

# Venezuela Teaching & Tutoring

*Become a mentor and friend as well as a teacher to the local children as you develop their skills in everything from basic literacy and maths to arts, sports and carpentry!*

Offering the most varied and striking terrain of almost any South American country, come to gorgeous Venezuela to see the Andes shrouded in snow, the tantalising Caribbean beaches where jungle cascades down to the shore, the indescribable depths of the vast Amazon rainforest, and the eerie beauty of Gran Sabana with its unique flat topped mountains. Experience Latin American fiesta spirit as you dance the night away in one of Venezuela's traditional live music bars, sample outstanding fresh fish as you watch the Caribbean sunset, spot river dolphins, caimans, or even big cats near the Rio Orinoco – all this and more awaits you in this irresistible destination!

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- See some of the most striking terrain in South America
- Immerse yourself in the local community
- Make lifelong friends

## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Basic Spanish is recommended

## FAST FACTS

<b>Location</b>	Santa Elena, Venezuela
<b>Activities</b>	Teaching English, maths or science classes Assisting with computer classes at the local IT centre Organising special educational events Assisting teachers at the local music school Arts, craft and ceramics at the cultural centre and the Community & Therapy Centre Teaching simple wood work to young people at the Community & Therapy Centre Vocational carpentry & building skills Helping with homework Helping to supervise recreational, developmental & therapeutic activities for children with special needs Helping with the Mobile School as a teacher's assistant
<b>Transport</b>	Independent travel to project site
<b>Accommodation</b>	Shared accommodation

## **WHAT WILL I BE DOING?**

This is an ideal project if you want to learn about local cultures and have a passion for interacting with children. No previous experience or special skills are required, but you will need to be enthusiastic, willing to learn, ready for a challenge and have a desire to work with children.

Friendliness, care, commitment and patience are among the important qualities you will need. You do not necessarily need to have previous teaching experience but any experience will go a long way and staff and other volunteers will support you. Fluent Spanish is not required to be involved in our day cares or at your classes as a teacher, however basic Spanish is very useful.

To get the most out of your experience, you may wish to take a teaching course at home and find supplemental teaching aids. This gives you the confidence to face your first class knowing you have the practical skills you will need throughout your work placement. If you would like to take a TEFL course before you travel, Frontier will be able to organise this for you at a small extra cost.

The typical day's work will involve teaching English to a large class of children aged between four and 14 years old. However, depending on your interests, level of Spanish, experience and any other skills you can offer, you can get involved in:

- Teaching English, maths or science classes in local schools, likely to be a large class of children aged between four and 14 years old
- Assisting with computer classes for children and teenagers at the local IT centre
- Organising special educational events
- Assisting teachers at the local music school or arts, craft and ceramics at the cultural centre and the Community & Therapy Centre
- Teaching simple wood work to young people at the Community & Therapy Centre or passing on vocational carpentry & building skills
- Helping with homework
- Helping to supervise recreational, developmental and therapeutic activities for children with special needs who visit our Community & Therapy Centre
- Helping with the Mobile School as a teacher's assistant

## **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?**

You'll fly into Caracas and travel 22 hours south east to the project site in Santa Elena using local bus services and following the clear and simple instructions provided. You will be met at your destination and shown to your accommodation in the project village. For a small extra cost, we can organise for a representative to meet you at Caracas airport, escort you to the bus station and put you on the right bus.

## **WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?**

You will be living in shared accommodation within the purpose built project village. Part of your time will be spent maintaining the shared house and the village and tasks will be shared amongst all volunteers.

You will have a shared bedroom and bathroom with access to kitchen facilities. Single rooms are

also available for a small additional charge.

Within the village there are gardens, a gym, wading pool, hammock terrace, craft wood workshop and a field for games of football and frisbee. There are also fire-pits which volunteers gather round for social evenings under the starlit South American skies.

## WHAT WILL I BE EATING?

Snacks and refreshments are provided and you will share the cooking of three meals a day with your fellow volunteers.

Venezuela's cuisine is quite unique and there is nothing else quite like it in the world. Venezuelan food and drink tends to be highly regional. Many of the dishes in Venezuela are based on French, Italian, and Spanish recipes, but have varied over the years to become uniquely Venezuelan.

Fresh fish and shellfish make up many coastal recipes. Tubers such as the potatoes and yucca are quite common in the highlands. Corn, rice and pasta are found everywhere. Many tropical fruits and vegetables make up dishes from Amazon regions. Spices such as cumin are often used as well.

*Pabellon* is the delicious national dish of Venezuela and consists of rice, black beans and banana covered in stewed and shredded meat. If you fancy a snack, then try an *arepa*. These are made of corn flour, water, and salt and often fried or baked. They can be topped with a number of ingredients such as chicken, ham, cheese, or jam.

## COSTS

4 weeks	€ 1.495
Extra weeks	€ 445

## DEPARTURE DATES

The project runs throughout the year, starting every Saturday

**PLEASE CHECK AVAILABILITY WHEN APPLYING FOR THIS POPULAR PROJECT!**

## DURATION

Your time on the project will be for a minimum of 1 month, up to a maximum of 6 months

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

### Before you go

- Pre-departure support
- Travel & medical advice & documentation
- Equipment advice
- Discounted medical kit
- Free Frontier t-shirt

## **In-country**

- Food
- Accommodation
- Local orientation
- Project training
- In-country emergency support
- 24-hour international HQ back-up

## **AIRPORT INFORMATION**

Nearest airport(s): Caracas (CCS)

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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