

QUICK FACTS



REMUNERATION: Unpaid
DURATION: 4-12 weeks
LEAD TIME: 1-2 months
START DATES: See next page
LOCATIONS: Goa, Himachal Pradesh, and Rajasthan



Locations & Project Areas:

Goa:

- General Education
- Day Care Centres
- HIV/AIDS Patients
- Women Empowerment
- Health Awareness Campaigns
- Orphanages
- Elderly Residents

Himachal Pradesh:

- General Education
- Mentally Challenged Children
- Orphanages
- Day Care Centres
- Women Empowerment
- Health Awareness Campaigns
- Construction/Renovation

Rajasthan:

- General Education
- Day Care Centres
- Women Empowerment
- Health Awareness Campaigns
- Physical Education
- Construction/Renovation

Volunteer Program

India is the seventh biggest country on the planet and the biggest country in Southern Asia. Bordering Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Bangladesh it is a country of great diversity in terms of languages, religions, landscapes and climate. Barren desert areas are contrasted by fertile land strips along the Ganges River and flat valleys rise up to the highest mountain range in the world – the Himalaya.



While India is rich in culture, its people are increasingly subject to social and economic challenges. Many rural communities are living in poverty without proper education and healthcare. The volunteer programs in India allow a chance to make a difference in India!

The program provides volunteers with training, accommodation & transport, and support during their stay. Working closely with government and non-government development organizations, the Australians Abroad volunteer placements include a diverse range of social development activities, ensuring the maximum collective benefit to local communities while enriching the cultural and educational experiences of volunteers.



Application Requirements

Age: 18+

Initial Assessment Documents

Curriculum Vitae

Letter of Objectives

Application Documents

Completed and signed Application Form & Terms and Conditions

Copy of valid passport (valid for whole duration of the program)

Payment of application fee

Placement Process

Official Volunteer placement confirmation & Payment of placement fee

Accommodation & Travel Arrangements

Accommodation Options:

1. Shared accommodation included in program (max. 4 people per room)

Visa Options:

Tourist visa for the duration of the program (not included in program fee; approx. AU\$100)

Book your flight and arrange your medical & travel insurance (not included in program fee)

Program Fees

Application Fee: AU\$750

Placement Fee:

Rajasthan: €825 (4 weeks); €1,218 (8 weeks), €1,604 (12 weeks)

Himachal Prad.: €825 (4 weeks); €1,218 (8 weeks), €1,604 (12 weeks)

Goa: €931 (4 weeks); €1,444 (8 weeks), €1,957 (12 weeks)

Program Details

All project placements involve volunteers benefiting communities through the transfer of skills and knowledge. While sometimes the skills and knowledge seem very simple, they are nevertheless of immense value to many individuals. For example, volunteers' fluency in English is a significant advantage to the education of rural children, where any knowledge of English immensely increases employability and overall self-confidence. A volunteer's ability to engage a classroom of students or group of young day care children exposes Indian educators to new and more effective methods of learning. Through organized vocational classes, volunteers' computer skills directly impact the empowerment of adolescent girls and adult women. In hospitals, a volunteers' knowledge of health care directly improves the quality of care provided to patients. All placements involve volunteers working side by side with those they educate, nurture, or nurse. As a result, all volunteer work directly impacts people's lives in a unique and always meaningful way.

Accommodation

In all project areas, volunteers are accommodated in facilities independently managed by our partners in India, so as to ensure total comfort, safety, and support. Project Executives, familiar with the local community and social development projects, are present at all times for assistance. Accommodations are structured around one central camp location, where volunteers meet to hold meetings, socialize, dine, and prepare resources and activities for project work. This setting allows participants to freely interact with other like-minded international people and to secure privacy and comfort. Volunteers take on a shared ownership of the camps. They are encouraged to be model citizens outside the camp, sensitive to cultural differences, but then to return inside and enjoy their freedom and personal space.



Camps include comfortable and accommodating facilities like:

- Project Executives on duty during all waking hours, to assist and support volunteers in all work related initiatives, translation services, and any personal matters
- Dining area with full-time cooking staff for preparation of all meals served at the camp. Volunteers can also utilize the kitchen area to practice Indian cooking or prepare an individual meal of choice
- Television with international cable channels, DVD player, and a DVD collection
- Common area, spacious and designed with an authentic Indian style, for relaxation, socializing, and the holding of workshops
- Internet Access, available through multiple computers
- A café, where volunteers can purchase local food/drink items
- Telephone services within a very short walking distance of the camp
- Refrigerators that may be shared by volunteers to store food/drinks



2010 Start and End Dates for 4 and 8 week Volunteer Programs:

Goa		Himachal Pradesh		Rajasthan	
4 weeks	8 weeks	4 weeks	8 weeks	4 weeks	8 weeks
11/1-7/2/2010	11/1-7/3/2010	18/1-14/2/2010	18/1-14/3/2010	25/1-21/2/2010	25/1-21/3/2010
8/2-7/3/2010	8/2-4/4/2010	15/2-14/3/2010	15/2-11/4/2010	22/2-21/3/2010	22/2-18/4/2010
8/3-4/4/2010	8/3-2/5/2010	15/3-11/4/2010	15/3-9/5/2010	22/3-18/4/2010	Not available
5/4-2/5/2010	5/4-30/5/2010	12/4-9/5/2010	12/4-6/6/2010	9/8-5/9/2010	9/8-3/10/2010
3/5-30/5/2010	3/5-27/6/2010	10/5-6/6/2010	10/5-4/7/2010	6/9-3/10/2010	6/9-31/10/2010
31/5-27/6/2010	31/5-25/7/2010	7/6-4/7/2010	7/6-1/8/2010	4/10-31/10/2010	4/10-28/11/2010
28/6-25/7/2010	28/6-22/8/2010	5/7-1/8/2010	5/7-29/8/2010	1/11-28/11/2010	1/11-26/12/2010
26/7-22/8/2010	26/7-19/9/2010	2/8-29/8/2010	2/8-26/9/2010	29/11-26/12/2010	29/11/2010-23/1/2011
23/8-19/9/2010	23/8-17/10/2010	30/8-26/9/2010	30/8-24/10/2010	27/12/2010-23/1/2011	27/12/2010-20/2/2011
20/9-17/10/2010	20/9-14/11/2010	27/9-24/10/2010	27/9-21/11/2010		
18/10-14/11/2010	18/10-12/12/2010	25/10-21/11/2010	25/10-19/12/2010		
15/11-12/12/2010	15/11/2010-9/1/2011	22/11-19/12/2010	22/11/2010-16/1/2011		
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