



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Factsheet 2018

DESCRIPTION

Expanish has partnered with NGOs and volunteer organizations in Buenos Aires that are in need of hardworking, passionate volunteers who are ready to make a difference. Volunteers can experience the city and culture in a different way while practicing their Spanish in real-life situations.

QUICKFACTS

- Duration - 2 - 24 weeks (minimum depends on placement area)
- Beginning any Monday (except for Teaching English - see notes)
- Work Commitment - average of 15 hours per week
- Volunteer Schedule - afternoons
- Spanish Requirement - range from no Spanish to high intermediate
- Spanish Classes - Required 2 weeks of classes at beginning of program

VOLUNTEER AREAS

Placement Area	Spanish Level Required	Distance from Expanish	Minimum Duration
After School Program with Children	None	30 min.	2 weeks
Teaching English	None	25 min.	2 weeks
Working at a Children's Home	High Beginner (A2)	20 min.	4 weeks
Assisting the Elderly at a Community Center	Intermediate (B1)	40 min.	4 weeks
Tutoring & Academic Support at a Community Center	High Intermediate (B2)	15 min.	12 weeks

AREA DESCRIPTIONS

After School Program for Children: Be a part of building a better future for underprivileged youth by participating in an after-school program.

Teaching English: Help to invest in someone's future by teaching English to adults and children.

Working at a Children's Home: Help to prepare meals, participate in activities and be a positive role model for children who live in a temporary home.

Assisting the Elderly at a Community Center: Support an organization that provides shelter and care to senior citizens in need.

Tutoring & Academic Support at a Community Center: Help children have a successful academic career by helping them with school work.



SPANISH JUMPSTART

Prior to the start of the work placement, volunteers will participate in 2 weeks of intensive Spanish classes (20 hours per week) at our Spanish language institute in downtown Buenos Aires. All levels of Spanish are welcome and volunteers will take classes with students of all ages from all over the world. No matter the current level or placement site, a Spanish jumpstart helps acclimate to the city and prepare for the volunteer work.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Our school has an active social program that includes 4 free activities each week. Here are a few sample activities:

- **Theatre Workshop** - Students will practice Spanish with acting exercises with an Argentine coach.
- **Phonetics and Pronunciation Workshop** - Students will work on their accents and learn about development of local dialects and vocabulary.
- **La Boca Tour** - A tour of La Boca, the most iconic neighborhood in the city.
- **Cooking Class** - A variety of cooking classes from how to make an Argentine asado (barbecue), to making empanadas and chocotorta.
- **Historic Walking Tour** - A walking historic tour of key points in downtown Buenos Aires.
- **Mate Tasting** - A cultural class about maté (local Argentine tea).
- **Language Exchange** - An activity at local bars with foreigners from all over the world to practice language exchanges.
- **Student Dinner** - A dinner with all Expanish program participants.
- **Street Food Tour** - Students will explore the street food scene in Buenos Aires.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- **Age** - 18 years or older
- **Volunteer experience** - None required
- **Spanish Level** - Contingent volunteer site, range from Beginner to Advanced
- **Spanish Classes** - Compulsory two weeks

ACCOMMODATION

Volunteers can choose from one of 4 housing options, depending on the living experience they would prefer. All housing includes free WiFi, sheets and towels, and are located at a maximum distance of 40 minutes to Expanish.



Housing Option	Room Type	Meals	Independence	Immersion
Shared Apartment	Single Room	Self-Catering	High	High
Homestay	Single Room	Halfboard	Low	Very High
Student Residence	Twin Room	Breakfast (M-F)	Medium	Medium
Private Apartment	Studio Apt.	Self-Catering	Very High	Low

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Each volunteer will be picked up and dropped off at the airport by a private car for a safe and seamless arrival and departure.

ORIENTATION AND SUPERVISION

All volunteers receive a volunteer orientation at Expanish prior to their placement. The orientation consists of a program coordinator providing in-depth information about volunteering in Argentina as well as specific details about the particular placement. The following Monday, the Expanish staff will accompany each volunteer to their placement location. During this initial visit the volunteer will meet with the organization supervisor and receive an additional on-site orientation. Volunteers will then have periodic check-ins via email as well as 24/7 emergency support.

PRICES

Housing Type	2 Weeks	4 Weeks	8 Weeks	12 Weeks
Shared Apartment	US\$1,260	US\$1,750	US\$2,730	US\$3,710
Homestay	US\$1,460	US\$2,150	US\$3,530	US\$4,910
Student Residence	US\$1,260	US\$1,750	US\$2,730	US\$3,710
Private Apartment	US\$1,670	US\$2,430	US\$4,090	US\$5,750
No Housing	US\$870	US\$970	US\$1,170	US\$1,370

*Other durations are available and prices provided upon request.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN PACKAGE

- 2 weeks of intensive group Spanish classes (20 hours per week)
- Class materials (textbooks)
- A part-time volunteer placement in chosen area
- Donation to host organization
- Accommodation as selected with corresponding meals
- Cultural activities (4 per week)
- Private airport transfer service (pick-up and drop-off)
- On-site orientation
- Welcome pack with public transportation card and SIM card
- 24/7 emergency support
- Registration fee

DONATION TO HOST ORGANIZATION

Included in the program fee is a donation made to the host organization. Donations help provide under-funded organizations with badly needed resources like food and books, while also helping to pay bills for utilities like electricity and water.

NOTES

- Teaching English has “blackout” dates from January to March, as well as the month of July, due to winter & summer holidays. Teaching English volunteers should take these dates into account when planning their trip.
- Teaching English is only available to native English speakers or have one of the following qualifications:
 - TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 100 or higher
 - IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Level 6
 - CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English)
 - TEFL certified