Do something worthwhile as a family this year, and volunteer on one of our environmental, wildlife or community projects for an amazing experience!

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 will learn along the way, 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.

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

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

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

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 volunteer projects like Kaya offers. Participating in a project as a family will help them gain the confidence to pursue the career they have an interest in. And it will allow you to help develop their passion creating tighter bonds with your children.



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Family Community & Development Volunteering in Costa Rica

Your time commitment will be determined by the project or projects you choose, varying from daily to weekly schedules, or split between mornings and afternoons. You must dedicate a minimum of 4-5 hours per day to your placement. Project activities, such as assisting at the orchid cooperative, providing nutritional education to local mothers, and participating in renovation projects, will be finalized before departure. These projects may involve tasks like painting, graffiti removal, and more in local parks and schools.

Family Ecotourism & Community Development Volunteering in Ecuador

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 dependence on the conditions of the land. As a volunteer, you will be providing valuable assistance in these day-to-day pursuits, allowing the community to increase their capacity.

AFRICA

Family Community Development Volunteering in Morocco

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 prepare food for 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.









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Family Game Reserve Wildlife Research in South Africa

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 local efforts to preserve wildlife.

Family Kruger Adventure Volunteering in South Africa & Eswatini

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 help improve their quality of life.

Family Wildlife Rescue Sanctuary Volunteering in Zimbabwe

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









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Family Child Development Volunteer Project in India

The vast majority of tasks will consist of supporting teaching, creating learning materials, supporting meal times, 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.

Family Community Child Support Volunteering in the Philippines

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.





What are the benefits of Kaya Placements?

- International work experience
- Meaningful placements
- Global perspectives
- Cultural Immersion
- Structured and supported

Don't see anything that interests you? Our Placement Advisors are here to help. **Inquire here** and let our Placement Advisors know what you're looking for so we can help find the best placement for you!

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