

Madagascar Teaching

Teach in a local school in one of the most extraordinary destinations on earth. Provide vital, basic skills and environmental education and get involved with a variety of activities.

Madagascar's dramatic forest landscape is home to a fascinating diversity of life, with baobab and aloe trees, lemurs, chameleons and a whole host of other species that are found nowhere else on earth! Its fantastically beautiful coastline boasts coral reefs rich in marine species, perfect for diving and snorkelling and silky sanded beaches ideal for soaking up the bountiful sunshine. Madagascar's culture is vibrant and diverse; you will find bustling markets full of multicoloured produce and hospitable locals shouting their wares.

Overall, schools in Madagascar are basic and teachers are in high demand, so that your contribution will be extremely valuable. You will teach conversational and beginner's English to these impoverished children, help with environmental education and participate in other community activities. This truly will be an incredibly rewarding experience in one of the most extraordinary destinations in the world!

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Awaken your creativity & initiative as you immerse yourself in local culture
- Discover strange and beautiful Madagascar
- Live in the volunteer house located in central Hellville
- Make lifelong friends with your team mates and co-workers

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Up to date CV
- Criminal background check (DBS)

FAST FACTS

Location	Madagascar
Activities	Teach English Extracurricular activities Marking pupils' work Preparing homework Creating lesson plans
Transport	Airport pickup weekly on a Monday. Alternative start dates possible, additional £50 applies for pickup, please speak to an adviser Internal ground transfers weekly on a Monday
Accommodation	Shared communal accommodation in the volunteer house in Hellville

WHAT DOES THE PROJECT DO?

The majority of primary school age children and 36% of secondary school age children attend school. However, schools are severely under funded and there is an unequal distribution of educational resources across the country. Poor and rural communities can only attend seriously disadvantaged public schools.

The vast majority of the population speaks only Malagasy and there is a lack of foreign language teachers. Your help can give children and adults a sense of confidence, encourage their enthusiasm and ambition and even improve their opportunities for the future. To teach, you will need to be patient, flexible and a confident communicator and able to use your initiative and imagination. It would be helpful to have beginner's level French, although not essential as you will have plenty of opportunities to learn! Lessons will be fun and interactive, developing the children's confidence and conversational skills. Over summer when there are school holidays you will continue to teach lessons in town, giving classes in the local villages near to our camp and adult education in Hellville. The local communities are extremely grateful for the support given by the adult education classes, which is another rewarding aspect of this varied project.

We teach the majority of our lessons in Hellville at a primary school based in the centre of town. Encompassing over 1500 children over 20 classes, this is not for the faint hearted. Class sizes average at around 70 students who are all eager to learn. Ages range from 6 to 11 and they are as fascinated by you as you will undoubtedly be by them, so bring a big heart and bucket loads of enthusiasm and you will get on just fine! Our lessons range from in class formal lessons to one on one education lessons to improve the knowledge of individual children struggling with the material. We also offer small group workshops to educate the children further in English and reinforce the information which we are giving. Improvements in the children's knowledge in a short period can be immense and you will be as rewarded as you will be challenged by taking part in our programme. A regular session of lesson planning for the following day's work along with a requirement for you to report on the children's progress in your class ensures that we are able to offer a professional and dedicated programme, with the value of your contribution reflected in the reference which we will be able to give you at the end of your project.

Adult education classes are also offered by our group at the local youth community centre in town, which (despite the name) is targeted at all ages and backgrounds. This is great fun and thoroughly rewarding, as knowledge levels vary hugely and we engage primarily in spoken English tuition rather than anything more worksheet focused. Many games are played and smiles are a plenty – brilliant entertainment and immeasurably rewarding.

We also occasionally teach at the local village school close to the base camp where our marine and forest programmes are located. This is a very different experience and offers a new and exciting challenge for the buccaneering volunteer to engage with the children with more limited resources at their disposal and an alternative approach required. However, this is fantastic fun and a very valuable part of our work.

Students will be interested in life where you come from and, if you are interested and have the relevant skills, you may be able to get involved teaching other activities, such as sports, music or science. There will also be the possibility of working with our field conservation programme to arrange collaborations in environmental education.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

Your work schedule will cover a comprehensive, varied and enjoyable teaching programme which will engage you fully with your pupils and will awaken your creativity and initiative. You may be helping a local teacher at the school as well as being required to take control of your own lessons, which will encourage you to formulate ideas and develop your teaching skills and techniques. You may be involved with activities such as marking pupil's work and producing an inspiring teaching strategy, including preparing homework and assembling innovative and effective lesson plans.

As well as this, you will have the opportunity to help with lots of extracurricular activities which will vary extensively depending on your personal skills and interests, whether it is helping organise a school show or playing football with the super competitive and highly skilled local kids. You may even get the chance to join the Frontier marine or forest camps for their regular Friday night themed parties, depending on the requirements of the overall work programme. The teaching programme is demanding but thoroughly rewarding and is excellent preparation for anyone looking at a career in teaching or who is just keen to get exposure to this worthwhile field of work.

Whatever you decide, you are sure to gain huge satisfaction from inspiring these communities, whilst significantly enhancing your own skills and experience.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?

Volunteers arriving weekly on a Monday will be welcomed by a Frontier representative at Nosy Be airport. From here it's a short taxi or minibus ride from the airport to the centre of the vibrant town of Hellville and your accommodation at the volunteer house.

Independent travellers arriving on dates other than weekly on a Monday can arrange a separate airport collection at an extra cost of 68 EUR by contacting your volunteer advisor.

WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?

During the project you'll live in a wonderfully located volunteer house which is based in the centre of Hellville, where you will experience a unique and memorable living experience. The house is approximately a ten minute walk from the local primary school where we base the majority of our work and has all of the principal amenities one would expect from such a setup, equipped kitchen, flushing toilet and running water shower! House life is however very simple, unsophisticated and fun and will give you as much as you are prepared to put into it. The 'community' feel of the house is excellent and you will be made to feel right at home.

WHAT WILL I BE EATING?

You will be provided with 3 simple and nutritious meals a day, which will consist largely of locally sourced fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, rice, beans and noodles, most of which is purchased from the nearby market and thereby helps to support the local economy. Luxuries such as chocolate, peanut butter and Nutella are available in town and so can be accessed if you wish to treat yourself every once in a while!

Part of your role in the volunteer house will be to help with the cooking. Creating spectacular meals over our marvellous kitchen stoves will become second nature: so get your cookbooks out now and start thinking up recipes! Also, with luck you'll be invited to local feasts and festivals – a great way to

engage with local communities and discover local cuisine and cultures.

COSTS

4 weeks	€ 1.045
5 weeks	€ 1.295
6 weeks	€ 1.495
7 weeks	€ 1.695
8 weeks	€ 1.895
9 weeks	€ 2.095
10 weeks	€ 2.245
11 weeks	€ 2.395
12 weeks	€ 2.595
20 weeks	€ 3.945
Extra week	€ 245
Christmas week	€ 245

DEPARTURE DATES

Every Monday

Ideally flights to Madagascar and connections to Nosy Be (Fascene) should be arranged for this arrival date.

School holidays dates 2018/2019

24 December 2018 - 8 January 2019

Easter holidays

School ends at the beginning of July.

During school holidays a modified program will run with one to one coaching, educational workshops and extracurricular activities.

DURATION

4 weeks and longer

Shorter durations available - [click here](#)

This project is available throughout the Christmas period

CHRISTMAS OFFER

This project is available for the special offer of 202 EUR per week over the Christmas period. Placements starting on the 24th or 31st of December 2018 are eligible for this price, subject to

availability. Please apply using the orange button below and then tell your volunteer advisor that you wish to take part over Christmas.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Before you go

- Pre-departure support
- Travel & medical advice & documentation
- Equipment advice
- Discounted medical kit
- Free Frontier t-shirt
- UK residential briefing weekend including food, accommodation and TEFL training (extra cost applies)

In-country

- Food
- Accommodation
- Airport pickup weekly on a Monday. Alternative start dates possible, additional 68 EUR applies for pickup, please speak to an adviser
- Internal ground transfers weekly on a Monday
- Local orientation & training
- In-country emergency support
- 24-hour international HQ back-up

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Nearest airport(s): Nossi-Be (NOS)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Call us on 020 7613 2422 (UK) / 1 949 336 8178 (US)

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