



Who is ISV?

International Student Volunteers (ISV) is a non-profit organization committed to *impacting our World* by providing students with life-changing volunteer experiences abroad and at home. ISV has been operating student programs since the early 1980s, but has focused on Volunteer and Adventure Travel since 2002. In that time, ISV students have contributed nearly 2 million volunteer hours (equivalent to 228 years) to benefit conservation and community development initiatives worldwide.

Since 2002, more than 20,000 participants have contributed to ISV's global volunteer efforts, making a significant impact across six continents. ISV sends thousands of students annually from over 800 colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada, Europe, the U.K., Australia and New Zealand to travel overseas with a purpose and volunteer to make a difference.

International Student Volunteers, Inc is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation in the U.S. organized under the Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable and educational purposes.



ISV Volunteer & Adventure Programs

ISV Programs offer students the life-changing opportunity of traveling with a purpose – to have a profound *impact on our world*. ISV has hundreds of carefully chosen volunteer projects worldwide in areas such as:

- Children's Education and Welfare
- Conservation of Nature Sanctuaries
- Heritage and Habitat Restoration and Protection
- Building Playgrounds and Community Facilities
- Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation
- Education and Sustainable Development
- Endangered Species Conservation
- Construction of Homes and Schools
- Game Park Management
- Scientific Research

ISV tours showcase the most exciting cultural and natural attractions in each host country while students participate in more exciting outdoor adventure activities than most people dream about doing in a lifetime!

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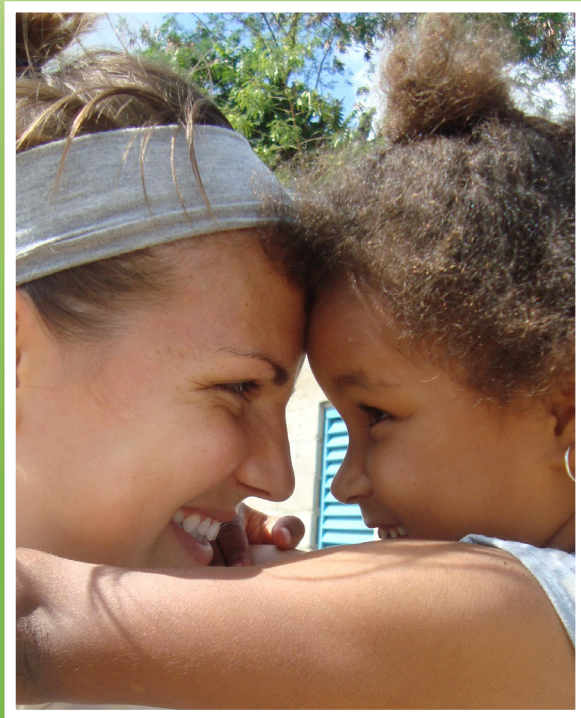
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Australia | Costa Rica | Dominican Republic
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...why ISV?



International Student Volunteers

offers life-changing Volunteer and Adventure Programs and the opportunity to make a meaningful difference while traveling abroad.

ISV is the highest rated Volunteer & Adventure Travel Program in the world



International Student Volunteers is a world leader in student volunteer initiatives and was recently selected as one of the top ten volunteer organizations by the U.S. Center for Citizen

Diplomacy in partnership with the U.S. State Department from more than 1,000 U.S. Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs).

International Recognition

ISV has been honored with international recognition for volunteer contributions overseas by foreign governments, international aid societies, environmental groups and more than 200 publications worldwide.

ISV takes an active role in supporting international symposiums and conferences through speaking engagements, presentations and panel discussions. ISV's expertise has been featured in conferences in Australia, China, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Greece, India, New Zealand, Thailand and throughout the U.S.

WYSE Confederation



ISV's Founder and International Director currently serves on the Board of Directors for WYSE Work and Volunteer Abroad - World Youth and Student Educational Travel Confederation.



ISV Partnerships

With more than 100 partners worldwide, ISV is able to offer a wide variety of hands-on volunteer projects that are locally-driven. ISV projects are run in direct collaboration with organizations that have specific goals they wish to achieve. Our partners range from large, international groups to local grassroots organizations, research institutions, government and non-government agencies such as:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Peace Corps
- The Nature Conservancy
- Conservation International - Ecuador
- Conservation Volunteers Australia
- Community Service Alliance - Dominican Republic
- Volunteer Africa
- Asociación ANAI - Costa Rica
- Youth Action for Peace - Romania
- Department of Conservation - New Zealand
- Elephant Nature Park - Thailand

To learn more about our many partnerships, please visit www.isvonline.org/info/why_isv.

ISV Mission and Philosophy

ISV's mission is to create an environment that combines conservation, education, community development and recreation into the ultimate adventure travel program for students who desire to make a difference by volunteering in communities abroad.

By volunteering with ISV, participants are able to make valuable contributions to a range of conservation and humanitarian causes around the world. Each ISV participant can enhance the lives of others and enrich their own life in the process.

"This program was the best experience of my life. The places and people and staff never ceased to amaze me. Everything was beautiful and I am a better person for having come here."

Steff Werner, Arizona State University

ISV is Unique

1. ISV has a strong educational emphasis throughout the entire Program. Students return home with a greater understanding and passion for the environment, cultures and global issues. Over 150 universities have granted academic credit to students who volunteer with ISV.

2. Complete Support! ISV's qualified and trained in-country staff provide complete, supervised and personalized care for all elements of the ISV experience. ISV goes to great lengths in site inspecting each volunteer project and adventure tour activity to ensure every aspect of the program is meaningful, fun, safe and sustainable.

3. ISV has an office in each of the countries where we operate volunteer programs so we can focus on participant care with 24-hour in-country support. Each office has from 2 to 10 local full-time staff that set up the Programs year round.

4. ISV hires our own Project Leaders who are qualified, experienced and trained to work with the host organizations in order to provide the best experience possible. ISV Project Leaders who lead students earning academic credit from our partner universities have a Master's or PhD degree in a related field with teaching and leadership expertise.

5. ISV is the perfect model for meaningful travel since it combines a unique mix of volunteering and educational adventure travel. Participants develop a passion for volunteering and an appreciation for the natural resources they experience while on tour.

