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Volunteer, Age: 22, Kenya – Orphanage Program.



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THERE ARE A LOT OF VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS OUT THERE..... WHAT MAKES INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER HQ SO SPECIAL?

IVHQ offers a number of services you simply will not receive with any other organisation.

SERVICE

How many times have you emailed a travel agent or volunteer organisation only to have them take weeks to get back to you? It can be an extremely nervous and anxious time preparing to go volunteering abroad and when you want an answer to a question you may have, you want it now! Not next week or the week after. At International Volunteer HQ we pride ourselves on our quick, accurate and efficient response time to emails and enquiries. If you email us with an enquiry you can expect to hear back within 24 hours (one working day). We challenge you to find a volunteer organisation with more efficient response time and better volunteer service than IVHQ!

AFFORDABILITY

One of the main motivations behind the formation of IVHQ was to provide volunteers with high quality, safe and yet extremely affordable volunteering opportunities in developing countries. Many people associate low cost with low quality - not us. A lot of people believe our programs are the best there are. Don't believe us? Read our TESTIMONIALS. We want to provide you with the best volunteer experience possible at the cheapest price, so you have money to spend on other things while you are abroad. Why spend thousands on volunteering abroad when the best programs and prices are with IVHQ? Check out our great prices today.

FLEXIBILITY

Every volunteer is different and everybody has different expectations from their volunteer placement. Therefore IVHQ has partnered with local organizations who are flexible and can help tailor volunteering placements for each specific volunteer. Some volunteers may want to work huge hours at their project while others may only want to spend a few hours each day working. Some volunteers may want to work in rural areas, others the city and some may even want a combination of the two. Our partner organization will work with you and do their utmost to ensure your volunteer experience is what you want, not simply what you are given.

QUALITY

While we are prepared to sacrifice charging high fees, we will not sacrifice quality. We are not prepared to send volunteers to a placement that is unsafe or of low quality, and to this end all of the volunteer placements and home stays we offer, have been inspected and experienced by IVHQ. One of the reasons IVHQ does not offer as many programs as other organizations is that it takes a long time to find local NGOs in host countries that are affordable and yet provide high quality volunteering placements. While IVHQ is in the process of opening a number of new programs, we will not surrender quality or affordability in order to increase our volunteer placement options. OUR TESTIMONIALS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES - READ THEM AT OUR WEBSITE TODAY!

<http://www.volunteerhq.org/testimonials.html>

SUPPORT

From the moment you pay your registration fee at IVHQ you will have support 24/7 until the day you finish your volunteer project. You will receive an informative online booklet detailing everything you need to know about your imminent volunteer placement specific to your country while you will also

be assigned an IVHQ staff member who will be your point of call until you go and also throughout your project. During your volunteer placement you will always have support close at hand through our partner organization in the host country, while IVHQ will be in regular contact to ensure your volunteer experience is everything you expect it to be.

SAFETY

Travelling to a different country and experiencing a different culture can be a scary experience at the best of times, but when you are immersing yourself right into the culture through volunteering and living amongst the local community, this apprehension can often be compounded. While safety can never be totally guaranteed wherever we are in the world, IVHQ and its partner organizations do all they can to ensure your volunteering project is as safe as humanly possible. You are placed in trustworthy institutions and reliable accommodation situations all of which have been inspected and experienced by IVHQ directors.

FRIENDSHIP

Volunteers on IVHQ's programs often form lifelong friendships with their host families and the people they assist on the volunteer programs. However they also form strong bonds with the other volunteers they meet, work and live with on their placements. Despite many volunteers coming from extremely dissimilar backgrounds, the experiences that these volunteers share forge strong ties that can last a life time in spite of their vastly different home cultures.

NEED

There is nothing worse than investing your time and money into volunteer travel, then flying half way around the world simply to find that your presence is not really required. IVHQ actively seeks partner organizations that have a legitimate need for volunteers. Whether your stay is a short or a long one, our partner organizations will do their utmost to ensure you DO make a difference.

LOYALTY

Loyalty is a crucial element to the foundations that IVHQ has been built on. Making the decision to invest your time and money to volunteer abroad is a difficult one and to this end we try to make it as easy for you as possible. We make the registration fee refundable so if you change your mind closer to the time (no closer than 2 months to your start date) you will receive your money back. Furthermore, if you decide to volunteer with IVHQ again within a 24 month period after your first volunteer experience we will waive the registration fee. This means you can combine multiple volunteering experiences within a 24 month period and only pay the registration fee once!

EXPERIENCE

Placing over 1500 volunteers abroad annually, the staff at IVHQ have been there and done that. We are former volunteers who know what it is like to arrive in a foreign country, knowing no-one and about to give up our time to help people we have never met before. We have experienced firsthand the programs we offer. We have lived in the accommodation and eaten the food you will. We have experienced the same trepidations and fears before travelling and we will be here to help you. Every year we spend approximately 3 months ourselves travelling our programs and experiencing what our volunteers are (chances are we will meet you!!). There is no higher form of quality control than experiencing the programs first hand and fixing any problems that you encounter. By living and volunteering alongside our volunteers we ensure our programs remain the very best!

ENJOYMENT

There is much more to a top quality volunteer travel experience than simply volunteering day in, day out. Volunteering with IVHQ you get additional bonuses such as photo and video competitions where you can win money back for simply giving us feedback on your program or posting photos on Facebook. Furthermore, most volunteers are first time travellers to their host country and often wish to look around and explore. To accommodate this our in-country partner organizations have partner tourism companies or contacts that allow you to 'escape' from the rigors of day to day volunteer work, to spend a weekend or extended break, experiencing more of the country you are working in. Often the prices for these tours and trips are much better than you'll find anywhere else in that country as the trips are discounted for volunteers.

REQUIRE MORE INFORMATION ON A SPECIFIC COUNTRY?

STEP ONE: Check out our website and read the huge amount of information available there!

Still need more information?

STEP TWO: Email the team at International Volunteer HQ and request a Preregistration Booklet for the program you wish to sign up to.

Still need more information?

STEP THREE: Email the team with the specific questions you have.

Still require more information?

STEP FOUR: Talk to a staff member at International Volunteer HQ either by calling us or getting us to call you (saves you money!)

VOLUNTEER PHOTOS

The say that a picture speaks a thousand words which is why we try to post (and get our volunteers to post) pictures for you to see

- Where you will be going
- What you will be doing
- Program coordinator's and their staff
- Volunteer's in the field
- Volunteer's travelling.



International Volunteer HQ has a range of photos taken from the volunteering placements at

<http://www.volunteerhq.org/gallery.html>

Furthermore we encourage volunteers to post their photos on our Facebook group page

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=18532434512>

WHERE DO I GO TO FROM HERE IF I WANT TO VOLUNTEER WITH INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER HQ?

To get placed on an IVHQ project and receive all the information that goes with it we recommend you do the following as soon as possible:

1. Browse our great range of amazing volunteer placements at www.volunteerhq.org
2. Select a program that you wish to volunteer on and apply online using our online application form www.volunteerhq.org/apply.html. (This lets us get some more info from you)
3. Within 48 hours, you will receive an email from IVHQ, letting you know whether there is space on the project you wish to volunteer.
4. If you are successful, you can then pay the registration fee (refundable if you choose not to go) of US\$220. This payment confirms your place on the project and means you won't miss out or have to be shifted to a different project! Your spot on a placement cannot be confirmed until you pay the registration fee. It is also necessary for IVHQ, so we know that volunteers are serious about partaking in the program they have applied for. Once you have paid this registration fee, you will receive a BUMPER sized info booklet detailing everything you need to know for your upcoming placement.

IVHQ is the most affordable international volunteering organisation you will find, however some people associate low price with low quality - not us. A lot of people believe our programs are the best there are - better even than the programs that people pay thousands for! Don't believe us? Read what our past volunteers say about our amazing programs <http://www.volunteerhq.org/testimonials.html>

If you would like to see our volunteers in the field, check out our galleries at <http://www.volunteerhq.org/gallery.html>

If there is anything else we can help you with, do not hesitate to get in contact with us. **If you require more information on a specific program check out the website www.volunteerhq.org or email the team and request a preregistration booklet on the specific country you are interested in.** If you want us to phone you, simply email us your country, phone number (calling code inclusive), and appropriate time to call and we will get in touch as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

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