



Teaching Assistant in Kenya

Assist local teachers by sharing your knowledge of English and more with students in rural Kenya. Get to know them and broaden your horizons together! Students and teachers would greatly appreciate your input and assistance, as an enhancement to their already robust curriculum. As you learn from being immersed into the school, community, and culture, those same students, who might not otherwise be exposed to a more global experience, join with you in this opportunity for mutual learning.

Program Description

Local children in Kenya, especially those in rural areas, rarely have the chance to meet and interact with foreigners. Most do not even get the chance to practice English outside of the school setting, despite the language being one of the official languages of Kenya. Even interacting and speaking the language properly with them may benefit their learning and increase their confidence with the language.

You will be placed in a local school in the community. Your specific placement will depend upon the community needs, availability at that time, and whenever possible, your preferences.

Keep in mind that you may be put in charge of portions of the lesson planning for the class where you will assist the teacher. This may be done in an informal way which may also allow you the freedom to get creative! The favourite activities amongst the youngest

students include sports, games, gardening, and singing. The aim is to assist local students and staff with English and other subjects through tasks that allow practice and creativity.

You are welcome to provide new ideas that promote an exchange of cultures and conversations between you, fellow participants, staff and students. If you have items or photos from home that you can help you to share unique facts or traditions, that could be a great lesson to offer.

Please note that during long holiday periods when schools are on break, a “day-camp” style English and Sports program may be put in place for local children and it will be run by participants with the help of our coordinators.

Aims & Objectives

- Improve the village children’s English and widen their cultural interactions
- Gain invaluable, practical experience in teaching
- Assist the local staff by providing an extra hand

Schedule

Monday to Friday

You will spend 4-6 hours assisting school staff with lessons and activities. Once back at the accommodation, you will have time to prepare your lessons for the next day. The day could look like:

- Breakfast
- Assistant local school
- Lunch
- Assistant local school
- Preparing lesson plan
- Dinner

This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

Additional Requirements

- There are no further requirements.
- Additional Equipment
- Teaching materials such as:
 - Games, books, color, pencils, chalk, rulers, etc
 - Pictures from your country, family and friends
 - Other small cultural objects from your country of origin
- Modest or business casual attire is required while on the school grounds and when interacting in the village. It must be totally covering the knees and

shoulders, (nothing revealing, tight fitting, sheer, low cut, or with any offensive/inappropriate displayed on it)

Included

- All meals included
- Free beverages
- Persons per room 2-4
- Wifi in public areas
- Safety box
- Lockable rooms
- Hot shower
- Bed linen

Not included

- Laundry facilities
- Private bathroom
- Towels

Accommodation & Meals

You will stay in our volunteer house. All participants are expected to respect the environment and use all resources sparingly, especially electricity. There are occasional power stop during the day, but don't panic. This is life in the village. The water supply is always assured. You will have all the basic necessities during your stay.

Meals are provided daily and rooms are cleaned at weekends, but you will also be required to help to keep the accommodation clean and tidy. The Volunteer House is located close to the School and a short walk from the southern entrance to Lake Nakuru National Park. It is about 15 km from Nakuru town.