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# BRAZIL



## CARE FOR CHILDREN IN A CRECHE ON THE ISLAND OF FLORIANOPOLIS

Teach and entertain young children who come from extremely poor backgrounds in the beautiful beach town of Florianopolis.

You'll care for children ranging from 2 to 5 years. The activities are based on Basic English lessons and playing educational games. Apart from general caring, you can also be involved in teaching them the alphabet, colours, names of animals, etc., by using flashcards, organising games, singing and narrating nursery rhymes - all these activities bring huge smiles to the children's faces! This is a great opportunity to spend time with the children of this wonderful island community.

***Thank you for your interest in volunteering on this Project. Below is a description of what you can do and expect. You can volunteer whether you're taking a gap year, on a career break, retired, or on a holiday with a purpose. No matter what your age or experience, we look forward to welcoming you to the team!***

## WHAT DO YOU GET?

### SELF-DEVELOPMENT:

- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
- The enormous satisfaction of helping disadvantaged children and knowing that you made a difference to them.
- An entry on your CV or résumé that will put you head and shoulders above most others in the job market.

### SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Your safety is our top priority. We risk-assess all destination countries, projects, accommodation and more to ensure that they are stable and safe.
- We have experienced local staff with 24/7 back-up and support who are there to assist you and look after you, starting with an in-depth induction on your arrival.

### AN ADVENTURE!

- An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into South America and the Brazilian culture, and best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**

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**Prices:** From £895 for 4 weeks, excluding flights, plus £200 for each additional week.

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## SUMMARY

**Duration:** From 2 weeks to 3 months or longer, subject to visa requirements

**Start Dates:** All year round, you choose your start and finish dates, but subject to school holidays.

**Requirements:** No qualifications needed. Minimum age 18. You don't need any qualifications, but if you have some grasp of Portuguese or Spanish, that would be a big help.

### What's Included:

- ▶ Arranging your Programme,
- ▶ Payment Protection insurance
- ▶ Food (Breakfast only)
- ▶ Meeting you at the nearest airport
- ▶ Transport to and from your project
- ▶ 24-hr emergency support.
- ▶ Full pre-departure support and assistance,
- ▶ Accommodation
- ▶ Transfer to your accommodation
- ▶ Local in-country team support and backup
- ▶ Certificate of Completion

**What Not Included:** Food (Lunch and Dinner, see above, breakfast is provided), Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required), Return transfer to airport.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### WORK CONTENT

Volunteer with children in Florianopolis at a wonderful crèche that has a lot of charm and where your help here will be greatly appreciated. This crèche brings a new style of school, where children's needs are priority. The director of the crèche believes children are constantly learning through everything they live, so it is not imperative that we teach them all of the time. There are 120 children at the crèche from 1 to 5 years of age and their purpose is to provide an innovative way to educate the children.

Due to the level of poverty, neither the children nor their families have no knowledge of a different culture, so this cultural exchange is really important. The children love having extra people to play with and their smiles really make it worthwhile! Just a small amount of your time can really make a big difference. Take all your enthusiasm with you to the playground and you will make a huge difference to those children's lives.

Activities are mainly based on helping the teachers to take care of the children, as well as developing educational games, and recreational activities. You'll mainly be playing with the children, feeding them, reading to them and finding ways to interact and help them learn. If you have any special skills, such as playing a musical instrument, sports, arts, etc., please let us know as the crèche would love you to teach the children these wonderful skills.

Work you may be also involved in could include:

- Educational games and play time supervision
- Organising and facilitating games and plays for the children
- Helping the children eat
- Helping to clean and tidy the crèche
- Helping the children to wash their hands
- Nursing and caring for the children
- Educating the children about personal and environmental hygiene
- ...and anything else you think you can bring to these worthy institutes

You can choose how many hours you work a day, but your daily schedule will usually be Monday to Friday with your hours being 8-11am and/or 2-5pm.



## HOLIDAYS AND CARNAVAL!

There are times when the crèche is closed due to holidays and festivals. Please see below:

- Winter Holiday: 14<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- Easter Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April
- May Day 1st May
- Corpus Christi 31st May
- Independence Day 7th September
- Nossa Senhora Aparacida 12th October
- All Souls Day 2nd November
- Proclamação da Republica 15th November
- Black Consciousness Day 20th November.
- Summer Holiday: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to 8th February 2020

### Carnaval!

Carnaval begins at midnight on the Friday before Ash Wednesday (usually around the second week of February) and lasts for five days, but the whole country stops for about two weeks. Carnaval is celebrated all over Brazil. The most famous is, of course, held in Rio, but the authentic versions of Carnaval are found outside of Rio.

The dates for the 2020 Carnaval: 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> February.

### CAN'T SPEAK THE LANGUAGE?

If you speak some Portuguese (or even Spanish), you will find it very beneficial on this project. But don't be put off if languages aren't your thing! You're sure to pick up some of the basic words whilst you are there, and will find other ways to converse without language becoming a barrier.

Don't forget that we can also arrange some Portuguese Lessons for you during your programme if you'd like.

*“One special experience I had was with a little girl who kept herself to herself, did not speak or play with the other children. She had a bad rash and sores all over her body. She was scratching all the time. I bought her some lotions and creams to help her and she got better and better. I spent more time with her and she started talking. I got her and the other children to interact and play games together. Soon she was just one of the group and fitted in with the rest. I will never forget her and she made the experience so special for me.”*

**Ken Russell**

*“The kids at the crèche are often very sweet and love your attention, working with older kids is also rewarding as you can communicate more easily with them and build a relationship.”*

**Claire Higgins**

## ACCOMMODATION

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You will stay at one of our selected guest houses in the north of the Island. One of our guest houses is just a block away from Ingleses beach, one of the most popular beaches in Florianópolis. This guest house is run by a very friendly couple with a passion for sports, nature and animals and they will soon make you feel at home. The guest house is large and can accommodate up to 15 guests so you may share a room with other volunteers or backpackers.

A 15-minute walk takes you to the centre of the village of Ingleses, where there are shops, supermarkets, restaurants, pharmacies, banks, cafes, everything you might need and a supermarket is just opposite the guest



house too!

There is a communal living area with a TV, video game and sofa and a garden with relaxing hammocks; an ideal place to stay during your volunteering

## FOOD

Breakfast only is included in this project and consists of milk, coffee, bread, butter, jelly, ham, cheese, fruit juice setting you up for the day ahead. You'll need to budget for your lunch and dinner, but with an array of shops, supermarkets and restaurants nearby, you'll have a lot of choice for eating out. Alternatively you can buy provisions at the supermarkets and cook in the kitchen at the guest house.

## WHY TRAVELLERS WORLDWIDE?

- Over 20 years' experience of sending thousands of participants overseas, plus the largest variety of flexible projects that are value for money!
- Accredited projects helps appeal to future employers
- Excellent support!
- Your own dedicated Project Co-ordinator to answer all questions before, during and after your trip of a lifetime!
- Detailed information on your project and country and suggestions, safety guide, tips and checklists, via our EXTRANET, available from anywhere, 24/7.
- 24/7 emergency helpline for you and your family
- Free pick up from the nearest airport.

*“I would definitely recommend Travellers Volunteering to anybody that wants a challenge and is ready to get stuck in.”*

**Lizzie Faithfull**

*“I still haven't got over my Brazilian experience. :) Just wanted to thank you. It's been exactly as you told me it would be, mind blowing! As I tell everybody that asks, I just can't explain. You have to do it, to feel it in order to know what I'm talking about.*

*Thank you, Travellers.”*

**Andrei Dinescu**

## 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. Donations to **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.

The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

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| ✓ Accommodation                            | ✓ UK administration   |
| ✓ Food (Breakfast only)                    | ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations) |
| ✓ Meeting you at the airport               | ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection  |
| ✓ Transport to and from your project       | ✓ Staff Training/Equipment  |
| ✓ Local in-country team support and backup | ✓ Donations to worthwhile project   |
| ✓ 24hr emergency helpline                  |   |
| ✓ Full pre-departure support               |   |

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Got any questions? Please email us: [info@travellersworldwide.com](mailto:info@travellersworldwide.com) Once you have applied for a placement, we'll contact you and send you our Welcome Pack. You'll also receive Log-on details and password for our Volunteer Extranet where you'll have access to all the documentation and information which we've put together to facilitate preparations for your adventure!

Your Project Co-ordinator for your country will liaise with you throughout the arrangements process, as well as while you're on your placement and on your return home.

The documents you'll have access to also include a Country Fact file, Safety Guide and any manuals that may assist you on your particular programme (for example, Teaching Guide, Sports Manuals, Enrichment Suggestions for Animal Care, etc.). We do all we can to make your stay one that you'll never forget.

As with all our destinations, the culture and heritage is different to what you're used to ... which, although one of the most exciting aspects of travelling, should be borne in mind. Self-reliance and independence are highly appreciated in all our destinations and will help you to make the most of this wonderful opportunity! This is a truly awesome, elegant and beautiful country.

### On Arrival, your Introduction to the Country:

When you arrive you will be welcomed by a representative who will take you to your accommodation and introduce you to everyone. During your first few days you'll be given an induction so that you can learn about the country and its culture, as well as other useful information, like how to use the transport system, banks, safety issues, tipping, and lots more.

## THINGS TO DO IN BRAZIL

### LOCATION, EXPLORING AND SIGHTSEEING:

**Florianópolis**, or **Floripa** as it is more commonly known, is the capital city of Santa Catarina in southern Brazil. It is composed of one main island, **Ilha de Santa Catarina**, and a number of surrounding small islands.

**Floripa** is a natural treasure with truly exceptional sights, like beautiful lagoons, stunning beaches, rolling mountains lush with Atlantic rainforest, soft white dunes and an array of small offshore islands.

The island has something for everyone, from authentic and rustic fishing villages to surfer's paradises, high-end Brazilian summer getaways, pristine and untouched nature reserves just minutes away from modern shopping malls and cinema complexes.

Its numerous white and clean sand bottom beaches attract visitors from around the world as well as holidaying Brazilians.

There are lots of fun activities, like **surfing, windsurfing, paragliding, snorkelling, diving, boat tours, jiu-jitsu, hiking, whale-watching** and many other ecotourism options.

**Florianópolis** is blessed with some of the most breath-taking beaches in the world, 42 in total and has a wonderful sub-tropical climate, with average temperature between 70°F and 90°F, perfect for the beach! The beaches offer everything from secluded and paradise-like getaways to nature preserves with long stretches of untouched and undeveloped coastline such as:

**Lagoa da Conceição**, which has several of the island's most beautiful beaches, including Joaquina, a Brazilian temple of surf and stage with immense sand dunes. It's also home to the world-wide surfing championships.

**Praia Mole**, another paradise of surfers and sun worshippers and a favourite of the island's young, athletic and beautiful!

**Barra da Lagoa**, which concentrates the biggest fishing colony of the Island of Santa Catarina and is popular with backpackers.



**Praia da Galheta**, a jaw-dropping coastal nature preserve completely virgin in its natural state, with a soft white sand beach, clear waters and surrounded by lush green hills.

**Pantano do Sul** beach, known for typical seafood restaurants and local fishing boats that make the passage to the beautiful offshore island Ilha do Campeche; and Ribeirão da Ilha, an historic district and one of the rustic fishing villages of Florianópolis.

Just 12 miles from the centre of the city, this entire part of the eastern region of the island has an advanced infrastructure and charm very popular with tourists from around the world. Further north along the eastern coast is **Moçambique**, the island's longest beach and completely virgin, also a nature preserve, and **Santinho** beach, a more populated region offering good tourism infrastructure.

In the southern stretch of the eastern coast, **Matadeiro beach** is a great option for surfing.

**Morro das Pedras** has an agitated sea and a unique rock formation advancing into the sea.

## CARNAVAL!

**Carnaval takes place before Lent where Catholic Brazilians officially gave up luxuries such as meat, alcohol and pastries.** The excitement of Carnival builds practically all year round. Rehearsals at samba schools begin in August and marching percussion bands practise for their performances of music throughout the year.

**Carnaval Balls are extreme**, surreal and erotic events. There are various stages of undress, extravagant body painting, stickered tattoos, fishnets and spandex involved! Hypnotic music, grinding movements and beautiful ladies of the night vying for the camera's attention are included in the price of the ticket. Some of these beautiful ladies are less 'lady' than they may appear...Street Carnival is all about the **dancing in the streets**, marching bands pump out their theme tune and other rhythms as the drag queens and party crazed people bop along behind.

The **samba parades** are perhaps a highlight of Carnival. As the Lonely Planet so nicely puts it, the Brazilians harness sweat, noise and confusion and turn it into art. This procession is a competition of the art. The winner of the samba parades earns admiration and the pride of Rio and all of Brazil.

## HOW TO BOOK

### TWO EASY WAYS ...

Complete a [booking form](#) online.

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**We hope you'll join us!**

**Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.**

**We're happy to help you plan your exciting adventure!**

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