



Humanitarian missions in Madagascar



Availability : Available all year.

Project Start & End Days : Mondays

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

Age Requirement : Must be 18 years or over.

Nearest Airport : Fascene Airport (NOS)

Location of Projects :

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Programs descriptions :

- **Construction and Renovation :**

This program is helping to support small communities on and around the island. It aims to build and renovate educational facilities that are essential for the growth of children and the community.

In this program, you will begin with a meeting with the coordinator, discussing what is required during your stay at the project. You will further work at the placement for a minimum of four hours in a day alongside other participants.

In addition, a local coordinator will be in charge of overseeing your work with the neighborhood families and other participants while also providing you with guidance and training. Because you will be laying bricks, doing carpentry, painting, waterproofing, laying tiles, landscaping, gardening, as well as improving the community's hygienic and sanitary infrastructure, the project will require arduous physical labor.

Aside from that, you will be expected to help paint the school buildings, make tables and chairs, construct and renovate the playground, make pathways, build toilets, repair the school wall, and help build new classrooms. Construction and renovation work is also available in more places when required in the local area such as renovating community centers or residents houses.

In addition, during the construction activities, please be careful and mindful when using construction equipment and material, ask assistance from your local coordinators for heavy tasks and of course to enjoy and make the most of your stay and make memorable learning experiences.

So, get your hands dirty and help this community build a safe and better place for everyone.

The aim is to renovate, build, and beautify the schools to create an aesthetic institution that will add value to the quality of education for the children. To nurture your latent talent towards creative usage of local resources in providing a better landscape for the local community.

● **Teaching project :**

As a foreign teacher, you give the students the opportunity to interact with people from various backgrounds and cultures. On the other hand, the local teachers can also learn from you about fresh and modern approaches to teaching. You can take part in this project even if you do not have any formal teaching experience because you will primarily be assisting the regular school teachers in the school.

You will teach children from different age groups with different learning capacities. Any teaching resources or techniques you choose to employ are acceptable. The course book can be used as a reference, or you can teach kids English through spoken and casual conversation. You can instruct them in a variety of subjects while you are here, including math, history, science, geography, computers, technologies, music, arts and crafts, various educational games, personal growth, environmental awareness, general health and safety, etc.

In addition, In Madagascar, higher education is offered in both French and Malagasy. Children must therefore learn English because Nosy-Be is also a well-known tourist destination in Madagascar. Being said, it is a great opportunity for you to impart your knowledge especially in English language to the younger generation of this community as it will serve as their foundational pursuit of success in the coming years.

Your Role as volunteer

Before you begin your immersion, it is essential to understand your role, responsibilities, and expectations.

In order to help students improve their English, you will be expected to work closely with them and take part in daily lessons with local teachers. You will also be involved in lesson planning and preparation, as well as administrative tasks as required by the class teacher. We encouraged you to bring your own ideas and creativity to the program and help students develop their English skills through fun and engaging activities.

Your general duties will include the following:

- Assist the teacher in lesson planning and preparing teaching materials.
- Helping children who need extra support to complete tasks.

- Assist in 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.

In addition, 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 students with various personalities and wear a dress that covers your 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.

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.

● **Kindergarten Project :**

The kindergarten students are just starting their academic careers, so the chance to start learning English at such a young age will prove invaluable to them later - and that's where your journey commences.

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.

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About the accommodation :

Our center is located in the **suburbs of Ambondrona, in Nosy Be**. It has a spacious dining room, two lounge areas (Ground floor and First Floor) where you can hang out with fellow participants. Similarly, a large balcony area is also available for you to spend some quality time especially after a long hours of your project activities.

Furthermore, there is a refrigerator which you are welcome to use to store your personal food and beverages.

Food Arrangements :

All the meals served inside the accommodation are homestyle, vegetarian-friendly and you can expect that they will be a mix of Western and Malagasy food, consisting mainly of vegetarian dishes including rice and vegetables. You can expect to have a chicken dish about twice a week. You can also use the kitchen facilities to cook for yourself or eat out at any of the local restaurants at your own expense.

If you are a picky eater or allergies, have dietary restrictions, or if you think that you will not be

satisfied with the local dishes provided, you might want to consider supplementing our menu with your own western type foods and snacks that are more to your liking.

Facilities

- **ATM** - The closest ATM to the Center is about 10 minutes away by Tuk-Tuk from the accommodation.
- **Supermarket** - The closest local supermarket is around 10 minutes away by Tuk-Tuk from the accommodation.
- **Medical Center** - The closest Medical center is around 15 minutes away by Tuk-Tuk from the accommodation.

Arrival

Our transfer coordinator meets you at the meeting point at the airport upon your arrival and arranges your transfer to our accommodation in Ambondrona, Nosy Be. Our representative will be standing in the arrivals area with your name sign.

Departure

Due to the many different personal plans and return flight times people have, we have found it logistically simpler to send participants to the nearest bus station and allow them to make their own way; whether it is to do more travelling or return to the airport. We do not cover your transfer costs to the airport.

Mandatory Orientation Day

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

Schedule

- Welcome, introduction to Nosy-Be, Madagascar, and the team, House rules, Dos and Don'ts, Code of conduct, and handling of documents.
- Introduction about the neighborhood and prices for tuk-tuks, etc.
- Visit Hell-Ville to get SIM Card and visit the market area and ATM

- Lunch
- Malagasy Language lesson
- Visit to Mont Passot (time permitting only)

Equipments

- Comfortable clothes that you do not mind getting wet or dirty.
- Modest outfits covering knees and shoulders (respecting local customs)
- Comfortable walking shoes, sandals, and water shoes
- Sun hat, fleece sweater, and a windproof rain jacket (weather-dependent)
- Passport (ensure it's valid for at least six months beyond your stay)
- Flight information, insurance details, vouchers, visas, and vaccination certificates
- First-aid kit with essential medications, sunscreen, insect repellent, and rehydration tablets
- Toiletries (travel-sized shampoo, soap, toothbrush, etc.)
- Day pack, small travel towel, and reusable water bottle
- Money belt and bag locks for added security
- Personal entertainment (books, playing cards, music player, or e-reader)

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