

Argentina Medical Volunteering

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Argentina is without a doubt one of the most fascinating destinations for a gap year adventure. With an enthralling blend of European culture and intoxicating Latin American spirit, the immense and beautiful capital city of Buenos Aires will captivate you with its alluring combination of cultural and historical heritage, vibrant cosmopolitan atmosphere, and friendly, welcoming people.

Check out the Argentina Medical Project video

Immersing yourself in day to day life here will give you a real taste of this beautiful country. If that's not enough, Argentina is home to some of the most fascinating and inspiring attractions in the world, including vast vineyards, infamous steak-houses, the mountains and glaciers of Patagonia, the birthplace of Che Guevara, La Boca, Tango dancing in the street, and a wide variety of wildlife.

For all its magnificence, however, many of Buenos Aires' health centres remain in need of enthusiastic volunteers who are keen to offer their time and efforts to help where necessary. Many Argentines in Buenos Aires live with inadequate health infrastructure and a general lack of sufficient medical facilities. This project will therefore present you with the unique opportunity to gain valuable experience working closely and effectively with medical professionals; assisting in a variety of tasks to provide an improved quality of life for local people of Buenos Aires.

Experience this celebrated destination, letting the spirit of Argentina bewitch you whilst at the same time benefiting the medical community of Buenos Aires. Take part in this once in a life time opportunity and never look back, Buenos Aires – the perfect location for your Frontier adventure!

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain valuable medical work experience
- Feel a true sense of fulfilment and accomplishment
- Bring meaningful improvements to the residents of Buenos Aires
- Discover the captivating and stunning country of Argentina

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age of 17 years
- Advanced level of Spanish language ability

FAST FACTS

Location	Buenos Aires, Argentina
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Activities	Healthcare workshops Shadowing a medical professional Assisting in health campaigns Working on preventative medicine outreach programs Providing medical care to the young and elderly
Transport	Airport pick-up
Accommodation	Shared volunteer guesthouse

WHAT DOES THE PROJECT DO?

The health centre you will be working at specialises in a number of different areas, with a key focus on preventive medicine and the promotion of health in Buenos Aires. The doctors and nurses here organise campaigns and workshops for the community so you will have the opportunity to understand the social and economical root of health issues, and therefore help more effectively.

The people you are helping will be very hard working and appreciative of your contribution to their medical centre, and will be incredibly responsive to your presence on the project. Your work will be rewarding and fulfilling, creating memories that will imprint on you for the rest of your life!

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

This project is best suited to medical students and medical practitioners as the work will involve carrying out medical duties within the hospital or clinic. Your work will give you invaluable preparation for a career in medicine. The placement will allow you to observe medical practices and give you the opportunity to take part in the day-to-day running of a hospital or clinic. Those with determination, enthusiasm, aptitude and the right inclination may be able to assist the doctors and nurses in their duties and gain hands-on experience of administering healthcare to the Argentine people.

Your work may consist of basic healthcare activities that will include a variety of rewarding and invaluable activities, such as shadowing professional doctors or nurses, assisting in administrative issues, providing healthcare information to local communities, participating in healthcare awareness campaigns and giving assistance to the existing medical staff. However, please note that your level of involvement will depend completely upon your own previous experience and qualifications as well as the needs of the hospital/clinic at the time of your visit. It is therefore important to remain flexible. Those volunteers with little experience could be given the opportunity to get involved with various community outreach programmes such as medical camps, health education, community visits or other relevant activities.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?

Upon arrival into Buenos Aires International Airport you will be greeted by a friendly in-country

representative, who will then escort you to your home in Buenos Aires, where you will live for the duration of your stay.

WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?

You will be staying in a shared volunteer and student house. This is the perfect opportunity to get to know your fellow volunteers and travellers, spend time together when you are not working, and build the kind of friendships and experiences that stay with you for life.

WHAT WILL I BE EATING?

You will be responsible for all of your own meals, and your accommodation will have facilities enabling you to do this, or you can take the opportunity to sample some of the city's abundant cafes and restaurants.

Argentina is well known for its good food, and in particular the fantastic local produce. You may wish to venture out into the city and try some of the food offered by local restaurants and market stalls. If you are a meat eater you might like to try a steak, which are world renowned! Buenos Aires certainly has a lot to offer the eager explorer, and the bustling street stalls and colourful markets invite you to immerse yourself in this wonderfully diverse culture.

Look out for some delicious meat dishes; meat is the national staple - such as beef cooked 'asado style', or 'parillo', which is grilled sausage served with salad. Empanadas are also a national favourite; these half-moon shaped pastries can be filled with a range of ingredients such as meat and vegetables. If you have a sweet tooth, then Dulce de Leche will be right up your street! Specific diets and vegetarians can be accommodated.

COSTS

5 weeks	US\$ 2,145
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DEPARTURE DATES

Please aim to arrive on the Monday.

DURATION

Minimum of 5 weeks.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Before you go

- Comprehensive pre-departure support
- Travel & medical advice and documentation
- Equipment advice
- Discounted medical kit
- Free Frontier T-shirt (UK only)

In-country

- Accommodation
- Airport pick-up
- Project orientation
- In-country emergency support
- 24-hour international headquarters backup

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Nearest airport(s): Buenos Aires (BA) (BUE)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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