community development projects by assisting overworked staff at local children's centres based in Tacloban. The children that you encounter will have smiles on their faces whether you are helping with mealtimes, games and stories or homework activities. It will be a rewarding experience to share as a family in Tacloban while making a small contribution to the lives of children who have overcome so much.

## Why Choose this project?

The project in the Philippines will welcome you and your family into their community. You will be able to learn about each other's lives and cultures. Your family will spend time with local children teaching them new games and songs while supporting local staff with their efforts to provide a safe and happy life for the children.

## Role of the volunteers

Families will be involved in a variety of activities, which will be largely determined by the needs of the project at the time. Typically, you can look forward to taking a hands-on role in childcare activities at a local children's centre. You may get involved in helping with special events (the locals have many holidays and love to celebrate!) or assisting with children's activities.

## Project location

Tacloban is a city with a population of over 300,000 and is located on the island of Leyte, about an hour by air southeast of Manila. Tacloban is a historic site, the beachfront city liberated the Philippines in 1944 from Japan. The local language is called Waray-Waray, but English is widely spoken making your placement very easy! Tacloban City is not a popular tourist destination and is a city for everyday life in the Philippines. Following Typhoon Haiyan, when there was widespread devastation, there was an influx of visitors helping with the recovery process. Many things have returned to normal but there is still evidence of the Typhoon and people's lives are still impacted as they may have lost loved ones. Here you and your family can gain an insight into the realities of living and working in a location that has recovered from nature's wrath. If you want to travel further afield, there are many islands offering beautiful beaches and diving opportunities, and flights to neighbouring destinations in South East Asia are very cheap making it an attractive destination to begin your travels.

All volunteers stay with local families in the same small community on the outskirts of Tacloban City. Since the families are all used to receiving volunteers, they are very welcoming and really try to make each volunteer feel like part of their family. The fact that all volunteers live within 2 minutes walking distance of each other makes it really easy to meet up with fellow volunteers in the evening. The homestays are also a short walk away from the local community centre, which doubles as a base for volunteers. Although the homestays are generally quite basic, all have electricity and running water.

## Project facts

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Cost:**

**One week placement:**

– 16 and Above: £953 / \$1488

– Children 8-15: £666 / \$1040

– Children 5-7: £615 / \$960

– Additional weeks available on request

**Requirements:**

Minimum age 5 yrs

Criminal Background Check

**Location:** Tacloban, Philippines

**Working hours:** Monday – Friday, times vary

**Project availability:** Project is available all year except September

**Arrival day:** Saturdays

## What's included

**Accommodation:** Room with a homestay family

**Food:** 2 meals per day – Breakfast and Dinner

**Airport:** pickup and drop off from Tacloban International Airport

**Training:** Pre-departure information pack, learning reflection guide, on-site orientation, cultural tour and project induction provided, Fundraising guide

**Support:** 24 hour support from on-site coordinator

**Activities:** Assistance with planning your weekend excursions from local staff

## What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Lunch

Daily transport to your project on public transport

Police/Government Background Check US and UK citizens processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check – Required for over 18 years of age

# Family Volunteering: Wildlife Research in a Game Reserve in South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA

## Project Summary

Volunteer as a family in South Africa and work on an incredible research and conservation project in the famous Kruger National Park, home to the Big 5 including the lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino and leopard, as well as over 400 species of birds. This project aims to use research data and to share it with large-scale projects, conservation agencies and the authorities to protect habitats and species. It also aims to reduce the impact of human activity on habitats through education. More specifically, the projects focus on:

- the protection and monitoring of rhinos
- the tracking of elephant behaviours and movements in an effort to secure their futures
- the introduction of prey and education of local communities about big cats
- the tagging and recording of data on buffalos, a species that continues to be vulnerable

This is a great opportunity for you and your family to learn about conservation work taking place to protect the habitats and species of South Africa. The project also works with a reptile park ensuring the species are protected. The whole family can get involved with a range of activities from game drives to species identification. Night time game monitoring will add an exciting element to the project. You are sure to have the adventure of a lifetime as a family while contributing to global efforts to preserve wildlife.

## Why Choose this project?

The reserve contributes towards the effort of preventing the black rhino's extinction. Over the last 40 years, the population has dropped dramatically due to hunting and poaching. It is estimated that approximately 3500 are left in the wild today.

It is believed that the activities carried out will lead to a slow increase of this number, due to the introduction of the black rhino to the park in 2009. Volunteers help by monitoring them in the reserve and by feeding the data about their behaviours to the anti-poaching team.

Not only rhinos but also elephants and other animals in the park are targeted by this protection work. Conflict with humans poses a threat to elephants in the area and the work you will do is partly understanding how to mitigate this conflict and reduce its detrimental effects. The data you collect will be used by the Reserve's Foundation to help secure a positive and long-lasting future for the elephants. Your support will not only allow more research to be done but help to sustain the beauty and ecological integrity of the area in general.

## Role of the volunteers

Your days will be packed with family-friendly activities with typically two activities per day, which adults and children will do together.

You may have one or more of the following responsibilities:

- Monitoring the behaviour, feeding patterns and movement of elephant herds, lion prides and rhino population at different times of the day and night
- Capturing data for the research team to back up their ongoing endangered species work
- Carrying out regular game counts
- Assisting with physical work to help regenerate natural bush, such as the prevention of further soil erosion and removing old fences
- Contributing to the long-term strategy of removal of alien plants from the park

## Project location

Your family will be based in a beautiful Private Game Reserve in Kruger National Park in beautiful South Africa, home to the famous Big 5. Your days will be spent on the reserve learning about and monitoring the activities of the animals and their habitats. It will give you plenty of opportunities to see the animals in their natural environment. At night time, you may sit around a fire and exchange stories about your daytime adventures while listening to the sounds of the wild. You may also relax by the pool during your free time.

## Project facts

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Cost:**

– 16 and Above: £1433/ \$2237

– Children 12-15: £1149/ \$1794

– Additional weeks available on request

**Requirements:** Minimum age 12 yrs.

**Location:** Kruger region, South Africa

**Project activities:** Game drives, wildlife monitoring, data collection, park regeneration activities

**Working hours:** Monday –Friday, times vary

**Project availability:** All year round but it is very popular so book early. RECRUITING FOR 2021

**Arrival day:** Sunday

## What's included

**Accommodation:** Shared rooms within the game reserve with outdoor area and swimming pool

**Food:** 3 meals per day

**Airport** pickup and drop off from Nelspruit Airport

**Daily transport** to and from your project

**Training:** Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction provided

**Support:** 24 hour support from on-site coordinator

## What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Police/Government Background Check US and UK citizens processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check – Required for over 16 years of age



# Family Volunteering: Swaziland Building to Kruger Adventure

SWAZILAND

## Project Summary

If you're looking for an opportunity for the whole family to engage in volunteering within a friendly community, plus the adventure of a safari experience in South Africa's best known National Park, then this tour offers you the best of both worlds. Not only will you get to enjoy an amazing variety of places on this tour but you will also get to experience some varied and life changing activities ranging from close encounters with big game, to building much needed infrastructure for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children and being a part of Swaziland's vibrant culture.

Your itinerary, subject to change, will look something like this:

Day 1-2 Arrival and Orientation – Upon arrival you will be welcomed by a member of the team who will drive you to your accommodation and the second day begins with an orientation.

Day 3-7 Conservation tour, Kruger National Park – You will venture on a five day tour into the heart of Kruger Park including four nights camping in the park and unlimited game drives.

Day 8-12 Building Project, Ezulwini, Swaziland – Volunteers will spend five days working on our building project which aims to build basic houses for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children.

Day 13 – 14 Experience Swaziland – The last two days of the tour are on a free weekend, a great time to explore what Swaziland or enjoy any of a number of excursions (at extra cost).

Day 15 Return home – On your final day, you will be transported to the airport to return home.

## Why Choose this project?

This project aims to regenerate or build homes for vulnerable families that do not have the means or the skills to do so. Harnessing the skills of Swazi builders, you will provide support in the construction and maintenance phases. The result is basic accommodation, which will help to give communities encouragement and motivation and improve their quality of life.

## Role of the volunteers

Kruger National Park is probably Africa's most famous conservation area and offers some of the best opportunities to view Africa's big game. Groups have seen lions, elephants, rhino, buffalo and leopards, to name a few. The excitement continues with guided bush walks and a night drive. While in Kruger your guide will teach you about the animals and plants of the African savanna and how important it is to protect this beautiful but fragile ecosystem.

In Swaziland you will work with experienced builders, making blocks, laying foundations, building walls, and fitting roofs and doors to finish much needed structures for shelter and education. Instruction will be given and younger children will undertake supportive tasks, with the supervision of parents.

## Project location

Accommodation in Swaziland is at a backpacker lodge in the picturesque Ezulwini Valley which is conveniently located next to a road connecting you to your project location and local amenities. As a family you can book a dormitory of 4 or more, or you can opt to stay in a private room, which holds 2 per room – both have communal bathroom facilities. There is a communal Kitchen where meals are prepared on a rotational basis and TV lounge, with much to entertain children, including board games and book exchange and a large deck with pool table & dart board. The surrounding garden also has a communal barbecue and campfire area.

Your accommodation in Kruger will be safari style dome tents with two people per tent – you will need to bring your own sleeping bag. Camps are well equipped with clean toilets, hot water showers and souvenir shops where you can buy drinks, snacks and more.

## Project facts

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Cost:**

- Custom quote as pricing may vary on this project depending on the season and the number of rooms needed.

**Requirements:** Minimum age 6 yrs. Note age limit for game drive is 12 years old.

**Location:** Kruger National Park, South Africa and Ezulwini Valley, Swaziland

**Project activities:** Safari, game drives, building walls, laying foundations, painting, gardening.

**Working hours:** Monday – Friday, times vary

**Project availability:** Arrival dates are the first Monday of each month, except December

**Arrival day:** 1st Monday of the month

## What's included

**Accommodation:** A tent in Kruger park and volunteer accommodation in Swaziland (twin or family room)

**Food:** 3 meals per day – Breakfast, lunch and dinner (volunteers help to prepare meals)

**Airport:** Pick up and drop off from Manzini Airport

**Training:** Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction provided

**Support:** 24 hour support from on-site coordinator in each location and an English speaking guide

## What's not

Flights

Insurance

Visas

Daily transfers to and from your volunteering project. This will cost approximately 20 rand (£1.50) per day. Police/Government Background Check; US and UK citizens will be processed through Kaya (admin fee applies) all other nationalities must provide local police check.

# Family Volunteering: Marine Conservation on the Thai Island of Koh Tao

THAILAND

## Project Summary

This project offers the chance to learn to dive as your family contributes to sustainable development for the sea and local communities on this specially designed project, Family Volunteering: Marine Conservation on the Thai Island of Koh Tao. An unprecedented boom in tourism to Thailand in recent years, the waters around Koh Tao have become a diving hotspot, and have suffered damage at the hands of tourism and global warming. The local community of Koh Tao, in association with the best dive schools, developed a project to help and protect the coral reefs within the Koh Tao national park.

As volunteers, your family will be directly involved in building artificial reefs, culturing a giant clam nursery, seahorse population studies and undertaking regular monitoring activities in the waters surrounding the island. Additionally, the project works in local schools, training children aged 10-18 years old how to dive in order to create awareness of marine conservation issues and teach skills that they can use for future employment on Koh Tao.

The data you gather will go towards information the project provides to government environmental agencies, which is used to make policy decisions about the area; this is an opportunity to make a real difference to sustainable change in Thailand. This project includes diver SSI (Scuba Schools International) training from beginner advanced level, with options for children.

## Why Choose this project?

The once pristine reefs around the small island of Koh Tao are now suffering from the destruction caused by global warming and tourism. Volunteers are needed to help slow down this process and build structures underwater that will aid the natural growth of native fish species and coral. Not only will you be involved in underwater work, but you can also help by visiting local schools and speaking to students about proper diving practices and marine conservation. You will see your children interacting with local children of all ages and produce an interesting dynamic.

The research you do will also be used to identify areas of concern, which will then be fed back to governmental agencies who can decide on an appropriate course of action to ensure a long-lasting impact.

## Role of the volunteers

Volunteers will begin each day with an informative lecture from the team, as they inform you of the action plan for the day and how it ties in with their long-term objectives. After the lecture, diving fun will begin! Whilst diving, you will be responsible for identifying species, monitoring the reefs, underwater clean-ups, and reef restoration. While on the project, you will receive diving instruction to help you to progress with your diving certification. Adults have the opportunity to attend conservation certifications, while younger children (starting at 8) can participate in the bubble maker course.

## Project location

Life on the island is relaxed yet full of excitement. The southern bay of Chao Lok on the island of Koh Tao is a heaven for divers, but the village where you will stay is away from the main tourist area, with all amenities such as internet cafes, restaurants and bookshops but without the crowds. You have the choice of staying in a delightful guesthouse, on the seafront, which has a restaurant, internet cafe and Thai massage area, as well as a laundry facility and travel shop if you need help booking excursions to nearby islands or opting to stay in a nearby resort, for a small extra cost.

## Project facts

**Duration:** 2 weeks

**Cost:** Prices available on request as accommodation and diving options vary according to family size and dive experience

**Requirements:** Minimum age 8 yrs.

**Location:** Koh Tao, Thailand

**Project activities:** Identifying species, reef monitoring, underwater cleanup and data collection

**Working hours:** Monday – Friday, 09:00-17:00

**Project availability:** Project is closed from 15 October to 1 January, due to the Monsoons.

**Arrival day:** Sunday

## What's included

**Accommodation:** Room at a volunteer guest house or rooms in a nearby resort, price will increase for AC and beachfront locations

Pick up from ferry point and transfer to project location

SSI or junior equivalent diving qualifications

**Training:** Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction provided

**Support:** 24-hour support from on-site coordinator in each location

## What's not

Flights into Bangkok

Insurance

Visas

Food: Meals are not provided

Ferry from Bangkok to Koh Tao (return)

# Family Volunteering: Elephant Welfare Project in Chiang Mai

THAILAND

## Project Summary

As volunteers in Chiang Mai, your family will gain a true insight into local Thai life, living in an eco-accommodation and working with elephants and their owners (also known as mahouts).

In Thailand, elephants are often used as tourist attractions such as entertainment shows, where the elephants are taught tricks and stay tied up for a lot of the day. The popularity of Thailand as a tourist destination has led to a lot more elephants being mistreated. The project aims to tackle these issues, by working towards sustainable solutions for eco-tourism and creating a better life for captive elephants or at least a life free from abuse.

The project work has three main strands:

- Supporting sick and old elephants that are not able to work as well as the unemployed Mahouts.
- Reforestation project to restore and maintain the local jungle damaged by local practices.
- Work with local schools to provide children with an opportunity to develop English and environmental skills.

## Why Choose this project?

The project area is rural, and its community members live mostly under the poverty line. The support of their local governor allows them to use this niche to gain work for themselves and their elephants. By involving volunteers from abroad, communities can develop an understanding of what tourists want as well as improve their English by interacting with them. Additionally, volunteers provide extra manpower for reforestation, camp maintenance and school facilities improvement.

## Role of the volunteers

The presence of international volunteers is immeasurably valuable to not only improve the capacity of work on the project but for local residents and the mahouts, who can build a better understanding of what appeals to foreigners, as well as improving their language and communication skills.

You will need to bring your enthusiasm and international perspective to the activities, which will range from looking after the elephants such as walking, bathing and feeding them. Adults and children together can be involved in conservation activities, such as planting trees and maintaining the forest. Volunteers also help with daily tasks to help keep the elephants including cutting grass and cleaning the enclosures. Families are also welcome to visit the local school and join local activities in the village.

## Project location

You will be based in a camp, just 20 minutes outside of Chiang Mai, in Northern Thailand. The area around the camp is entirely rural and provide a home for mahouts and their families. The city, however, is Thailand's unofficial second city and is an eclectic mix of vibrant hill tribes and relaxed locals. Historically, it was constructed as a square with a moat to mark its boundaries and safeguard the people within. Today, these landmarks remain to form its unique character.

The city main economy is Agriculture. Fruit, vegetable and rice sellers stay busy around town as well as handicraft production, exporting, small-scale business and manufacturing. As the project was set up by a local entrepreneur who was very invested in Eco-Tourism, volunteers at his project stay in the same comfortable eco-tourism lodges that the tourists visiting the camp stay in. Rooms are double, twin or suitable for families of four. For bigger families, multiple rooms can be arranged.

This project is perfect for those wanting to take the time to appreciate slow-paced, rural life and explore the natural beauty of Thailand.

## Project facts

**Duration:** 1 week

**Cost:**

16 and Above: £1194 / \$1864

Children 10-15: £638 / \$995

Children 5-9: £615 / \$960

Additional weeks available on request.

**Requirements:** Minimum age 5 yrs.

**Location:** Chiang Mai, Thailand

**Project activities:** Work with the local community to feed, exercise, and bath the elephants alongside other general maintenance tasks

**Working hours:** 08:00 – 17:00 Monday – Friday

**Project availability:** The project is available all year round, speak to a project advisor about availability. RECRUITING FOR 2021

**Arrival day:** Friday before 11AM

## What's included

**Accommodation:** Double, Twin or Family rooms in Thai Huts

**Food:** 3 meals per day – Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Beverages excluding soft drinks and alcohol

**Airport** pickup and drop off at Chiang Mai Orientation in Chiang Mai with 2 nights' accommodation, tour of the city and dinner on Saturday night

**Training:** Pre-departure information pack, on-site orientation and project induction provided

**Support:** 24 hour support from on-site coordinator

24/7 emergency number for volunteers and families

## What's not

Flights  
Insurance  
Visas



## Project Costs for Family projects

COUNTRY	PROJECT	2 WEEKS PRICING		4 WEEKS PRICING		EXTRA WEEKLY PRICING	
		Price GBP (£)	Price USD (\$)	Price GBP (£)	Price USD (\$)	Price GBP (£)	Price USD (\$)
Belize	Family Volunteering: Building and Organic Farming in Belize	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bolivia	Family Volunteering: Community Development Projects in Bolivia	£779	\$1216	NA	NA	NA	NA
Costa Rica	Family Volunteering: Community Beautification and Development Projects in Costa Rica	£1477	\$2305	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ecuador	Family Volunteering: Ecotourism and Community Development in Ecuador	£1423	\$2221	NA	NA	NA	NA
India	Family Volunteering: Childhood Development and Education in India	£1437	\$2243	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morocco	Family Volunteering: Community Development in Morocco	£1123	\$1754	NA	NA	NA	NA
Nepal	Family Volunteering: Women and Child Empowerment in Nepal	£1295	\$2022	NA	NA	NA	NA
Philippines	Family Volunteering: Community Child Support in the Philippines	£953	\$1488	NA	NA	NA	NA
Swaziland	Family Volunteering: Swaziland Building to Kruger Adventure	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Thailand	Family Volunteering: Marine Conservation on the Thai Island of Koh Tao	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Thailand	Family Volunteering: Elephant Welfare Project in Chiang Mai	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Zimbabwe	Family Volunteering: Volunteer in a Wildlife Rescue Sanctuary in Zimbabwe	£1281	\$2000	NA	NA	NA	NA
South Africa	Family Volunteering: Wildlife Research in a Game Reserve in South Africa	£1433	\$2237	NA	NA	NA	NA
Country	Project name	£xxxxx.xx	\$xxxxx.xx	£xxxxx.xx	\$xxxxx.xx	£xxxxx.xx	\$xxxxx.xx
Country	Project name	£xxxxx.xx	\$xxxxx.xx	£xxxxx.xx	\$xxxxx.xx	£xxxxx.xx	\$xxxxx.xx
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# 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.

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- 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.



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## 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.