



Overview

MINIMUM AGE: 17

DEPARTS: Jan and Sept

LENGTH: Jan - 6 months

Sept - 3 months

ROLE AVAILABLE: Teacher

Why Malawi?

Malawi is a beautiful country bordering Tanzania, Mozambique and Zambia. The people are extremely welcoming and The Mulanje Mountains and Lake Malawi attract adventure seekers from around the world. Slow economic growth means that education is greatly valued and the help of Lattitude Volunteers is much appreciated.

Where are the placements?

All placements are either in rural areas or on the outskirts of small towns. There are placements throughout Malawi from the north to the south.

Is it for me?

All placements will have an element of teaching to them - whether they are more schools based placements or community based placements. The official language in Malawi is English, however many students have only basic English skills. All schools are under resourced and you will be expected to teach a range of subjects such as history, maths, English, science, art and craft. There is always a curriculum to follow which you can produce lesson plans from.

Placement Locations



Community based placements are at schools attached to orphanages, or for children with hearing impairment or severe disabilities and at a local hospital.

Most students work very hard and any extra support you can give is very much appreciated. Education is greatly valued in Malawi and discipline is not usually a problem in any of the schools.

Accommodation and Food

Volunteers are allocated a teachers' house on the school campus or with a host family. Most placements have electricity and running water, minimal furniture and cooking equipment.

You will need to allow about \$15 per week for extra food and you will cook it over an electric ring or open fire. Basic foods are very cheap to purchase, however Western style foods can be expensive.

Travel

Travel is available for volunteers on weekends, holidays and after your placement. Public transport is cheap and accessible, serving local routes as well as longer journeys.

Need to know

- Pre departure briefing: All volunteers will be invited to a group briefing prior to departure.
- Teaching skills course: Organised by Lattitude, this course will be completed in Melbourne at volunteers own expense prior to departure.
- On arrival: Volunteers will attend an orientation course before placements commence.

What's included

- Interview (face to face or phone)
- Pre-departure briefing
- Teaching skills course
- Airport pickup
- Accommodation and some food
- In-country orientation & support
- 24/7 emergency support

Costs

The costs shown are for Lattitude placements departing in 2011. (Please note that these prices may change for placements departing in 2012.)

Lattitude fees (these are exact costs)

Lattitude application fee	\$125
Lattitude contribution fee	\$2900
Lattitude teaching skills course	\$370
Lattitude in-country orientation	\$187

You will also need to budget for the following (these are approx costs)

Travel insurance (6 months)	\$385
Return airfares (approx cost of group flight)	\$3000
VISA	\$220
Police check	\$43
Total cost (approx)	\$7230



"I am so happy here, I really don't want to leave - it doesn't help that all the teachers say "Jenny, you only have a few weeks left!!" I'll really miss it here but I am still very excited about travelling which should also be amazing."

Jenny Lockett, Teacher, Domasi Mission Secondary School, Domasi