



ARGENTINA: WORK EXPERIENCE: VETERINARY PROJECT

LATIN AMERICA ... THE ANDES ...
THE IGUACU FALLS

Argentina is at once majestic and flamboyant!

The romance of Argentina takes one's breath away. From the magnificent Andes Mountains to the awesome power and beauty of the Iguazu Falls, your placement in this colourful country will be unforgettable

Buenos Aires is a cosmopolitan and elegant capital city, renowned for its sophistication. The City has a surprisingly European feel and is reminiscent of Paris with its tree-lined avenues and frequent plazas - they have a beguiling, faded elegance.

WHAT DO YOU GET?

- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
- An entry on your CV or résumé that will put you head and shoulders above most others in the job market.
- Experienced local staff with 24/7 back-up and support who'll meet you at the airport on your arrival - helps you **feel safe and never alone!**
- An in-depth Induction makes you **feel local straight away!**
- A unique insight into another culture – **see it from the inside** in a way you could never do as a tourist.
- An opportunity to **make lifelong friends from all over the world.**
- And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**



► SUMMARY FACTFILE

Start Dates	All year round - you choose your start and finish dates!
Duration	2 weeks to 1 year, subject to visa requirements
Requirements	This placement will suit you if you're either studying a veterinary related subject or are qualified. However, if you have a passion for animals, you will also be able to get involved in this placement. Some Spanish is preferred
Price	For up-to-date prices, please check our website www.travellersworldwide.com
What's included	► Accommodation ► Food (excluding lunch) ► Meeting you at BA Airport ► Transfer to your accommodation ► Transport to and from your project ► Full pre-departure support ► Local in-country team support and backup ► 24-hr emergency support.
What's not included	Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance), Return transfer to airport.
Who can do this Project?	All our projects are open to all nationalities. You need to be aged between 17 and 70+

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

Our Veterinary Placement is located in the heart of Buenos Aires and is perfect for a passionate animal lover looking to gain experience working with all types of animals. You'll work in one of the largest vet clinics and pet shops in Buenos Aires, located downtown, a few blocks away from 9 de Julio Avenue

The Veterinary Programme

The Centre (CP) has 15 people working between the Pet Shop and the Clinic, including two vets. Working hours are from Monday to Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. There are also people on Sundays doing the cleaning and feeding the animals. An intermediate Spanish level is required to work in the clinic (vet consultations and surgeries).

Our volunteers work with one of the largest vet clinics in Buenos Aires, along its 150 square meters, the Centre is a leading specialty retailer of pets, premium pet food, supplies and services. Depending on the season, the pets' shop and vet clinic has a lot of animals (some for sale, some under vet care since they are ill and some using the pets shop as a vacation stay).

The Centre provides clients with veterinary assistance and has the necessary equipment for special studies such as electrocardiograms, ecographies and X-rays.

It offers a wide variety of animals for sale, ranging from cats and dogs to all types of birds (canaries, cockatiels, lovebirds, parrots of all sizes, parakeets, etc.), reptiles (iguanas, anoles, geckos, ball python, varanus, turtles, etc.), cold and tropical water fishes, titi monkeys and small animals (chinchillas, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, mice, rabbits, rats, etc.).

Work Content.

You will need a strong passion for animals to be able, during your stay in Buenos Aires, to become part of the centre in three different areas; depending on your likes, experience and level of Spanish. These areas are:

- Providing assistance to the local vet during consultations and surgeries.
- Helping take care of the boarding pets as well as those for sale and under medical care (e.g. cleaning the cages, feeding the animals, checking their health, administering their medicine, etc.)
- Helping with the pets' grooming

These activities will give you the unique opportunity to work hands-on and to observe the reality of day-to-day care of pets while you improve your level of Spanish mingling with local employees and dealing with clients.

Additionally, the Centre organizes special talks and short courses for anyone interested in learning about the pets' world and the basics on veterinary nursing. You will be welcome to both attend these talks as well as, under certain circumstances, to give them.

LOCATION:

The romance of Argentina takes one's breath away. The natural wonders alone take some beating! From the northern deserts to the southern Andean Cordillera, from Iguazú Falls to the magnificent desolation of Patagonia, Argentina's geography is varied and stunning.

Cosmopolitan Buenos Aires: This fabulous city is renowned for its sophistication and has a surprisingly European feel about it. BA is reminiscent of Paris and its tree-lined avenues and frequent plazas have a beguiling, faded elegance. Downtown, the Plaza de Mayo is the traditional focus of activity. Nearby Avenida 9 de Julio is popularly known as the world's widest thoroughfare and, with its nine lanes of traffic, is truly a pedestrian's nightmare! Avenida Santa Fe is the most fashionable shopping area.

Argentina is geared up to thrill - from nights tangoing in the chic quarter of Buenos Aires to gaucho riding in the grasslands of the Pampas. Dynamic and bustling, a city which seems never to sleep, Buenos Aires is one of the



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most exciting cities in Latin America. Tango was born here, restaurants serve all manner of world cuisines, bars play the latest music, cafés spill on to the streets and nightclubs allow dancing throughout the night.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

There are two choices for accommodation in Buenos Aires. Depending on your preferences you can either stay in the modern hostel, in the young and trendy neighbourhood of Palermo, with other volunteers or, if you would prefer a more cultural experience, you can be placed with a host family and be fluent in Spanish is no time!

HOSTEL: You'll live in a hostel situated in a beautifully renovated historic building in Downtown Buenos Aires, very conveniently located for exploring the city and doing shopping. It's big enough to be sociable and fun, yet small enough to feel at home; a real chance to immerse yourself in Argentine culture.



You'll share a dorm room and have access to kitchen facilities. The hostel boasts of several amenities like internet and Wi-Fi, a common area, DVD room, library, book exchange and a housekeeping service.

Food: You'll be given an allowance for your meals (breakfast and dinner, lunch is excluded projects in Buenos Aires). This arrangement is to give you the flexibility to sample the great Argentinean food. Right on the door step of the hostel there are many cafes and restaurants with great priced menus just waiting for you....the choice is yours!

HOST FAMILY: If you would prefer a more cultural experience, we can arrange for you to stay with a local Argentinean family. Host family accommodation gives you the opportunity to become more integrated in the local community and is ideal if you want to practice your Spanish (Basic/intermediate Spanish is required to stay with a Host Family). You'll have a comfortable private room and use of the kitchen. Breakfast and dinner is provided every day and you will usually share a typical Argentinean meal with your family.

Facilities in host families do vary, but you will have the opportunity to express your preferences regarding the type of family that you stay with (for example, a family with/without children, pets etc). If you stay in a host family you will be provided with the contact details of other volunteers living in Buenos Aires at the same time as you so that you won't miss out on any socialising!

Please note that if you'd prefer to live with a host family, there is an additional supplement of £107 per week, with half-board.

VISAS:

Visas are not required for a stay of 90 days if you are a British Passport holder. If you're from another country, we'll liaise with you about your visa requirements, but don't worry if you do require one we will liaise with you about your visa requirements, and make the visa process very easy.

FLIGHTS:

You have the option to arrange your own flights or we can assist you with your flight arrangements. If you would like us to do this for you, we will liaise with you regarding available flights and dates to suit you. All arrangements for your flight bookings/payments will be fulfilled by [Murray Rogers Travel Limited](#), ATOL No. 6856.

INDUCTION ON ARRIVAL:

When you arrive, you will be welcomed at the airport by our Argentina Organiser, who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction so that you can learn about Argentina and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.

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COSTS:

Please see the prices pages of our website [Full Price List](#). The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

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| ✓ Accommodation | ✓ UK administration |
| ✓ Food (excluding lunch) | ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations) |
| ✓ Meeting you at the airport | ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection |
| ✓ Transport to and from your project | ✓ Staff Training/Equipment |
| ✓ Local in-country team support and backup | ✓ Donations to worthwhile projects |
| ✓ 24hr emergency helpline | |
| ✓ Full pre-departure support | |

HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible.

For every volunteer, a donation is made by Travellers on your behalf into the [Bridge The Gap Foundation](#). This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.



COUNTRY PROFILE:

Latin America... The Andes.... Iguazu Falls... Argentina is both majestic and flamboyant! **Buenos Aires** is one of the most exciting cities in Latin America. Dynamic and bustling, it is the city that never sleeps. Tango was born here, restaurants serve all manner of world cuisines, bars play the latest music, cafés spill on to the streets and nightclubs allow dancing throughout the night.

West of the Capital is another Argentina, the **pam pas**, a great open plain home to cattle and sheep estancias (ranches). Far west of Buenos Aires lies the **Andes**, separating Argentina from Chile. The Andean provinces range from the high plateaus and steep and isolated valleys of the northwest to the lakes and forests of the Lake District and the glaciers of the far south.



Away from the Pampas, much of Argentina is covered by deserts: these range from the burnt landscapes of the **Chaco** and cactus expanses of the west and northwest, to the great steppes which cover most of **Patagonia**. The Atlantic **coastline** stretches south from Buenos Aires to Tierra del Fuego. The stretch just south of the capital is lined with **beach resorts**, the most famous of which is Mar del Plata, seen by Argentines as 'the Biarritz of Argentina'. The southern beaches are occupied by penguins and sea lions.

There are 4 clear seasons.....hot in summer, 35°C average and cold in the winter around 4 – 6°

THINGS TO DO IN: ARGENTINA

- Visit one of the most spectacular sights in South America, the Iguazu Falls - an **immense natural wonder** dwarfing even Niagara Falls with its beauty and power. The falls divide into some **275 separate cascading waterfalls** catching the light and creating a kaleidoscope of rainbows in their spray.
- Adventure and mountain sports enthusiasts should head to Argentina's biggest wine region, **Mendoza**. Set in the foothills of the Andes mountains, it's a paradise for adrenaline junkies.



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- **Dance the Tango!** Enigmatic, sultry, elegant and exuberantly passionate. Getting to grips with this dance is no easy feat but Buenos Aires is certainly the place to learn.

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- Excellent support - second to none in the industry
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- Your own dedicated Project Co-ordinator to answer all questions prior to, during and after your **trip of a lifetime!**
- Detailed information on your project and country and suggestions, safety guide, tips and checklists, via our **EXTRANET, available from anywhere, 24/7.**
- 24/7 emergency helpline for you and your family
- Free pick up from the nearest airport.

VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK

"I definitely think that this has been a worthwhile experience for me because I have learnt a lot about reptiles which I have not had much previous contact with before. Also I have been able to see a country which is totally different to anything that I have experienced before. Overall, I feel that Buenos Aires is an exciting and exuberant city, with many European influences. As I have been going on weekend trips, it has made me appreciate the city more".

Kathryn Adams

HOW TO BOOK:

Please complete a [booking form](#) online or you can send a postal booking from our free brochure. When we receive this, we'll telephone you to discuss the details and then start the exciting process of planning your trip!

We do hope you'll join us and are confident that you'll find this an incredible experience. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions - we'll be happy to help you plan your exciting adventure!

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