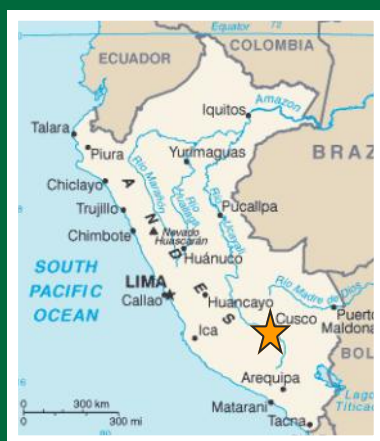


QUICK FACTS



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| PAY: | Unpaid |
| DURATION: | |
| Spanish: | min. 4 weeks |
| Volunteering: | min. 4 weeks |
| LEAD TIME: | 3 months |
| START DATES: | Every Monday |
| | All year round |
| LOCATIONS: | Cusco |



Included in the program:

- Intensive Spanish course
- Volunteer placement
- Airport pick-up if arriving in Cusco (airport pick-up from Lima is available at an additional charge)

Accommodation:

Phase 1 - Spanish Language Course

For the duration of your Spanish course you can choose between:

- Host family (Home stay)
- Student residence

Phase 2 - Volunteer Placement

As this program could be in a variety of locations, your accommodation for this period will be arranged after your arrival to the destination. This way, it will be possible to continue in your existing accommodation or move to another accommodation nearer to the location of your project. You should have the access to finances with you in order to cover these costs,

Volunteer Program

The land of gold and of the sun worshipping Incas, Peru was 16th century Europe's major source of treasure and once the home of the largest empire in the Americas. Since then, the riches of the Incas have evoked the world's imagination, although much of the country's appeal lies in the sheer beauty of its landscapes, the abundance of wildlife and the strong, colourful character of the people. Cusco is situated at 3,300 meters above sea level, and is surrounded by dramatic mountains and valleys. It has a population of 300,000 inhabitants—most of them indigenous—and makes the perfect base for exploring the grandeur of the Andes, a wealth of famous Inca ruins and the magical "Lost City" of Machu Picchu.

Upon completing a four week Spanish course in Cusco tailored to your needs, you'll have the option of joining a volunteer project for another 4 weeks or more. These projects tend to be focused on children, public health, environmental issues, etc. We will help set you up and provide guidance along the way. The language school is located in the centre of Cusco, the cultural heart of the Peruvian Andes.



Application Requirements

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| Age: 18+ | Language: B1 level of Spanish is required Minimum 4 week Spanish course |
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Initial Assessment Documents

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| Curriculum Vitae | Letter of Objectives |
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Application Documents

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| Completed and signed Application Form & Terms and Conditions | Copy of valid passport (valid for whole duration of the internship) | Payment of application fee |
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Placement Process

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| Official Volunteer placement confirmation & Payment of placement fee |
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Accommodation & Travel Arrangements

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| Accommodation Options: 1. Homestay 2. Student Residence 3. Self-arranged accommodation | Visa Options: < 3 months: Tourist Visa; 3 - 6 months: visa renewal for EUR 30; > 6 months: visa renewal at a bordering country | Book your flight and arrange your medical & travel insurance (not included in program fee) |
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Program Fees

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| Application Fee: | AU\$500 |
| Placement Fee: | US\$690 (4 weeks intensive Spanish + min. 4 week Volunteering) |

Volunteer Program Details

SOCIAL PROJECTS

1. After-School Projects



You have the opportunity to help the children with their homework, play with them, organize recreational, physical, and creative activities, assist in workshops, and teach

English. The after-school projects function in order to occupy the time of children after school who otherwise would not have a suitable place to go.

2. Centres of Physical, Mental and Social Rehabilitation for Children and Adults

There are various kinds of work related to the care of the elderly or working with deaf and mentally disabled children.

You can help in developing educational materials, assist in practical projects such as teaching children how to wash and iron clothes, cook, sew, weave, and garden. Many of these centers are clinics, schools, or jails run by social organizations or religious orders that are constantly looking for student volunteers and professionals alike.

3. Orphanages

They need volunteers who possess a strong personality along with enthusiasm and motivation. Your tasks would include helping in teaching a craft, teaching English, helping with homework, and teaching workshops. Most orphanages house children who come from small communities where they are at risk.



4. Kindergartens and Playschools

Volunteers who possess creativity, patience, enthusiasm, and above all, a passion for children are required to help children whose parents are working and do not have the time to look after them. Volunteers will assist in classes, teach games to the children, organize activities, and develop new teaching materials.

5. Children Living on the Streets

There are 2 projects which help children on the street, many of whom are also recovering drug addicts or former pickpockets. There are workshops on self-esteem, hygiene, and AIDS prevention. Volunteers will help the boys with their homework and organize creative activities.

6. Medicine

Volunteers are needed in a local hospital, providing medical and general assistance to staff. This is only suitable for those studying medicine or for people with experience in the medical field, such as doctors and nurses.

CULTURAL PROJECTS

1. Various

There are various cultural projects, such as helping in a local museum, helping with maintenance work, animal care, and the study of different species, and helping to preserve and demonstrate traditional weaving techniques via teaching, exhibitions and workshops.

1. Tourism

You can also volunteer in the local tourism industry such as travel agencies, tourist lodges and accommodation.

Work is likely to involve teaching various languages, helping with office administration, arranging transfer services, excursions etc. There may also be opportunities to participate in some of the organized excursions which is a great way to combine your volunteer work with some travelling and exploring of your own.

