



## Conservation project in New-Zealand



### Program Description

This conservation project programme is suitable for enthusiastic people who enjoy outdoor activities and want hands-on volunteering opportunities. While we are dedicated to looking after and caring for our volunteers, we welcome active, independent travellers.

In some weeks, you may complete a major project, such as being part of a team that plants trees or builds a walking track. In other weeks, you may do a variety of activities every day.

### Aims & Objectives

The program is maintaining the focus on conservation priorities because this is what you have volunteered to help with.

### Types of activities can include:

- Tree planting during winter
- Controlling invasive plant species
- Plant rescue through weeding and mulching

- Seed collection and propagation
- Beach and river clean-ups

## Ōtautahi

In Ōtautahi, we are **restoring river corridors** and wetlands to better protect the region's waterways and its many native birds, lizards and bugs. You will work on our main site at the Ōtakaro Avon River Corridor, as well as smaller projects around the city. You will also help with our projects in beautiful Whakaraupō Lyttelton Harbour.

## Te Whanganui-a-Tara

In Te Whanganui-a-tara we are focussing on creating corridors for our native species. At Belmont Park we are replanting a forest with your help . There are a great range of projects to get involved in, including **trail maintenance, invasive weed removal** and **coastal clean ups**.

## Tāmaki Makaurau

In Tāmaki Makaurau, we are helping to **bring biodiversity back** to the city. From our large scale native plantings at Ātiu Creek Regional Park and the Papakura Stream to trail maintenance, invasive weed removal and litter clean-ups, there are many ways to get involved to support te taiao (the natural world). As Aotearoa's biggest city, there are lots of places to explore.

## Accommodation

Accommodation varies according to project and location. Typical accommodation includes **volunteer houses or hostels**. Volunteers should bring a sleeping bag and be prepared to share bedrooms and bathrooms.

Each location offers a unique and special experience and is equipped with **laundry, Wi-Fi and cooking facilities**.

There are three main centers you will be placed depending on the projects we have to offer and our capacity at the time:

- **In Tāmaki Makaurau** (Auckland region), volunteers may spend their week in Ātiu Creek Regional Park, a 90-minute drive north of the city, or at our accommodation in Titirangi. During the weekend, volunteers will be in our accommodation in Titirangi.
- **In Te Whanganui-a-Tara** (Wellington region), volunteers will stay at Truby King House close to the central city. They will travel each day to different projects around the region.

- **In Ōtautahi** (Christchurch), volunteers will stay at Paterson House in Halswell Quarry. The Quarry is on the edge of the city and you will travel each day to different projects.

## Meals

Our programme **includes all meals** for the duration of the experience. This includes weekends as well.

We provide ingredients, volunteers will need to prepare their own breakfast, lunch and dinner – volunteers are encouraged to prepare meals together.

Please advise at time of booking if there are special dietary requirements.

## Complementary information

- When volunteers arrive on Friday morning, they will receive an orientation for around one hour to settle them into the programme. After orientation, volunteers will be taken to their local volunteer accommodation and will be given the rest of the day to settle.
- **Internet access is provided** at volunteer accommodation but cannot be guaranteed in rural locations.
- At the end of the program the staff will thank you and present you with a **certificate confirming that you have volunteered.**

## Additional Equipment

We advise our volunteers to travel as lightly as possible. However, the following items are essential for a project:

- Sleeping bag
- Wet weather clothing
- Warm hat to keep you warm on colder days
- Personal drink bottle

Note safety vests and gloves are supplied

Volunteers need a reasonable level of fitness to participate in this programme. They should be comfortable being active outdoors.