



Overview

- MINIMUM AGE: 18
PREREQS: Basic Spanish
DEPARTS: Mar / Aug
LENGTH: 4 months
ROLES AVAILABLE:
- Community Worker
 - English Teacher
 - Schools Assistant

Why Argentina?

Argentina offers breathtaking scenery, from the sub-tropical area around the Iguazú Falls in the north-east, to the Andean peaks in the west and the stunning glaciers in the south.

Where are the placements?

Placements are mostly in the west of the country, not far from the Andes. They stretch from Neuquen in the south and as far eastward as Villa Mercedes and Córdoba. Most placements are in provincial capitals with populations of around 80,000 to 120,000. The remaining placements are in smaller towns of some 25,000 inhabitants. Previous volunteers have commented on the warmth and friendly atmosphere of the small town placements.

Is it for me?

Community placements are available in a well established orphanage, working with children ranging in age from babies to 16 years old. There is a very strong community atmosphere in the centre and you will soon become one of the family. Volunteers should be able to communicate in Spanish as no English is spoken.

Placement Locations



English Teaching placements are in fee-paying schools (primary or secondary) or private language institutes (where the pupils range from children aged from ten through to adults). In all cases, volunteers will assist with the teaching of English. Volunteers at institutes will often be expected to work in the evenings.

Schools Assistant placements are based in top private schools and provide support to kindergarten or primary students with their schooling. Some help may be expected with normal school duties like yard duty. These placements would be fantastic for those thinking of pursuing a career in teaching.

With all placements the working week is between 20 and 26 hours. Weekends are usually free.

Accommodation and Food

Volunteers are accommodated by a host family. Accommodation tends to be very comfortable, but you may have to share a room where families are large. Hosts are always generous but will expect the volunteer to contribute to family life. Despite the fact that Argentina is a big meat producing country, Lattitude vegetarians have always managed without any problems.

Travel

The main holidays are at the end or beginning of each intake. Public transport and taxis are cheap, though travelling by air is expensive and rail travel is practically non-existent.

Need to know

- Pre departure briefing: All volunteers will be invited to a group briefing prior to departure.
- Language requirements: Some placements require a good standard of spoken Spanish - the more Spanish you know, the more your experience will be enriched.
- Teaching skills course: Organised by Lattitude this course will be completed in Melbourne at volunteers own expense prior to departing for Argentina.
- On arrival: Volunteers attend a two-day orientation in Buenos Aires.

What's included

- Interview (face to face or by phone)
- Pre-departure briefing
- Teaching skills course (if required)
- Airport pickup
- Accommodation and 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	\$200

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

Travel insurance (6 months)	\$755
Return airfares (approx cost of group flight)	\$2500
VISA	\$100
Police check	\$43
Total cost (approx)	\$6993



“The architecture here is amazing, the cathedrals are unbelievable; centuries old yet like new... My host family is seriously my family and I feel like I’ve known them for years. My Nan gives me hugs and loves to thumb through the dictionary with me so we can put sketchy Spanglish phrases together. My room is awesome; it’s like a little loft apartment detached from the main house—the typical Latin American design with white washed walls and a large red tiled verandah which is big enough to be a private roof top garden for me!”

Rui Chen, English Teacher, Instituto De Ingles (Good News), Salta