



Fairtrade, TEFL Volunteer Assistant Teaching, Fiji

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£1495

Date

June 20th 2020

Brief Itinerary

2 days briefing weekend

4 weeks volunteering as assistant teachers (option to include your dissertation or project)

Includes

20 hours TEFL weekend before your arrival

2 days of cultural briefing

Accommodation and meals

Transfers to Taveuni

Return back to Suva

Advise on island hopping adventures before and after your trip

Flights

Flights vary between £800- £1200 return depending on how many stops you have and how early you book.



Community Support Network (CSN)

Fundraising

£100 - we will help you along the way to donate much needed funds which go towards the project equipment, logistics and a training program. Please contact Kirsty@island-spirit.org for help with fundraising.

Links

- A great overview of Fijian volunteering life by a former volunteer in June, 2019: <https://youtu.be/UwBYkkq5U7I>
 - A video of our projects: <https://youtu.be/9LBQDNQRVq0>
 - Our responsible travel webpage: <http://island-spirit.org/responsible-travel/>
 - Coral Gardening, A BBC snippet: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3N26woPiOmU>
- Our recent blog on coral gardening: <http://island-spirit.org/fiji/coral-gardening-to-combat-bleaching/>
 - Coral bleaching, the facts by NOAA: http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/coral_bleach.html
 - A great example of film and photography work on bleached reefs: <http://time.com/coral/>
- Other similar initiatives: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/09/160912173953.htm>

Sri Lanka

We have volunteering trips in June – Oct 2020, please ask for more details.

Primary school teaching assistants

We ask that you do your 20 hours of TEFL training over one weekend before you arrive. This will help you immensely and add a lot of value to your trip. We were honoured to be asked back to help teach the children in our partner village school deep in the jungle of the third biggest island in Fiji. Our input helps aid critical thinking, creative learning, builds confidence and allows children who are slower in class to have one to one reading time.

We pride ourselves on working alongside both the village and school committee following what they require rather than telling them what we think they need. The school is a small and there were in 2019 two composite classes, two classes combined to make one due to the lack of teachers. Our assistance in the short time we are there is sincerely appreciated.

Coral Gardening Summary

Be part of a pioneering team involved in the first Fair Trade climate change adaptation project focused on reviving Fiji's reefs.

Coral gardening is easy to learn, very effective and a great way to learn about tropical reefs while keeping fit.

It is a short term, applied conservation technique which requires patience, attention to detail and the ability to snorkel.

This new programme is designed to allow you to help save and reef and help show the world that coral reefs can potentially survive into the future.

Why Coral Gardening?

Mass coral bleaching started in 2014 and has seen the destruction of reefs all over the planet - including Fiji. Despite Cyclone Winston which hit the islands in February 2016 and cooled the waters, there is still lots to be done to help heat resistant species flourish. This is where you come in!

Students studying subjects such as tourism, photography, geography, business, entrepreneurship, biology, marine biology, anthropology, international development will all benefit hugely. You will stay in a village homestay and get really immersed in the culture while you gather qualitative and some quantitative research data.

Why Island Spirit?

We've been in Fiji for almost eight years so we know the locals you're working with personally. We are a small, social enterprise which allows you to talk directly with Kirsty, the Director, you are not one of the masses, this is more personal.

By just travelling with Island Spirit you are already helping generate fair income for these tiny outer island villages. For example, depending on the group size, each homestay host will receive between FJD\$30 (£12) each per person, per night with three home-cooked meals. Other similar organisations pay as little as \$15 per person. A small example of how the smaller details go a long way.

Deal

If you get five friends to book together (with yourself as six) then you go for FREE!

More Opportunities

Please let me know if you'd be interested in an internship during June, July and August 2020.

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Accommodation

A remote island village homestay with private room.
Camping at a rustic, surfers beach-side lodge

What Next?

Let us know your details and which volunteering you'd like (coral gardening or teaching)

Buy your flight ticket

Pay a £50 deposit

Start fundraising

Pay full price at least one month before arrival

Contact us on Kirsty@island-spirit.org or www.island-spirit.org