



MOZAMBIQUE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, TEACHING & HOME BUILDING PROJECT

This is a unique opportunity to experience a variety of different activities within the local community, from teaching in a rural pre-school, youth development in a local orphanage and building houses for individuals and families in critical situations.

Mozambique is a tropical paradise with white sandy beaches and a rural, rustic feel. The destination is rich in culture and the locals are very friendly and welcoming – you are sure to feel part of the local community straight away!



WHAT DO YOU GET?

- An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into Africa and the Mozambique 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	Every Monday from March to November each year.
Duration	From 2 weeks to 12 weeks
Requirements	Volunteers should have a confident working knowledge of English grammar. Minimum age 18.
Price	For up-to-date prices, please check our website www.travellersworldwide.com
What's included	► Accommodation ► Food ► Meeting you at the Airport ► Return Airport transfer ► 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 ► a free SIM card.
What's not included	Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary assistance).
Who can do this Project?	All projects are open to all nationalities. You need to be at least 18 years old

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

This project has a very rural and tropical feel involving various aspects of community and development work in and around the coastal town of Vilanculos.

The Community Development Programme

The project supports a number of different community development initiatives. You will spend your mornings at a rural preschool and most afternoons teaching English. When you are not teaching or planning the English lessons, you will be involved in a number of other exciting and rewarding community initiatives.

The projects are always evolving so are likely to be at different stages upon your arrival. Volunteers should be prepared to be involved in a wide spectrum of project work as things progress, all of which help move the projects and the people of Vilanculos towards a more sustainable and positive tomorrow.

Work Content

1. Rural Pre-School Learning Centre

This project first started in November 2007, with approximately 25 children enrolled. Since then they have been working alongside the teachers and developing it to where we now have over 70 learners on their books. The volunteer role at the pre-school is fundamental for the development of the children. You will be involved both in the classroom generating new and exciting ways to learn and interacting with the children at break time. Volunteers visit the pre-school every morning (Monday to Friday) and will teach their own class in small groups of about 8 children.

2. Teaching English Project

Across 2 afternoons a week they currently teach English to a group of about fifty students split into groups depending on ability, ranging in age from young to middle-aged adults. Volunteers are responsible for designing and delivering the lesson plans, which are always interactive and fun with the use of flash cards, games, objects and worksheets. Volunteers encourage active participation from the students by reading out loud, role-playing, writing on the board and participating in educational games.

Volunteers should arrive with a solid, strong, comfortable and confident working knowledge of English grammar basics (this is a good opportunity to brush up on your English language skills!).

3. Orphan Care and Development

The project travels to an orphanage twice a month on a Saturday afternoon to visit the 15 children that live there. As a volunteer you will be involved in the following:

- English and Portuguese lessons with the children with the assistance of visual aids and a translator
- Developmental playtime where the children get to learn new games and play with toys to which they wouldn't normally have access
- Teaching basic lessons about colours, numbers and letters
- Constructive sports games such as frisbee and football
- Giving the children the one on one care and attention that is so critical for their development

4. Rural Home-Building

Cyclone Favio hit the Mozambican coast in February 2007 and devastated much of the local area. The project was involved in the initial relief work and assisting international aid agencies. Through local contacts they have continued with rural home-building for those who do not have the means to build for themselves (monetarily or physically).



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They work in close conjunction with community leaders to assess the most critical housing needs and then act accordingly.

They are currently managing to build 1 home approximately every 2 months (dependent on volunteer numbers!). They are simple and rustic structures typical of construction in the Inhambane Province

5. Language Club

Saturday mornings are spent running and supporting a language club, an informal learning group open to the community surrounding the volunteer camp. The students that attend include young children, young women, and adults, all of whom perhaps have missed out on other formal learning opportunities. The language club is an amazing opportunity for these individuals to pick up some English that can help them procure employment and therefore a more stable lifestyle. Also, what better way to get to know and form close bonds with your neighbours than learning together?

6. Other Community Projects

There are a number of other community projects that they are involved in the afternoons. These include maintaining the farm at the pre-school, painting projects at the pre-school to make it an exciting place for the children to learn, beach clean-up days and a cultural day once a month at one of the project's translator's family home. This is to help the volunteers get immersed and learn about traditional Mozambican culture.

A Typical Day

Here is how a typical day in the life of a Mozambique teaching volunteer might take shape. Please note that your itineraries may differ from this, depending on your own experience and the number of other volunteers on the placement at the same time; this is simply to give an example:

- **07:00** Get up, eat breakfast, and start getting ready to depart for your project
- **08:00** Head off to the Pre-school
- **08:15** Start your work at the pre-school. You will teach a basic lesson to a small group of children, play with them at break time, followed by story time and then assisting with the children's lunch
- **12:00** Lunch break. You will be picked up from the school, and taken to your volunteer camp, where lunch will be waiting for you
- **14:30** Start of your afternoon projects
- **17:00** End of the working day. You will be picked up from your project and taken home, where all the materials used during the day are put away
- **18:30** Dinner at your volunteer camp

LOCATION:

This project is located in Vilanculos which is based in the Inhambane province of Mozambique. Vilanculos is a coastal paradise, rich in culture, but with a rural, rustic feel.

The main attractions are their endless white sandy beaches and beautiful coral reefs. It is a haven of tranquillity and an ideal location for snorkelling and scuba diving. Divers have witnessed humpback and bottlenose dolphins, humpback whales, marine turtles and many large fish such as barracudas and marlins.



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Vilanculous is also home to the coastal wildlife sanctuary; the reserve covers 25000 ha of land and sea and is ranked one of the top biodiversity hotspots in Africa. The reserve consists of a variety of coral reefs, swamps, savannah and wetlands.

There are plenty of activities going on in the local area such as sailing, horse riding, snorkelling, diving and deep-sea fishing. For those who want to immerse themselves in the local culture, a spot of shopping for local hand-made crafts at the markets will go down a treat!

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

You will be staying at the rural camp in rustic yet comfortable thatched A frame bungalows, located just a stone's throw from the beach. Each bungalow sleeps 6 (they may be unisex!) and has its own en-suite bathroom with toilet and shower. The volunteer camp shares some facilities, including a swimming pool with the other guests staying at the Lodge.

Food: You will be provided with three meals a day. Breakfast is on a help-yourself basis and usually consists of cereals/porridge, toast, tea and coffee. Lunch and dinner are full meals, and will be cooked for you by our volunteer cook at the volunteer base.



VISAS:

Visas are required for Mozambique. 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 a Project Manager, who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction so that you can learn about Mozambique and its culture and other useful information.

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 | ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations) |
| ✓ Meeting you at the airport | ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection |
| ✓ Return airport transfer | ✓ Staff Training/Equipment |
| ✓ Local in-country team support and backup | ✓ Donations to worthwhile projects |
| ✓ Transport to and from the project | |
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COUNTRY PROFILE:

On entering the country, you're instantly welcomed by generous locals and happy faces.

Like most Africans, the people are very friendly and quick to flash their broad grins at you. The children, in particular, enjoy seeing foreigners and absolutely love getting your attention!

Mozambique is situated on the south eastern African coast. The country is bordered by South Africa and Swaziland to the south, Tanzania to the North, Zimbabwe to the west and Zambia and Malawi to the northwest.

The terrain in Mozambique is mostly coastal lowlands with high plateaus in the northwest, mountains in the west and uplands in the centre.

The Zambezi river flows southeast across the centre of Mozambique into the Indian Ocean.

Mozambique has an estimated population of 21,284,701. The official language is Portuguese, with 16 other African languages and respective dialects. Religions include Roman Catholic, Christian and Muslim.

The local Mozambican currency is Meticals, (pronounced METICASH), although US Dollars are widely accepted.

Climate: The whole country has a typically tropical climate. The summer months are from October to March and winter months from April to September. Temperatures range from 24° - 27° C in the winter months to 27° - 38° C in the summer months.



THINGS TO DO IN: MOZAMBIQUE

- **Sailing Dhow Safari to the Bazaruto Islands:** Visit the amazing national parks and do a spot of snorkelling in the pristine waters off the coast of Vilanculos.
- **Deep-sea fishing and snorkelling excursions:** A great day out for marine enthusiasts.
- **Horseback rides:** Explore the beaches and local fishing villages on one of the many horse riding treks.
- **Fantastic restaurants:** Eating out at the many restaurants can either give you a taste of Mozambique or a taste of home for around USD10!
- **Open Water 3-day PADI Certified Scuba Diving Course:** A great way to discover the beautiful coral reefs and marine life, with a certificate at the end of it!
- **Local markets:** Wander through the local markets, take in the atmosphere and purchase some hand-made local crafts.

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- Free pick up from the nearest airport .

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