



ARGENTINA: TEACHING IN BUENOS AIRES

LATIN AMERICA ... THE ANDES ...
THE IGUACU FALLS

Argentina is at once majestic and flamboyant!

The romance of Argentina takes one's breath away. From the magnificent Andes Mountains to the awesome power and beauty of the Iguazu Falls, your placement in this colourful country will be unforgettable

Buenos Aires is a cosmopolitan and elegant capital city, renowned for its sophistication. The City has a surprisingly European feel and is reminiscent of Paris with its tree-lined avenues and frequent plazas - they have a beguiling, faded elegance.

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- An opportunity to **make lifelong friends from all over the world.**
- And best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**



► SUMMARY FACTFILE

Start Dates	All year round – you choose your start and finish dates!
Duration	2 weeks to 1 year, subject to visa requirements
Requirements	Minimum age 17, no qualifications necessary (just a good dose of enthusiasm!). If you're teaching English, you must be fluent in the language
Price	From £875/USD\$1,315 for 2 weeks, ranging to £2,495/USD\$3,745 for 8 weeks. Full Price List
What's included	► Accommodation ► Food (excluding lunch) ► Meeting you at BA Airport ► Transfer to your accommodation ► Transport to and from your project ► Full pre-departure support ► Local in-country team support and backup ► 24-hr emergency support. ► 2 free T-Shirts.
What's not included	Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required, but we'll provide necessary documents and assistance), Return transfer to the airport.
Who can do this Project?	All our projects are open to all nationalities. Unless otherwise stated, you need to be aged between 17 and 70+

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

Your help on this project will be split across three groups:

- Children and teenagers in various homes, community centres, orphanages
- Children or teenagers in schools
- All ages of adults in various different institutions including community centres, hospitals, churches, etc. (optional)



The Teaching Programme

We will arrange for your teaching to be spread across a variety of different institutions, and you will usually be teaching all three of these groups, depending on your experience, preferences and level of Spanish. Teaching is arranged for around ten hours per week so you will have plenty of spare time to explore Buenos Aires and all of the attractions that are on offer in this vibrant city.

Teaching in Homes

Teaching is available in a variety of institutions, where the residents may be children, teenagers, orphans, street children, or single mothers. Often these children come from deprived or abusive backgrounds and have been taken into care by the justice department. Usually they attend school during the week but most have to return to their homes over the weekend, which is often not pleasant for them.

Despite these disadvantages, the children are usually warm and friendly and they need and respond well to care, attention and affection. In several homes children may be far behind in their classes and education. Volunteers are needed to provide **basic** English teaching through **playing or singing** with the children. All of the children are starved of affection, and volunteering in any home can be challenging but highly rewarding. To work in most of the homes it helps to have a basic understanding of Spanish but not a requirement to teach generally in Buenos Aires. (There are other options)



Below is a description of HLQ Orphanage. This is a home for children who have been “infected” with HIV (very few) or have been “affected” by HIV. (Affected includes situations where parents or family members have died from or been infected with HIV). At any one time there are around 12 children living there. The orphanage is very poor as it gets no money from the government, and many of the resident children do not even have paperwork, so officially they “don’t exist”. Travellers Worldwide volunteers have taught at this home for the past 6 years and this project is very special to us; **we make a financial contribution every month to help support the home**. In combination with the assistance of dedicated volunteers this has made a vast improvement to the home and a great difference to the lives of the children. (Teaching at this home is **entirely optional** and if you do not want to teach here then you do not have to.)

Teaching in Schools

You can teach conversational English in **Private Schools** at both secondary and primary level. It is possible that you may work with one of two schools that are prominent in Buenos Aires and that have a very good standard and reputation. Although some of these schools are middle-class, they are not usually the richest schools and some of the children attending schools such as this are there because they have been awarded a scholarship. None of the teachers are usually native English speakers and the children are never in contact with natives apart from the Travellers’ volunteers that go there.

The children at these schools find the experience of having volunteer teachers most enriching. Whenever you teach in a school you will nearly always be an **assistant** to the regular English teacher – as such, you do not need to speak any Spanish to work in a school.

If you are teaching at a school then you will most probably be teaching at a home or adult course as well – this is because we always try to arrange a mixture of teaching for you. We consider it to be very enriching for you to see and work with both faces of Argentina. Most volunteers find it quite a challenge working in a home, which is again why we try to arrange for you to have your teaching spread across a variety of different places – this maintains a balance and ensures that you can help where needed whilst also gaining some great experience for your CV.

An example of a school is **Primary School Beth**: This is a Jewish private school with around 350 pupils. The children at this school are very friendly and will be delighted to welcome you. English plays an important part of the school curricula and students are encouraged to sit for several international exams. Volunteers will be asked to tell

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children about their home country and its customs and assist them in the training for international exams (especially in terms of conversational skills).

English lessons are always in the afternoons. Before they start, volunteers will normally be invited to have lunch with the children, this being considered by the authorities of the school as a significant opportunity for students and volunteers to practice informal conversations in English.

Facilities at this school and most other schools are very good and usually include computer rooms.

Teaching Adults

Adult courses are spread across a variety of institutions and you could be asked to teach adults of all ages. Often class sizes are small and you will usually be in sole charge of the class. Teaching is available to adults all year round. We are currently working with several Social Assistance Centres which are aimed at adults and typically provide economic aid to people in the community. In addition to this, Social Assistance Centres offer workshops aimed at job training or recreation. Students here are usually aged twenty years and over and are very eager to learn English.

You may be asked to teach children or adults depending on the time that you are there and whether the schools are on holiday or not. The number of hours of teaching a week can range from about 10 to 12 and it is likely that you will teach in a variety of different institutions during your stay, giving you a rounded experience. Once classes have been scheduled your attendance is compulsory and you will be required to give prior notice in order to take time off. This is particularly important if you are assigned to teach in a home as regular attendance is needed to establish continuity in the lives of your students. You will have plenty of free time during your placement to enjoy all of the attractions that Buenos Aires has to offer!

The Teaching placement is available **all year round**. However, the schools do have holidays so during these times teaching is only available to adults or in the children's homes. If your placement commences just before a period of school holidays you should be aware that your students may be undertaking exams and teaching may be disrupted because of this. The school terms are as follows:

Term 1: Mid March to 3rd week July

Term 2: 2nd Week August to Mid December.

LOCATION:

Argentina is stunning! Many neighbourhoods have their own unique flair, such as the brightly painted houses of La Boca or beautiful Belgrano. Argentina is a vast country with a dramatically varied landscape, from the subtropical north to the sub-Antarctic south.

The romance of Argentina takes one's breath away. Argentina is geared up to thrill. Magnificent mountains, vast deserts, dense forests and the majestic Iguazu waterfalls - from the remote wilderness of the pampas to sophisticated Buenos Aires – Argentina is magnificent. Making up almost the entire southern half of South America it is the world's eighth largest country. The amazing array of landscapes includes some of the world's tallest mountains, most impressive deserts, and startling waterfalls. From the hot northern desert land and remote areas in southern Patagonia, to the bustling metropolis of Buenos Aires, Argentina has something for all types of traveler and visitor.



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ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

There are two choices for accommodation in Buenos Aires. Depending on your preferences you can either stay in the modern hostel, in the young and trendy neighbourhood of Palermo, with other volunteers or, if you would prefer a more cultural experience, you can be placed with a host family and be fluent in Spanish is no time!

HOSTEL: You'll live a hostel situated in a beautifully renovated historic building in Downtown Buenos Aires, very conveniently located for exploring the city and doing shopping. It's big enough to be sociable and fun, yet small enough to feel at home; a real chance to immerse yourself in Argentine culture.

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You'll share a dorm room and have access to kitchen facilities. The hostel boasts of several amenities like internet and Wi-Fi, a common area, DVD room, library, book exchange and a housekeeping service.

Food: You'll be given an allowance for your meals (breakfast and dinner, lunch is excluded projects in Buenos Aires). This arrangement is to give you the flexibility to sample the great Argentinean food. Right on the door step of the hostel there are many cafes and restaurants with great priced menus just waiting for you....the choice is yours!

HOST FAMILY: If you would prefer a more cultural experience, we can arrange for you to stay with a local Argentinean family. Host family accommodation gives you the opportunity to become more integrated in the local community and is ideal if you want to practice your Spanish (Basic/intermediate Spanish is required to stay with a Host Family). You'll have a comfortable private room and use of the kitchen. Breakfast and dinner is provided every day and you will usually share a typical Argentinean meal with your family.



Facilities in host families do vary, but you will have the opportunity to express your preferences regarding the type of family that you stay with (for example, a family with/without children, pets etc). If you stay in a host family you will be provided with the contact details of other volunteers living in Buenos Aires at the same time as you so that you won't miss out on any socialising!

Please note that if you'd prefer to live with a host family, there is an additional supplement of £107 per week, with half-board.

VISAS:

Visas are not required for a stay of 90 days if you are a British Passport holder. If you're from another country, we'll liaise with you about your visa requirements, but don't worry if you do require one we will liaise with you about your visa requirements, and make the visa process very easy.

FLIGHTS:

You have the option to arrange your own flights or we can assist you with your flight arrangements. If you would like us to do this for you, we will liaise with you regarding available flights and dates to suit you. All arrangements for your flight bookings/payments will be fulfilled by [Murray Rogers Travel Limited](#), ATOL No. 6856.

INDUCTION ON ARRIVAL:

When you arrive, you will be welcomed at the airport by our Argentina Organiser, who will take you to your accommodation. During your first few days you will be given an induction so that you can learn about Argentina and its culture, as well as useful information like how to use the transport system etc.

COSTS:

Please see the prices pages of our website [Full Price List](#). The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

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| ✓ Accommodation | ✓ UK administration |
| ✓ Food (excluding lunch) | ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations) |
| ✓ Meeting you at the airport | ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection |
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By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible.

For every volunteer, a donation is made by Travellers on your behalf into the **Bridge The Gap Foundation**. This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.

COUNTRY PROFILE:

Latin America... The Andes.... Iguazu Falls... Argentina is both majestic and flamboyant! **Buenos Aires** is one of the most exciting cities in Latin America. Dynamic and bustling, it is the city that never sleeps. Tango was born here, restaurants serve all manner of world cuisines, bars play the latest music, cafés spill on to the streets and nightclubs allow dancing throughout the night.

West of the Capital is another Argentina, the **pam pas**, a great open plain home to cattle and sheep estancias (ranches). Far west of Buenos Aires lies the **Andes**, separating Argentina from Chile. The Andean provinces range from the high plateaus and steep and isolated valleys of the northwest to the lakes and forests of the Lake District and the glaciers of the far south.

Away from the Pampas, much of Argentina is covered by deserts: these range from the burnt landscapes of the **Chaco** and cactus expanses of the west and northwest, to the great steppes which cover most of **Patagonia**. The Atlantic **coastline** stretches south from Buenos Aires to Tierra del Fuego. The stretch just south of the capital is lined with **beach resorts**, the most famous of which is Mar del Plata, seen by Argentines as 'the Biarritz of Argentina'. The southern beaches are occupied by penguins and sea lions.

There are 4 clear seasons.....hot in summer, 35°C average and cold in the winter around 4 – 6°

THINGS TO DO IN: ARGENTINA

- Visit one of the most spectacular sights in South America, the Iguazu Falls - an **immense natural wonder** dwarfing even Niagara Falls with its beauty and power. The falls divide into some **275 separate cascading waterfalls** catching the light and creating a kaleidoscope of rainbows in their spray.
- Adventure and mountain sports enthusiasts should head to Argentina's biggest wine region, **Mendoza**. Set in the foothills of the Andes mountains, it's a paradise for adrenaline junkies.
- **Dance the Tango!** Enigmatic, sultry, elegant and exuberantly passionate. Getting to grips with this dance is no easy feat but Buenos Aires is certainly the place to learn.

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VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK:

“Thank you so much for everything that you did for me while I was in Buenos Aires! I had the most amazing time and wish that I had been there for longer!! I got home a couple of weeks ago and I've now applied to become a primary school teacher in England, so thank you so much for helping me find a career I'll really enjoy.” Anne Connell, teaching volunteer

"Every day is very different which is why I really love this placement!"

Olivia Goodman

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