



Palawan Teaching



Availability : Available all year.

Project Start & End Days : Sunday

Project Work Days : Monday to Fridays (weekends are free)

Age Requirement : Must be 18 years or over.

Nearest Airport : Puerto Princesa Airport

Location of Projects :

Municipality of Aborlan is a first class municipality and situated on the central portion of the beautiful island of Palawan. The seat of the municipal government is located 70 km Southeast of Puerto Princesa City. Similarly, the municipality serves as the gateway to the southern municipalities. It is accessible from the major growth centers of the province through the Palawan South Road extending from Puerto Princesa City down to the municipality of Brooke's Point and Bataraza via Aborlan.

Moreover, stretching to an area of 80, 733 hectares, the Municipality is divided into nine coastal Barangays and ten non-coastal Barangays. One of the nine coastal Barangay is called Tigman Village. Similarly, most of the programs and placement are also located such as Elementary schools for Teaching Program. Other placements and programs also took place at nearby Barangays or areas.

Programs descriptions :

- **Teaching project :**

As the island of Palawan hailed as one of the most visited islands in the world by both local and international tourists, communicating in English is a must as English serves as the language of our international communication in all areas such as politics, media, internet and tourism. Thus, having a good command of English helps us to have more opportunities in life, first of all, our career and it should be started at a young age to learn the language. Hence, the first step is teaching English to children within all age groups at an Elementary school in a fun and practical way and giving something back to this beautiful island community!

On the other hand, though English subjects have been taught in schools, we have noticed that the children within the community don't have much chance to learn or practice the use of English. That's where you can help!

In addition, you may find yourself contributing to the elementary schools in and around the municipality of Aborlan. This means your potential pupils could range from grade 1 to grade 6 and are between the age of 6-12 and with an average of 20 - 50 children in a class.

Moreover, the teaching program is organized as an informal English class which allows you to arrange a variety of activities such as music, songs, playing games, arts, sports, conversation exercises and grammar exercises. You may also teach Mathematics and Science subjects.

Just get creative but always keep in mind that everything should be based on teaching practical English for everyday situations in a fun and engaging way!

Finally, an important component of this program is the cultural exchange that will occur.

The pupils at the school are always very interested and keen to learn more about your family, country, culture and way of life. Therefore, we highly encourage you to bring a lot of pictures from home as they will be very much appreciated by the kids!

Your Role as volunteer

Don't worry about not having special qualifications. The whole idea of this program is to provide any help possible, whether it is merely enabling children to hear English pronunciation by native English speakers or any additional help with other academic subjects. Please keep in mind that anything you can offer is very much appreciated and we are grateful for it. The main purpose is that aside from the additional learning and multi - cultural exchanges, you have touched the lives of the children that will surely leave a special space in their hearts.

On the other hand, the core focus of our Teaching program will depend upon the needs of the Elementary schools at that particular point in time. Your main roles will be, but are not limited to:

Teaching English alongside the local teachers.

- Prepares and organizes lessons and meaningful learning activities with the local program coordinator and local teachers.
- Facilitate learning activities such as playing fun games, arts, songs, dances, grammar and conversational exercises, sports and other related activities.
- Join other activities conducted at the school.
- Prepare assessment exercises.
- Checked assessment exercises.
- Mark the monthly examinations or assessment.
- Moreover, in order for you to prepare for the Teaching Program, the description and other information about the school that we work on are stated below.

Subjects: Prescribe subjects on the curriculum that includes Mathematics, Science, English, History and the like. Those subjects are taught using English, Filipino and Mother Tongue Language. Thus, you will only teach English, Mathematics and Sciences and help the pupils improve their English Communication skills and other sets of skills.

Other info: The school is very grateful to form a good working relationship with participants. They feel that participants are one of the best mediums to have a good foundation of English Communication skills as well as social interaction with foreigners.

They are also grateful that the participants enjoy themselves and get to visit the Village and the community, the island's attractions and historical places.

Please note that there are no classes during the school holidays and school breaks, however, the program still runs as we organized an English Summer Camp which takes place at Village Plaza, and at the Tribal Multi Purpose Hall. The recipients are also children from the village ages ranging from 6 to 12 years old and are the Tagbanwa Tribe children located at nearby Barangay. This means that the Teaching program runs and is available all year round.

Finally, during the teaching activities, always be on time and be mindful of class schedules and come to school prepared, be creative in preparing lessons in fun and engaging ways, smile and have lots of patience as you are working with children with various personalities and wear a dress that covers their shoulders and knees, and basically the more that is covered the better. Men must wear trousers, T-shirts and shoes and strictly follow the dress code policy. You are also expected to actively join other activities and of course to enjoy and make the most of your stay and make memorable learning experiences.

- **Kindergarten Project :**

Similar to kindergartens around the world, instruction is informal because children would rather play with you than be "taught," but by making them excited about going to school and teaching them some very Basic English phrases, like straightforward greetings, you may as well have planted the seeds of a habit of lifelong learning.

In addition, the children will all be delighted to see you and exceptionally welcoming, partly due to the genuine friendliness of the residents of these villages and partly because you will be one of the few foreigners they have ever interacted with.

Moreover, by concentrating on the less fortunate children in Nosy Be's underfunded kindergartens, the kindergarten teaching program seeks to increase access to high-quality education for economically disadvantaged children.

The young children's formative years will be the focus of your attention because this is the time when they need to develop the critical cognitive, social, and emotional skills that will prepare them for success in their future academic endeavors.

Before you begin your immersion, it is essential to understand your role,

responsibilities, and expectations. Your general duties will include the following:

- Helping children who need extra support to complete tasks
- Teaching class in specialized subject under the direction of a teacher
- Supporting local teachers with classroom activities
- Create activities that will keep the students engaged, providing fun and interactive activities in teaching English, Math and basic life skills through story-telling, singing, and dancing
- Regularly evaluating and assessing the progress of the children.

A typical day involves teaching English and engaging in daily school activities for a minimum of 4 hours. Since schools operate only for 4 hours a day, if you wish, you could also visit the local community center in the afternoon to teach children for another 2 hours a day.

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About the accomodation :

This center houses all participants in their programs around Palawan. It is built with many natural elements and has a tropical beach look to them! You'll be sleeping on bunk beds and we have limited laundry facilities, so expect to wash your clothes by hand, unless you'd like to use the laundry service here for a small fee.

Due to our tropical setting, WiFi service may not be what you are used to at home. It is limited and sometimes inaccessible due to weather, so having your own local SIM card and purchasing data through the GLOBE network may be your best option for staying connected consistently while you are in our local village. Please be advised that due to jellyfish in the water, it is unlikely that you will be able to swim at the beach close by the accommodation. There is an area near the river or on the other side of the village, which is about a 15 minute walk away, where you will be able to enjoy some time in the water.

Food Arrangements :

Three 3 good meals are provided every day of the program scheduled at 8:00 a.m..for Breakfast, 12:00 n.n. for Lunch and 6:00 p.m.. for Dinner and on weekends only brunch and dinner. Food will be mainly of typical local and western dishes. Since we are in Asia, rice is a staple. We serve

rice but not everyday. We also serve pasta, noodles, sea foods, most of the time chicken and pork, vegetables and fruits. For breakfast, we may have eggs, sausages, oatmeal, bread, pancakes, coffee and tea. However, meals will also be served based on your dietary requirements.

In addition, food arrangement varies based on your program. Typically, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will usually serve at the Accommodation Center; however, for participants having outdoor activities or placement will have packed lunch or take lunch at the local restaurants or at the Filipino Authentic Restaurants nearby. Finally, you are free to relax and explore the local area and local dishes during your spare time or on the weekends but at your own cost and expense.

Facilities

There are many forms of local transportation such as jeepneys, buses and vans which depart every hour to the town of Aborlan or to the next town Narra. Meanwhile, the center consumed around twenty minutes in order to get to the Town's center of Aborlan and around thirty minutes to the next town, Narra.

There are ATM's & Western Union transfers available in the town of Narra. Here, you can also find all necessary amenities such as Banks, pharmacies, grocery stores, local restaurants, local bars, public markets, parks and many more.

Mandatory Orientation Day

On the Monday of your first week at this location, you will join our orientation day, to familiarize you with the surroundings as well as local culture. Your program will continue as usual from Tuesday onward throughout the rest of the week.

Schedule

- Introduction meeting, House rules, Setting Expectations, Health and Safety Advice, handling of documents & Signing up of relevant documents.
- Filipino Do's and Don'ts, Dress Codes, Filipino Culture Lessons and Basic Filipino Language Lessons.
- Tour around the compound and local area; and arrange a sim-card if necessary.
- Lunch
- Project Meetings, Observations, Preparations with assigned Local Program Coordinators.
- Dinner
- Cultural Night