



NEW ZEALAND: CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY

A unique opportunity to work closely with children of varying disabilities and help make their day to day lives happier and more productive whilst learning and gaining experience of working with several different therapist in a beautiful suburb of an exciting city!

"New Zealand is the ultimate outdoor playground and, if it hasn't been done, we invent it- Jet boating, Black-water Rafting and Bungee Jumping to name a few. Within easy reach you can also go Whale-watching, Sky-Diving, White-water Rafting, Abseiling and numerous other activities. The locals are invariably friendly and helpful and will make you welcome!" – Annette Orchard, Travellers New Zealand organiser.



WHAT DO YOU GET?

- Valuable hands on experience that is hard to gain anywhere else
- An entry on your CV or résumé that will put you head and shoulders above most others in the job market.
- A project that leaves you **plenty of time to explore Auckland**
- 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 **Welcome Dinner** where you can meet and interact with other Travellers participants.
- 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

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| Start Dates | All year round - you choose your start and finish dates. Placements may be subject to school terms and sports seasons. |
| Duration | From 4 weeks to 1 year, subject to visa requirements. |
| Requirements | No specific qualifications required, but you must have a lot of patience and enthusiasm! |
| Price | Please see our Full Price List and other Currencies . |
| 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 ► Free T-Shirt. |
| What's not included | Flights, Food, Insurance, Costs of Visas (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance), Transport to and from your project, Return transfer to airport. |
| Who can do this Project? | All projects are open to all nationalities. You need to be 18 or over to participate in this project. |

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

You will be assisting with severely disabled children in the classroom, mainly working as a Teaching Aid but you will also get the opportunity to observe and assist the various therapists as they work with the student.

In the classes much of the day is spent on "caring" activities like:

- Positioning students in standing frame or appropriate seating in readiness for learning activity
- Transferring, lifting and supporting students in accordance with their needs.
- Assisting with meal times
- Changing nappies (optional for volunteers)

You'll also be involved with some or all of the following:

- Assisting with classroom preparation as directed by teacher
- Working in the class with children at allocated time
- Assisting students in accessing curriculum and therapy programmes as directed by teacher or therapists
- Maintaining and cleaning equipment and resources as and when necessary.

You do not need any specific qualifications. This is a very challenging and physical placement as well as being very hands-on so you should be willing to work hard and bring the necessary empathy and patience with you.

This project is ideally suited to those who may be considering a career in physiotherapy, occupational therapy, music therapy or speech & language therapy with disabled children and for anyone who just wants to give a helping hand. Working hours are from Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 3pm. This gives you plenty of time to explore beautiful Auckland and surrounding areas.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The school, established in 1952, has a round 63 children who all have some degree of motor impairment and 70 staff. The school has 10 classes (year1-13), plus a parent and baby group and a preschool class and provides specialised programmes in classroom with a high teacher/pupil ratio and therapy involvement in all classes. Each class teams comprise Teacher, Speech Language Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist and Teacher Aides.

There are also there satellite units situated in local 'mainstream' schools where the children have the opportunity to integrate with their mainstream peers while still benefiting from the schools programme and staff.

The school is beautifully situated in park-like surroundings in a prime location in Auckland. Over the past few years, the school has been refurbished and comprises now custom designed physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech language therapy suites, new or upgraded classrooms, a sensory room and room for performing arts while the latest technology is used to support student learning.

Since this project is at a school, it is only available during school term times. Term dates are:

| Term | 2012 | 2013 |
|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | 7 February – 5 April | 7 February – 19 April |
| 2 | 23 April – 29 June | 6 May – 12 July |
| 3 | 16 July – 28 September | 29 July – 27 September |
| 4 | 15 October – 14 December | 14 October – 18 December |

LOCATION

Auckland is the gateway to New Zealand and a great place to start your travels. Water is at the heart of what has become New Zealand's most populated city, and it's position on a thin stretch of land tucked between two harbours encourages an active, outdoor lifestyle. The many yachts that sail through the harbours and across the adjoining Hauraki Gulf have led to Auckland's name as the 'City of Sails'. Auckland is incredibly picturesque, with a backdrop of extinct volcanoes looking out across the many islands clustered around the coast.

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ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

You'll be accommodated in a centrally located lodge that is friendly and relaxing, making it ideal for long-term stays. You may have your own room or you may share a room with other volunteers. There is a communal kitchen and storage area for cooking meals and plenty of space to relax.

Entertainment at your accommodation includes cheap internet access, TV and free pool table. You are a stroll from the Sky Tower, harbour and waterfront. Accommodation is very central and close to the main train station and shopping district. Buses are also only a few minutes away to take you to parts of Auckland and New Zealand or to the many other 'things to do'!

The city centre boasts great shopping, restaurants and pubs or head over to the viaduct for more pubs, nightclubs and multicultural cuisine. You'll get to work via bus, which is close to your accommodation.

The city is modern and vibrant - a fun and friendly with beautiful surrounding islands and harbour. Famous attractions around Auckland include the Sky Tower, Rangitoto Island, the Hauraki gulf islands and the many extinct volcanoes that provide great views of the city. Auckland has restaurants to suit all tastes - the most popular cuisine is New Zealand lamb which can be ordered at many restaurants around the city and is well worth it.

For meals in local restaurants, a trip to Auckland's inner city centre is well worth the effort - it bustles with activity and offers a range of choices of restaurants.

INDUCTION ON ARRIVAL

When you arrive, you will be welcomed at the airport by our New Zealand 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 Auckland and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.

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

Visa requirements may differ between different nationalities, but don't worry we will liaise with you about your visa requirements, and make the visa process very easy.

POLICE CHECKS

Within New Zealand Law it is compulsory for all volunteers who work with children to undergo a police check. These checks are done to ensure the safety of children in New Zealand.

The checks are a simple process and we will provide you with all the details of what identity you need to take with you. On your arrival in Auckland, our New Zealand manager will complete the checks with you and take you through the process. As soon as you have registered, you'll be allowed to start working with children.

The fee for the checks is included in your project price and we will ensure that you have all the relevant information before you come to New Zealand.

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](http://www.murrayrogerstravel.com), ATOL No. 6856.

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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:

- ✓ 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

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

New Zealand is a must see destination – with its stunning scenery of rolling hills, beautiful mountains and amazing beaches it's no wonder New Zealand is one of the most popular places to visit in the world! New Zealand's most striking feature is it's variety of landscapes, with great beaches, mountain ranges, big lakes, volcanoes and geysers. Tourism in New Zealand rose dramatically after the success of the Lord of the Rings Trilogy, filmed on location throughout New Zealand. Auckland has a mixed climate. The hottest months are January and February where temperatures can frequently reach the mid to high 20's. Occasionally the weather can reach 30+ degrees.



THINGS TO DO IN NEW ZEALAND

This is an infinite list! New Zealand was made for all interests, passions, tastes and senses of adventure! You can throw yourself off a building attached to a bungee in Auckland, enjoy the serenity of Lake Taupo, bathe in natural hot springs in Rotorua or look for Hobbits in Mata Mata, and that's just the North Island! New Zealand really has it all - you will never forget your time there!

The North Island:

Auckland is dotted with the Hauraki Gulf islands, some of which are minutes away from the city and make great day trips. The islands provide a good escape from the hustle and bustle of the city and provide good views of Auckland as you sail away.

The most popular island is Rangitoto which includes a 50 minute hike to the top of the summit where you can look down into the crater of the extinct volcano which erupted for its last time 600 years ago.

Waiheke Island is also a popular place to visit and is close to Auckland by ferry. The island boasts many beautiful beaches and rolling hills with vineyards on them. The Great Barrier Island is the largest island in the gulf and is a very rugged and scenic island - it is 88km from Auckland.

Northland & Bay of Islands: Northland is the winterless paradise, with varied and spectacular scenery – beautiful beaches, awesome trees, lush national parks and world-class dive sites.

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The South Island:

The Abel Tasman National Park: The Abel Tasman National Park is a very popular hiking area (or tramping as it is known in New Zealand). There are a number of treks in the park that allow you to pass through some beautiful scenery (considered by some to be the best in New Zealand).

Franz Josef Glaciers are one of the most famous sights and tourist spots in New Zealand. The glaciers are well worth a visit - a hike with a tour guide is a must.

Christchurch is often described as the most English city in New Zealand - with its' English style buildings and heritage it is not hard to see why. Christchurch has a number of attractions and is a major stopping off point for people traveling down the east coast of the South island. There are a number of attractions to see in Christchurch including; cathedral square, the botanic gardens, museums or simply just walking through Christchurch to get a feel for the place.

Queenstown is referred to as New Zealand's adrenaline activity capital and with all the activities it has to offer it is not hard to see why. There are numerous white knuckle activities to test your nerves; these include bungee jumping, skiing, skydiving, rafting, sledging, jet boating, caving and hand gliding.

Milford Sound is a Fiord and one of New Zealand's biggest tourist attractions. The clear calm waters either side of the cliffs are very picturesque, with a 1692 peak in the distance and rainfall which creates amazing waterfalls. A beautiful and mysterious place.

Stewart Island is New Zealand's 3rd largest island and is very rarely visited by tourists. The island is south of the main South island and is renowned for its beautiful red sky and natural untouched beauty.

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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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