



AUSTRALIA: TEACHING REFUGEE CHILDREN

Australia is a must see destination – the sheer size, amazing natural wealth, awesome scenery and huge variety of plant and animal life make this unique destination one of the most incredible places on earth!

Experience the *real Australia*, head to Western Australia! WA has earned its reputation as the 'State of Excitement' – and you'll soon see why! It's much less touristy, there's more left to be discovered and you will have lots more opportunities to mix with the locals.

WHAT DO YOU GET?

- An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into Australian life and culture.
- 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	Term times only - you choose your start and finish dates!
Duration	From 4 weeks to 1 year, subject to visa restrictions
Requirements	No qualifications or experience required, but you must be adaptable, enthusiastic and have lots of initiative. You must be aged 18 or over.
Price	For up-to-date prices, please check our website www.travellersworldwide.com
What's included	► Accommodation ► Meeting you at the Airport ► Transfer to your accommodation ► Full pre-departure support ► Local in-country team support and backup ► 24-hr emergency support
What's not included	Flights, Food, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance), Transport to and from your project, Return transfer to the airport.
Who can do this Project?	All our projects are open to all nationalities. Unless otherwise stated, you need to be aged between 18 and 70+

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

The Teaching Programme

You will be working at a school in Perth, the capital city of Western Australia (WA). WA is known as the sunshine state due to its large amount of sunshine every year!

You will work as an assistant teacher in the school's IEC (Intensive English Centre). The IEC was established to give refugee children, who have just arrived in Australia through the United Nations Refugee programme, the opportunity to learn English and adapt to the Australian education system before going into mainstream school education.

Don't worry about not having any teaching qualifications; but if you do you can put them into good use on this placement. The whole idea of Travellers is to provide teaching help wherever possible. The emphasis is on helping the children to adapt to their surroundings and prepare them for mainstream school education.

Work Content

As an assistant to the teacher, you'll have the opportunity to work one-to-one and in small groups with the children to really give them the attention they need. Many of the children's English is very poor, so this project and you can make a real difference!

Class sizes vary between 10 and 15 children in each IEC class and you are likely to be teaching children between the ages of 4 and 12. The schools employ a number of teachers to work in the IEC schools who speak the children's native language and this helps tremendously when the children start to learn English.

As well as teaching English, you'll be able to get involved in a number of other subjects within the IEC Centre, such as:

- Sports
- Music
- Drama
- Mathematics
- Art
- ... and possibly other academic subjects.

If you'd like to teach a specific subject that is not listed here, please let us know and we'll try and arrange it for you.

You are likely to work 5 days a week from Monday to Friday. The lessons usually last for about 40 minutes and you will generally be working for around 4-5 hours at the school.

A Typical Day at School

- **9:30am – 10:45am:** Start the first session of the day. Sometimes taking smaller groups aside and helping them with their work or smaller activities. In PE you may get equipment ready and help to set it up. You would then help to show smaller groups how to use the equipment for example how to hold a cricket bat and getting involved in a short activity. In Art lessons you would prepare materials and organise the class with the right equipment.
- 10:45am - 11:05am: Break Time
- 11:05am -12.35am: Support the teacher in the classroom, helping children to read and write and do their work. Do



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reading tests with children, to see what words they remembered from before break time.

- 12.45pm till 1.20pm: Lunch
- 1:20pm - 2.45pm: Again supporting the teacher with the activities that they set for the class. You may also be asked to read to the class.
- 2:45pm: Stay for 15mins to pack up and organise art equipment (Mix paints, prepare boards, etc) for the next day.
- 3pm: Leave school for the day.



Teaching is only available during the school terms which are as follows:

The School Terms for 2012:

- **Term 1:** 1st Feb – 5th April
- **Term 2:** 26rd April – 6th July
- **Term 3:** 24rd July – 28th September
- **Term 4:** 16th October – 18th December

The School Terms for 2013:

- **Term 1:** 4st Feb – 19th April
- **Term 2:** 6rd May – 5th July
- **Term 3:** 22rd July – 27th September
- **Term 4:** 14th October – 19th December

The lessons you'll teach generally last for 40 minutes and the school day runs from around 8:45 am to 2:45 pm. Your working day will be around 4 to 5 hours of teaching and preparing for your lessons.

LOCATION:

Western Australia is home to some of the best and largest surfing waves in the world, white sandy beaches and a virtually untouched coral reef stretching for 260km!

Our programs are based in Perth, the gateway and capital city of Western Australia (WA). Of the almost two million people that live in Western Australia, the vast majority reside in the state's capital. Perth was settled on the banks of the Swan River in the 1800s and leaves a lasting impression on all of its visitors.

Perth's brilliant blue skies and warm sunny climate must be experienced to be believed. Perth is said to have the most days of sunshine of any capital city in Australia. There is always plenty to do in this sophisticated and scenic city – enjoy water sports on the Swan River, sample local wine or explore the 400 hectares of natural bush land in central Kings Park.

Perth is also the home of the world's oldest operating mint (where gold and silver production can be seen), numerous museums and art galleries, historic buildings full of character, a five-star resort and casino and a great variety of shopping - all of which are only minutes from the Central Business District. Perth boasts over 80 kilometres of white sandy beaches to sunbathe on – the most popular being Cottesloe and Scarborough, both within easy reach of the city.

Northbridge is Perth's cultural and entertainment area, just a few minute's walk north of Perth City the other side of the train station. Northbridge is home to a number of pubs, nightclubs, bars, cafes, shops, galleries and oh so many restaurants!



ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

You'll be accommodated in a centrally located lodge that is friendly and relaxing, making it ideal for long term stays. Your accommodation is located in the CBD (Central Business District) of Perth, Western Australia. Therefore you are very central, close to the



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main train station and shopping district. You'll have your own room, but will share a bathroom with others on your floor.

There is an excellent kitchen and storage area for cooking meals and plenty of space to relax. Entertainment at your accommodation includes a pool table, cheap internet access, arcade machines and cable TV (Foxtel), to name a few. But with all the sunshine Perth has – you'll be out and about enjoying the many outdoor activities! You are literally a stroll from the Swan River and free CBD transport.

At weekends you will find markets, entertainment and plenty of alfresco style cafes to laze in. Perth has restaurants to suit all tastes - the most popular cuisine is of course the great Australian BBQ. Barbeque facilities are abundant in local parks - take your own food and cook up a feast, Australian style!



GETTING TO YOUR PROJECT:

Transport budget is not included in your placement. You'll travel to your project using public transport. On your first day, you'll usually be accompanied by a Travellers team member who will show you how to use public transport to get to your placement. If you have any questions regarding the transport routes please ask your organiser who will be happy to help you.

VISAS:

Visas are required for Australia, but don't worry we will liaise with you about specific 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 Australian 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 Perth and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.

COSTS:

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

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

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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:

Australia's most striking feature is its variety of landscapes, with endless miles of unspoilt beaches (over 7,000 beaches - more than any other nation), tropical rainforests, mountain ranges and huge areas of desert - the famous 'outback'. The natural scenery is unbeatable.

Australians are known for their love of life and enjoyment of the great outdoors. While Australians have a relatively short history they have quickly developed their own unique culture - with their love of the humble meat pie, the arts and music, sport (Australian Rules Football is the national game), the beach and BBQs.

Visitors maybe confused when first arriving in Australia. While it's common knowledge that Australians speak English, you may hear a unique colloquial language. You'll hear words such as 'G'day', 'fair dinkum', and 'cobber'. Don't worry, you'll get the hang of it and will be talking like an Aussie in no time!

Perth's weather and climate is best described as Mediterranean, with long dry summers and mild rainy winters. It is because of these long hot summers that many Perth activities revolve around the water. So if you enjoy water sports such as swimming and surfing or lazing on clean sandy beaches, Perth is the perfect destination.

The hottest months are January and February, and temperatures can frequently reach the mid to high 30's Celsius (95-100F). Occasionally the weather can reach 38 degrees Celsius or more (100+ Fahrenheit), and when it does, it is colloquially referred to as "a scorcher".

The mild Perth winter begins at the start of June and finishes in September. It is generally a rainy season, interspersed with chilly yet sunny days. A typical Perth winter day may fall between 16-18 degrees Celsius (60-65 degrees Fahrenheit).



THINGS TO DO IN: AUSTRALIA

- **Cities on the East Coast** include Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Cairns. Sydney has one of the most instantly recognisable Skylines in the world, where sunset views of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge are unforgettable. If you're feeling brave you can arrange to climb the Harbour Bridge - a 52 tonne structure! Sydney also has excellent nightlife, cuisine from around the world, many parks and museums, and not far from the city some incredible mountainous scenery. Many people don't realise that Sydney is not actually the capital of Australia - it's nearby Canberra, the countries political centre. Manly beach and the famous **Bondi Beach**, two popular surfing spots, are both located near Sydney.
- **Melbourne** is the state capital of Victoria and is the second largest city in Australia. Melbourne is very much about lifestyle with its vibrant energy, staggering choice of restaurants, funky boutiques, café-filled laneways, cool bars, unbeatable galleries, luscious parks and village-like inner suburbs. New futuristic designs combined with the Melbourne of old create a fascinating mix of architecture and ensures the skyline is constantly changing. A standing joke in Australia is that Melbourne can experience four seasons in a day but this is really just another example of how they have it all!
- **Byron Bay** and **Noosa**, located further north and close to Brisbane, are very popular for surfing and are good for professionals and amateurs!



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- **Fraser Island**, the largest sand island in the world. This protected region has over 100 freshwater lakes, ancient rainforests growing out of sand, and dunes stretching for miles.
- **The Great Barrier Reef**, located along the East Coast of Australia, is the largest coral reef in the world and wonderful place to learn to dive or simply snorkel. North of Cairns the region of **Cape Tribulation** has some spectacular beaches backed by rainforest.
- **Uluru** is a must see (also known as Ayres Rock). This sacred Aboriginal Meeting place, located in the middle of the outback, offers inspirational views, particularly at sunrise and sunset. Camping trips under the stars are popular. Nearby Kings Canyon, a less well known 'Grand Canyon' is another unforgettable site and something that everyone should see on a visit to Australia.
- **Endless Sandy Beaches**. On the West Coast of Australia, between Perth and Broome, there are miles and miles of perfect sandy beaches. Excellent wreck diving is abundant around Perth and this is also one of the best places to learn to dive in Australia. There are also plenty of snorkelling and other water sports on offer around Perth. As the majority of Australia's 20 millions residents live close to the coast, beaches are an important part of life, and there are certainly plenty to choose from. Surfing, Snorkelling, Diving, Sailing and all other water sports are plentiful - so much so that Australian Dollar Notes are waterproof, just in case you should leave them in your shorts by accident!



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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 feel I am gaining a huge sense of achievement from working with the children at the school to boost their confidence and understanding of English. I am also enjoying learning about different cultures and new perspectives, from both the staff at the school and the children. I am gaining valuable experience in working with the children both one-on-one and talking to the whole class, which is giving me different techniques and approaches to Teaching. I feel I am learning to use my initiative and adapt so that I am able to cope with any situation in the future. The best part of my placement so far has been the opportunity to assist in Art, my chosen area of interest as I have had such varied experiences in this department. I have enjoyed the challenges of teaching the class, preparing materials for new projects and working closely with students to ensure they feel a sense of achievement in what they have achieved and enjoyment in the subject. I would definitely recommend a placement at the School, I think it would suit anybody who is open minded to different cultures and new ideas and enjoys working with children. Anybody happy to get stuck in and willing to learn will love this placement! I always feel very welcomed at the School, by teachers and children alike. The school is very flexible in your role and there is the opportunity to do more work in your chosen subjects if you wish. All the staff are easy to talk to and have given me the opportunity to teach the class and to be a part of their team.'

- Charlotte Dingle

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'Working in this school I'm picking up different techniques of how to teach non English speaking children, as well as composing and doing reading tests. It's an excellent school, everyone is very welcoming and the children are very polite and nice. The best thing about the placement so far is teaching children from different countries and experiencing different lessons and the teaching of them, as well as working with small groups of children. I think this placement would suit anyone that wants to go in to teaching or thinking about teaching or anyone else who wants to see what working in a school is like or wants a different experience.'

- Edward Moore

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!

You may also be interested in other courses with Travellers – please visit our [website](#) for details of all our projects. In fact you can choose from over 300 projects in 19 countries!

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