



2012

Volunteer Programs Chile



FAST FACTS:

Duration: 3 + weeks

Location: Santiago de Chile

Program Fee: AU\$500

Placement Fee: US\$290

Accommodation: Homestay, private residence, shared accommodation (please speak to Australians Abroad for detailed information)



What options are available?

CARE

A care placement involves helping others that are in need. You can choose whether you would prefer to help children, elderly, groups at risk, or the disabled. Below are some examples of opportunities that are available within these programs. Please speak to Australians Abroad for detailed information about each program.

- **Children:** These programs are carried out in social kindergartens and child care centres who organise supervision for children who would otherwise be on the streets. You could be serving breakfast, playing football, assisting with homework etc.
 - Entertaining & playing with children
 - Assisting the regular staff with simple household duties
 - Reading infant literature and teaching songs
- **Elderly:** Due to personal, economical or social circumstances many elderly people find themselves alone or living in homes or shelters. This can be very a lonely existence and volunteers are always required to keep these people company and undertake the challenge of creating new activities with limited resources.
 - Providing company & talking with the elderly
 - Accompanying whilst doing shopping
 - Developing an organising entertainment such as: cooking classes, workshops and board games competitions
- **Groups at risk:** This refers to societies most vulnerable groups (drug addicts, homeless, HIV/AIDS sufferers). Task will consist of assisting the staff, helping the locals with their daily activities and setting up new workshops. This program focuses on helping these groups lead a more rewarding and complete life.
 - Bringing new entertainment activities to the project, such as culture, theatre and music
 - Teaching different tasks related to education (reading and writing) or a particular skill
- **Disabled:** Disabled or specially gifted? In this program we are focused on helping people who may have physical or mental disabilities with their daily activities such as meals, excursions, rehabilitation, education and workshops. The most important task? Putting a smile on the faces of those you are assisting!
 - Assisting in the nutrition program
 - Helping in areas during the rehabilitation program
 - Participating in sport activities or workshops based on theatre, dance and music

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EDUCATION

This program aims to help volunteers share their skills and knowledge with the local community. This is not just about teaching English but also about giving homework support, setting up handicraft workshops, giving dance classes, starting theatre clinics, organising music seminars and arranging football training.

COMMUNITY WORK

Placements that you will find in this category will place you at the heart of the society and side by side of those who are trying to improve their social environment. You could be cooking in a soup kitchen, weeding in the community's kitchen gardens, or do administration tasks in a neighbourhood centre.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1 Enquiry & Assessment**

During this stage we will get to know you by receiving your **CV**. We will provide you with information about the program. This is your opportunity to find out as much about the program as possible by asking questions!
- 2 Application & Processing**

Once we have been assessed you will receive an email containing all the **application documents**. This is the point you will need to pay the **application fee**.
- 3 Confirmation & Payment**

We will provide you information about your placement. Once your placement has been confirmed you will need to pay the **Placement Fee**.
- 4 Visa & Travel Arrangements**

You are to make suitable flight and visa arrangements in order to ensure you will arrive for your program on time. You are responsible for informing Australians Abroad about your flight details.
- 5 Program Participation**

Time for you to have the adventure of a lifetime! Australians Abroad as well as local contacts will be supporting you throughout your journey. We also require that you submit feedback at the end of your trip.

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Further Information

WHAT'S INCLUDED & WHAT'S NOT?



Included:

- Program and volunteer placement
- Welcome orientation & workshop
- Volunteer Handbook
- Volunteer Program T-Shirt
- 24 hour emergency contact



Not Included:

- Airfares
- Spanish Language Course
- Accommodation & Meals
- Insurance

AM I ELIGIBLE?

The Volunteer Program is open to candidates residing in Australia who:

- Are 18+ years of age
- Have completed High School
- Are flexible, adaptable and have a sense of responsibility & sensitivity towards other cultures, ways of life and conceptions of work
- Commit to respect the regulations of the programs and the protocol of the Volunteer project.
- Have a sufficient level of Spanish that guarantees the communication with the local people (this level will depend on what project you are interested in).
- Can provide evidence of travel insurance

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