



THE LATIN AMERICAN TRIANGLE

...6 weeks, 3 cities, 2 countries...

You will participate in three separate 2 week volunteering projects in three of our project locations:

Buenos Aires (Argentina), Florianópolis (Brazil) and Rio de Janeiro (Brazil).

You don't need any qualifications or previous experience to participate in these voluntary projects!

This compact South American Experience has been devised to offer Travellers' volunteers a varied and insightful volunteer and cultural experience through two of South America's most appealing destinations, Argentina and Brazil.

From the charming elegance of Buenos Aires to the beach paradise of Florianópolis and Brazil's cultural capital of Rio de Janeiro this really is a unique experience. With a selection of voluntary work projects to choose from, as well as additional cultural courses available to you in each city, we've done all the hard work!

All you have to do is handpick your perfect itinerary...



WHY CHOOSE THE LATIN AMERICAN TRIANGLE EXPERIENCE?

- A fully packed, exciting and varied experience of an incredible continent
- Experience three incredible cities during a compact tour of the region
- **You choose** your preferred voluntary projects – get involved and make a difference
- Try out some local cultural activities – from surfing in Rio to Spanish lessons in Buenos Aires
- Comfortable, organised and safe transportation through Argentina and Brazil (by air conditioned bus)
- Excellent organisers, brimming with local knowledge and know how
- Meet other volunteers for a social, lively experience
- Secure and professional support and backup is provided throughout your placement, 24 hours a day



BUENOS AIRES: 2 WEEKS

You will fly first into Argentina's cosmopolitan capital city, Buenos Aires, where you will be met at the airport by our friendly, lively organisers and settled in to your accommodation.

*"I really loved time here in Buenos Aires. Met so many great people. I'm going back later this year to find work. I love Buenos Aires!" Matthew Rocket ...*The seductive and bustling capital of Buenos Aires is a city rich in cultural heritage, renowned for



its cosmopolitan, chic attitude. Buenos Aires hosts a surprisingly European feel, reminiscent of Paris with its chic tree-lined avenues and wonderful plazas which have a beguiling, faded elegance. Certainly one of Latin America's most popular cities, there is plenty to keep you entertained - day and night...

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS AVAILABLE IN BUENOS AIRES:

- Care work at an orphanage
- Teach English
- If you would like to take Spanish lessons or dance lessons as your main project instead of volunteer work, just let us know.

OPTIONAL EXTRA ACTIVITY AVAILABLE IN BUENOS AIRES:

- Spanish Lessons (all levels)
- Tango
- Salsa
- Photography Courses

YOUR PROJECT STAFF IN BUENOS AIRES:

Adriana and Melina are sisters who work together to manage our volunteers and projects in Argentina. They are born and bred in Buenos Aires and have been with Travellers since 2002. They speak fluent English and Spanish. They are both very enthusiastic about their work and life in general. They'll be in charge of making you feel at home in Buenos Aires!

FLORIANÓPOLIS: 2 WEEKS

With 42 pristine beaches and a thriving **SURF, SUN** and **FUN** culture it's no surprise that Veja magazine, a Brazilian publication, named Florianópolis **"the best**

place to live in Brazil." Florianópolis is also among the safest cities in Brazil. There is no better place to begin your Brazilian experience..

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS IN FLORIANÓPOLIS:

- Crèche Project
- Social Care Project
- Care Work with the Elderly & Orphans
- Teach English
- If you would like to take any cultural experiences (below) as your main project instead of volunteer work, just let us know.

OPTIONAL EXTRA ACTIVITIES IN FLORIANÓPOLIS:

- Portuguese Lessons (all levels)
- Water Sports (surfing, kayaking, hiking, sand boarding, boat trips, rafting, kite surfing etc)

THINGS TO DO IN Florianópolis:

The island offers opportunities for many types of tourism, from traditional summer relaxation holidays to surfing, windsurfing, paragliding, snorkeling, diving, boat tours, jiu jitsu, hiking, whalewatching and many other ecotourism options. The island truly has a bit of something for everyone, from authentic and rustic fishing villages, to surfer's paradises surrounded by charming small towns (which remind many people of parts of San Diego or Santa Barbara in California), to high-end Brazilian summer getaways (reminiscent of South Beach in Miami or San Tropei in France), as well as pristine and untouched nature preserves, just minutes from modern shopping malls and cinema complexes. Its numerous white and clean sand bottom beaches continue to draw visitors from around the world in addition to the sun-worshipping local population.

YOUR PROJECT STAFF IN FLORIANÓPOLIS:

Our local Brazilian staff are brother & sister team Fabio & Ana Castilha. Ana is based in Floripa and will be your main local contact for this placement. Ana is a kind, thoughtful and smiley lady who has one of the biggest hearts in Brazil... She'll take care of you throughout your placement and make sure you feel at home in Brazil. *"Ana is wonderful! She was so helpful at the start of my placement when I didn't know what was going on. Then when I found my feet she was there if I needed her but also let me find things out for myself"* – Christina Homer, 2007





RIO DE JANEIRO: 2 WEEKS

"I have never met such happy people in all my life, Cariocas love to sing and dance and this for me was a great thing to experience. I would definitely recommend a trip out to Rio, it really was the best time of my life!" Stephanie White... Jammed between miles of coastline and mountains, Rio is one of the world's most beautiful cities. Famous for carnival, samba and the soft white Copacabana beach, Rio pulses with life. The inhabitants of Rio pursue pleasure like no other people! Fully utilizing their impressive beaches with beautiful people, dancing, music, ice cold beers and the local firewater, cachaça!



"...It is not for nothing that the greatest symbol of the city is waiting for you with open arms. Always." Rio Convention Bureau... The Statue of Christ is undoubtedly the most iconic of Rio's many landmarks. The outstretched arms of Christ seem to embrace the entire city and on a clear day you'll have 360° views of the city from the mountain, allowing you to appreciate Rio in all its glory; from the sprawling inner city areas to the forested mountains to the tropical blue sea littered with a hundred shades of tanned flesh. During the day, Rio's cafés and beaches are the place to be, thriving as the sun shines. At night, the clubs, restaurants and dance halls dominate. This is a world designed for spontaneity and mingling.

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS IN RIO:

- Crèche
- Coach Sports
- Teach Dance
- Teach English
- If you would like to take Portuguese lessons as your main project instead of volunteer work, just let us know. Capoeira lessons and surfing lessons are unfortunately not available as main projects.



If you're in Rio during carnival preparation (between September and the end of January) you can assist with carnival preparations at a samba school, such as costume making, dance choreography!

OPTIONAL EXTRA ACTIVITIES IN RIO:

- Surfing lessons
- Capoeira lessons
- Portuguese lessons (all levels)

THINGS TO DO IN RIO:

(...oh so much..) day trips to Rio's tourist attractions – there are loads!! Swim, sunbathe and surf at the glorious beaches, hike through the lush Tijuca forest, play volleyball, futebol or soccer and visit the traditional São Cristóvão cultural market for some culinary and local treats!



YOUR PROJECT STAFF IN RIO DE JANEIRO:

Our local Brazilian staff are brother & sister team Fabio & Ana Castilha. Fabio is based in Rio and will be your main local contact for this placement. Fabio is a kind, happy and enthusiastic guy with lots of charisma and even more energy! He's a capoeira nut, and will most likely try to get you involved in the sport at some point during your stay. He's not happy unless he's busy, and has endless time to spend with volunteers, making it his mission to make them feel at home in his country. Fabio was raised in Foz do Iguaçu, but moved to Rio to set up the Travellers projects here a couple of years ago. *"Fabio you are fabulous ... Thanks Rio, thanks Travellers for arranging all this but mostly thanks to the children and the people who have made us so welcome here It says a lot that I am fighting back the tears as I say cheerio for now folks, love you all, please stay safe"* – A tearful final message from Vera Tyler, Rio volunteer

YOUR FINAL DEPARTURE

There will be a big final meal and farewell night out in Brazil's exciting capital before you fly home from Rio de Janeiro! Fabio will take you to the airport on your departure.



DATES OF THE LATIN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

This experience runs throughout the year! Departure dates are as follows:

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- **SPECIAL 8 WEEK CARNIVAL TRIP** - 9th February
- 28th February
- 4th April
- 2nd May
- 30th May
- HOLIDAYS DURING JULY
- 1st August
- 5th September
- 3rd October

Please note if you would like to do this experience but for some reason cannot start on our set start date or require something different to the set itinerary - please contact us as flexibility can often be arranged!

COSTS:

For prices please see our website. The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

- ✓ Food (unless otherwise stated)
- ✓ All Accommodation throughout the 6 weeks
- ✓ Free pick up from Buenos Aires airport and drop off at Rio airport at the end of your project
- ✓ Local staff who are paid to offer a range of support, including 24/7 assistance
- ✓ A Brazilian culture and music show in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil
- ✓ UK administration and 24/7 emergency helpline.
- ✓ A welcome meal with organizers and other volunteers in each location
- ✓ 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

The cost of the experience **does not include:**

- ✗ Optional extra activities
- ✗ Optional sightseeing tours
- ✗ Transport between locations (This will be arranged for the group and you will pay locally)
- ✗ International flights (We can arrange these for you)
- ✗ Travel Insurance (We can arrange this for you)
- ✗ Any necessary visas

HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

By volunteering with Travellers:

By joining one of our programmes, you not only give hands on assistance to animals or disadvantaged communities around the world, but you also enable Travellers to donate money to the same causes. Although we are not a charity we do make regular donations, from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible. On top of this, and regardless of which project you choose, a donation is made by Travellers on your behalf into the Bridge The Gap Foundation (the Phil and Jennifer Perkes Memorial Trust). This foundation funds particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals, hand chosen by us, and all money goes directly to projects with no salaries taken from the fund. The Bridge The Gap Foundation also partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.

WHAT YOU GAIN FROM DOING A PROJECT WITH TRAVELLERS:

- An inspiring, motivating, life changing exciting experience!
- A unique insight into another culture through living and volunteering there
- The opportunity to make a difference on a worthwhile project
- A fantastic entry onto your CV

WHO CAN APPLY?

All ages and nationalities from age 17 and above can apply.

THE NEXT STEP:

If you would like to join one of our worthwhile projects then please complete an application form and we'll telephone you to discuss the details. You can find the application form online, via our informative website (www.travellersworldwide.com) or you can send a postal application from our free brochure. Once you have booked and confirmed your place we will send you plenty of detailed information regarding your placement and country.

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!

Make a Difference – Get Involved!

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