

Ethiopia Teaching & Community Project

Transform the lives of disadvantaged Ethiopians and discover the ancient beauty of this stark and fascinating country known as the cradle of humanity.

With an historic significance that resonates across millennia, Ethiopia is known as the cradle of humanity for good reason. The oldest human remains were found here, and it has evolved to become a fascinating region of the African continent. The only nation completely to avoid colonisation, it has a proud and complex culture expressed through dramatic tribal traditions and a lifeblood of passionate and vibrant people who are proud of their recently acquired democracy.

Here in a land where the Queen of Sheba once ruled, primitive and modern live side by side, with the exquisite facial bone structure of the women here evoking the ancient heritage of the mighty queens of the past. However, years of famine, war and misrule have left a legacy of poverty and its attendant problems. Consequently, it is somewhere that truly needs and deserves the help of international volunteers.

Visit this land of starkly beautiful savannah plains punctuated by age old rock hewn churches, highlighting the unique juxtaposition of natural magnificence and cultural heritage found here, whilst making a crucial difference to some of the most vulnerable communities in the world. If you wish to transform the lives of disadvantaged Ethiopians whilst discovering this land of a tangible ancient aura, travel to Ethiopia for a gap year destination with a difference!

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain your TEFL certificate for free!
- Gain a life time of unmatched memories
- Transform the lives of disadvantaged communities

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age of 18 years
- CV is required on application

FAST FACTS

Location	Gondar, Ethiopia
Activities	Teach English Coach sports Teach computer skills, art, music and other subjects of your choice
Transport	Airport pick-up Walk or bus ride to work placement
Accommodation	Homestay or project-specific house

WHAT DOES THIS PROJECT DO?

Education in this economically deprived country has suffered a great deal as a result of under-resourced schools and the fact that education is low down the list of priorities in a land ravaged by famine and disease. Adult illiteracy in the 1980's was as high as 90%, and although in recent years the government has allocated more funding to education, public expenditure on schools is still only 4%. This project looks to help alleviate this problem in this unique, fascinating community by providing volunteers to assist the local teachers and help restore hope for the future of the local children.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

Whilst participating on this project you can expect to be involved in a range of initiatives encompassing a varied and enjoyable teaching programme which will engage you fully with your pupils and the local community.

You will be working with small groups of very enthusiastic and eager young people, all keen to improve their English communication skills. They will have volunteered for these extra lessons and you will never find a problem with their motivation and discipline. You will be provided with all teaching materials which have been designed by UK and Ethiopian teachers to be simple to use yet highly effective for your students. The local project coordinators will be on hand to provide plenty of help and support in using these materials before you begin teaching.

Aside from the teaching placements, this project also focuses on computer training / support and sports coaching programmes. You do not need detailed computer expertise here but a good working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and the internet is important. This work will take you to various schools, checking on the new computers there and helping the enthusiastic yet rather nervous teachers - and some of the more senior students - to become more skilled at using common software packages. Sports coaching may also take you to a number of different local schools, talking to the teachers about their current sports activities, setting up some keen student teams and helping them with their technique. You may also like to organise inter-school sports tournaments while you are there.

During your stay, you will have the opportunity to get to know both the teachers and students in the schools and offer them the benefit of any extra interests or skills which you may have. You will be welcomed at every turn by smiling and enthusiastic people - we cannot emphasise this enough! Whatever you decide, you are sure to gain huge satisfaction from helping and inspiring these underprivileged children whilst significantly enhancing your own skills and experience.

The main working week will be from Monday to Thursday, with Friday reserved for participation in other community activities to give you a flexible and wide ranging experience. Those with the right skills may even find themselves working in the local teaching hospital!

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?

You will be met upon arrival at Gondar Airport by a friendly local staff member and escorted to the project site. Any project related costs will be minimal and your daily journey to the project may entail a short walk or bus ride.

WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?

Accommodation will either be with a welcoming host family, who will provide basic but comfortable living quarters for you, or in project-specific housing. Wherever you are, you will have basic but comfortable accommodation with a bathroom and running water. A laundry service is often included.

WHAT WILL I BE EATING?

Food is not included, so volunteers are encouraged to source meals locally in order to support the local economy. A wide variety of very inexpensive food is available in the local cafes and restaurants, with just two or three pounds a day being sufficient to buy you a delicious range of both Ethiopian and European style dishes. Ethiopian food is simple and delicious and will open up a whole new aspect of African culture to you. Try dishes such as chicken stew with hard boiled eggs, lamb dices or tartar steak, or if you are vegetarian sample the delicious "vegetable alecha" or vegetable stew. Honey wine is a traditional accompaniment to a meal, or tella which is the delicious local beer.

COSTS

2 weeks	US\$ 1,195
Extra week	US\$ 195

DEPARTURE DATES

Weekly, please arrive on a Monday.

DURATION

2 weeks +

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Before you go

- Pre-departure support & documentation
- Travel & medical advice & documentation
- Advice on visas & equipment
- Discounted medical kit
- Free Frontier t-shirt
- UK TEFL qualification & certification

In-country

- Accommodation
- Airport pick-up
- Project orientation
- Ground transfers to project
- Project equipment
- In-country emergency support
- 24-hour international HQ backup

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Nearest airport(s): Addis Ababa (ADD)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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