

Argentina Learn Spanish & Community Project in Buenos Aires

Experience this enchanting destination, learn Spanish and benefit the local community by helping with creative, sporting or health activities.

Argentina is without a doubt one of the most fascinating destinations for a gap year adventure. It is a country with an enthralling blend of European culture and intoxicating Latin American spirit. You will find here some of the most inspiring mountain landscapes in the world, the most expansive deserts, the greatest and most impressive waterfalls and warm and welcoming people. Enjoy experiencing this celebrated destination, whilst at the same time learning Spanish and benefiting the local community.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn Spanish in this vibrant city
- Help to develop & improve the local community
- Immerse yourself in lively Latin American culture!

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age of 17 years

FAST FACTS

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| Location | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| Activities | 20 hours language tuition over 4 weeks Community development |
| Transport | Transport to and from the airport |
| Accommodation | Shared volunteer house |
| Project Code | ARC |

WHAT DOES THE PROJECT DO?

Although primary education is free, government schools are often substandard and overcrowded. In this country, only a small percentage of the children gain access to an adequate standard of education. Others are forced to rely on under-resourced and overstretched facilities.

The inability of students to attend school is affected by many factors, including poverty, overcrowded

classrooms and family situations that keep older children at home to work or to care for younger siblings. Parents are often forced to work long, unsociable hours to avoid being forced into the shanty towns that surround the city, and this means that their children may often miss school.

You can give hope to the children of poor communities, helping to build their confidence and expand their horizons while teaching them useful skills. You could be doing anything from dancing, singing, and playing games with children to helping communities in a number of ways. You could be helping out in the homes of families where both parents are out of the house for very long working days, there are so many ways that you can contribute and make a real and tangible difference to their day to day lives. In return you will constantly be building on your Spanish skills by interacting with native speakers on an everyday basis and brushing up on your conversational ability and fluency.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

The advantages of a community project like this is that you are intimately involved in working with and helping disadvantaged members of the local community, and you will quickly become immersed and engrossed in the development and education programmes as you carry out tasks which may include helping children with homework, or preparing meals for those whose parents are forced to work long hours.

You may also have the chance to use your initiative to create some activities, getting the children involved in sporting and artistic projects, or working alongside staff in health and awareness campaigns for the hardworking local women. While engaging in this worthwhile work you will be learning Spanish and getting the chance to practice it daily.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?

On arrival into Buenos Aires you will be collected and escorted to your accommodation.

WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?

You will be staying in a shared volunteer/student house with a fully equipped kitchen and living room. Bed linen is provided.

WHAT WILL I BE EATING?

You will be responsible for purchasing and preparing your own meals. Your accommodation will have facilities enabling you to do this, or you can take the opportunity to sample some of the numerous cafes and restaurants in the city.

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.

HOW WILL I GET TO WORK?

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to stay in Buenos Aires, a city that is famous the world round for its glamorous and sophisticated atmosphere and richly textured culture. Take this chance to travel round the city by public transport or on foot, and soak up this incredibly varied and exotic metropolis.

COSTS

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| 2 weeks | US\$ 1,995 |
| Extra week | US\$ 545 |

Volunteering with 20 hours language tuition with the opportunity to extend at an added cost.

DEPARTURE DATES

Monthly; projects begin on the first Monday of the month so please aim to arrive by the Sunday evening.

DURATION

You can join the project from a minimum of 2 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
- 20 hours language tuition
- 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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