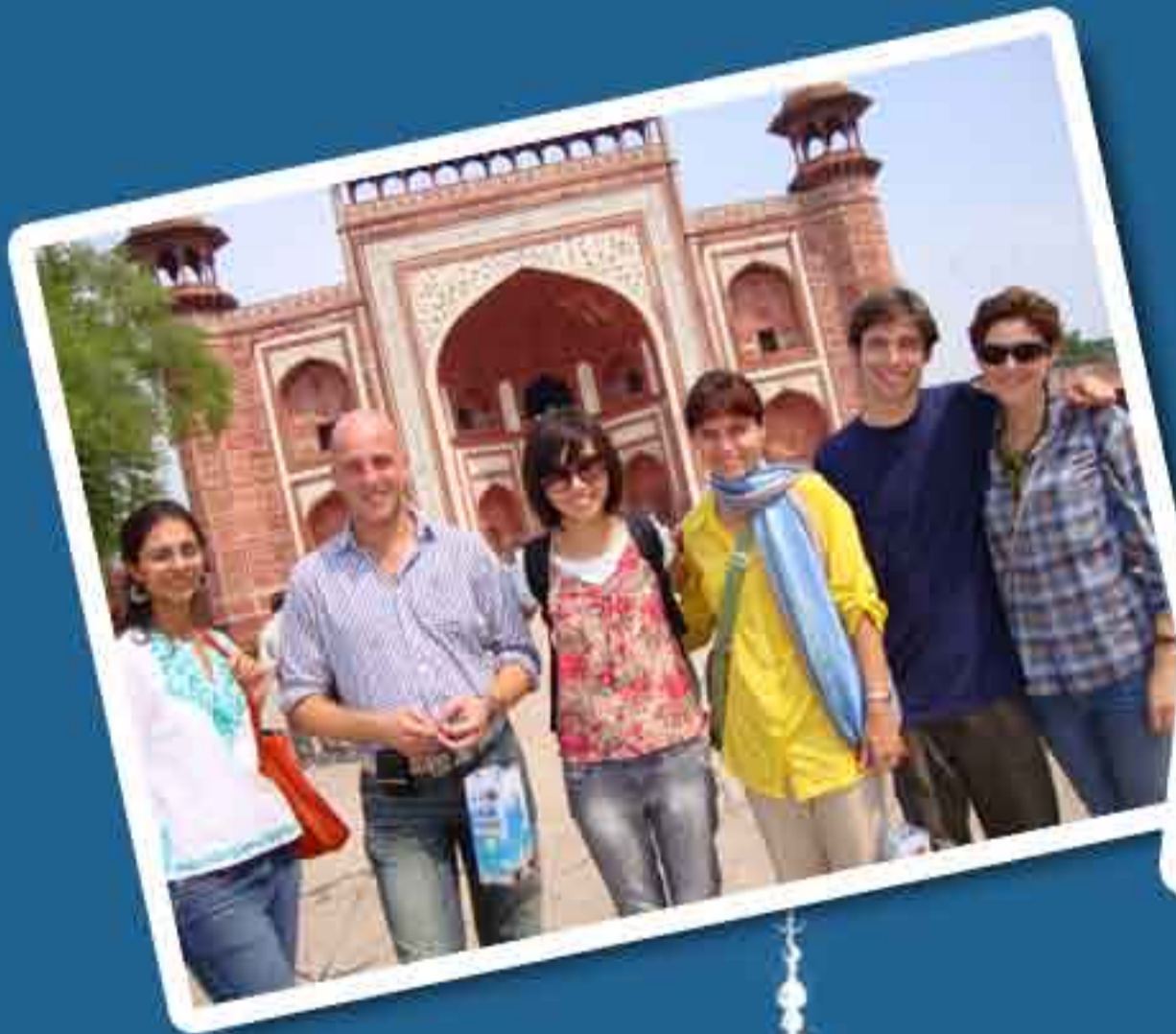




**VOLUNTEERING  
INDIA**



**Volunteering  
in INDIA**

**Starting**

**\$249 only**

# **PRE APPLICATION BROCHURE**

Namaste! This booklet provides some more information to help you decide and make an informed decision to volunteer with VI in India. India has a lot to offer and it is hard to describe without experiencing it yourself – the beautiful friendly people, working with other likeminded volunteers from all over the world and the amazing landscapes, rich culture, history and cuisine. However, this booklet provides you with some general information on what to expect while volunteering in India. With this booklet we try and provide you with all information you need before you decide to apply for an exciting volunteering program with Volunteering India in India. When you apply to volunteer with VI, we will send you a Pre Departure booklet to help you prepare. Just remember if there is anything you want to know that is not answered in this booklet or on our website, feel free to contact us at anytime.

Get ready for one of the most amazing, life changing experiences of your life.

**VOLUNTEERING INDIA TEAM**

# WHY CHOOSE VOLUNTEERING INDIA?

There are many companies providing the same services as we are, but our aim is to provide the most affordable programs. We work with NGO's and local organizations directly and by doing so we can keep our costs low. This is a benefit to the volunteers as they can get world-class service at nearly 50% - 80% of the cost what others charge. As some companies who provide exactly the same services charge somewhere between \$1000- \$2000 for just 2 weeks program, our programs start at only \$249. It is a wise decision to save money, which can be spent for the needy society. We believe that the money you save by joining us can be donated directly by you to the NGO you volunteer for or can be utilised to pay for your airfare. We work with most experienced staff, who have vast experience in working with foreign volunteers in all countries.

Unlike many other companies we have programs running throughout the year. Volunteers can choose when to start and when to finish. This gives you greater flexibility in joining our program when you are comfortable.

## **Affordability**

Our volunteer abroad programs start at \$249. You save a lot of money which you can use directly to support communities where you would volunteer. Having low cost doesn't mean we cut on quality, we cut on middlemen and save costs to transfer to you. Our programs are enjoyed by many, read our testimonies for yourself.

## **Experience**

Our staff have experience of working with international volunteer, experienced NGO's and social workers for over 5years to help volunteers have a great experience and a worthwhile volunteer project.

## **Flexibility**

Unlike most of the volunteer abroad organizations, we allow our volunteers to start on any date (unless joining a specific program) in most of the countries we operate in.

## **Safety**

We take safety of our volunteers seriously and thoroughly research on projects and partners before sending volunteers to the projects. If we feel certain area or project is not safe we don't mind cancelling it, to keep everyone safe. We offer full comprehensive medical Insurance to all our participants, so that they can travel with peace of mind.

## **Benefit to Communities**

Volunteering India works directly with local communities in India to ensure they get support both from volunteers and also financially. Major part of your program fee would go directly to the family, workers and coordinators to help them financially. A constant flow of volunteers means that these people and parts of communities are getting constant support both financially and personally by volunteers.

## **Quick & Personal**

We work as a team and are always there to help you and answer your questions. We aim to reply to our e-mails within 4-6 hours or maximum within 24hrs. You can also reach us by phone or leave a message to have a quick reply back to your queries. We know our volunteers before they leave and take care of their little requests, which makes their experience even more worthwhile.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

Volunteering India provides volunteer work across India, anytime of the year. Volunteers can choose from short term and long term durations from 2 - 12 weeks. You can join the programs anytime you like, giving you complete flexibility. We have volunteer work programs in India which include; volunteering in an orphanage, women empowerment / support programs, HIV/Health programs, helping and supporting street children, teaching English & working in day care centres with kids.. We provide all these volunteer programs in conjunction with various government approved NGO's which are working towards various community programs. Our volunteer programs in India are carefully chosen so that both volunteers and the people gain equally through this effort. Our volunteers make a significant change in the society, they share their love and affection with others which is welcome by all.

No foreign volunteering company can provide this affordable, reliable, meaningful and variety of volunteer programs in India as they work with middlemen and agents, thus providing more expensive and programs that are tailor made for tourists and do not aim to work with the locals who are in actual need of support. Come and experience the difference like many others have by joining us.

Volunteering in India is available in New Delhi, Bangalore, Dharamshala/Palampur, and Calcutta (Kolkata). Once you have traveled through India, the voyage never ends, but is played out again in the quietest chambers that the mind can never break off from the journey. India is not a place you simply and clinically 'see', it's a total experience, a place you will never forget.

## LANGUAGE, CULTURE & ORIENTATION WEEK

Volunteering India gives its volunteers a great opportunity to learn the culture, history and language of this diverse country called India. Orientation week is aimed to teach the volunteers about all issues about culture, basic language and history about India before they start their program in the field. You can also choose to take part in this Orientation week or go directly into the volunteer program. This program starts on every Monday of the month and is for 6 days. The program aims to give you true insight about India, its culture, basic language, food, places to visit and things to do while you would spend your time in India. The program is held in Delhi the capital of India and volunteers also have a chance to visit Taj Mahal (at an extra cost) on the 7th day of the program. While on this program the volunteers would stay at the hostel or host family arranged by Volunteering India.

## TEACHING

Volunteers are placed in community schools, public schools or orphanage schools. Many of the schools we work with are constantly understaffed and are always in need of new volunteers. In this program, volunteers can work by themselves or alongside other teachers and volunteers. Typical subjects taught include – English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Art and Physical Education. School in India runs all year round but are closed during (May-June and 10 days in October). Volunteers can teach all year round on our programs as during school holidays volunteers can teach in orphanages, shelter homes or take tutorials at local schools which our program staff will arrange. Volunteers DO NOT need to be a qualified or experienced teacher.



## ORPHANAGE WORK

A large number of poor and disadvantaged orphan children without homes are given refuge in orphanages and shelter homes being run by various non government organizations throughout India. These are distressed children who come from difficult circumstances that detach them from the joys of childhood. These orphans require love, care, affection warmth and education. Volunteers working in our 'Help The Orphans' program in India will provide support to the underprivileged and uncared for children to alleviate their suffering by helping them live a dignified life . We do this by supporting the work of local community organizations in India through the placement of international volunteers to work and help in an Orphanage. A typical volunteer helping in an orphanage would help the children with their day to day activities such as: doing homework, making notes, playing with children, helping staff organize the orphanage, providing mental and physiological support, exchanging cultural views, teach them about health and hygiene.



## STREET CHILDREN PROGRAM

India has more than 100 million street children! This program allows volunteers to work with local NGO's working towards this cause. Volunteers can bring smile on the faces of these disadvantaged street children by helping to create an environment conducive for their holistic development in order to enable them become a part of mainstream society. Volunteers can work at the contact points, being run by various organizations, which serve as day care centres for these street children. They can assist in providing love, care, basic literacy, recreation and most importantly spend time and shower affection on them. It can make a world of difference to their lives.



## MEDICAL - HIV/AIDS WORK

Healthcare is neither easily accessible nor affordable for many Indians living in the rural villages, semi rural areas with metropolitan cities and slums around urban areas. Volunteers are required and placed in a local small hospitals or dispensary based on previous medical training and experience. NB For the MEDICAL PLACEMENT, volunteers need to be training or qualified in a relevant medical field. Therefore, volunteers are required to present a copy of their qualifications or certificates to us on after application. We also work with several organizations who run Outreach programs for HIV/Aids and are generally done through schools and community groups while work consists of; visiting patients in their homes, helping with medical care and food, conducting lessons to educate people on the dangers of HIV and how to prevent themselves from getting infected.

# WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

There are many women who at some time in their life have experienced physical, sexual or emotional abuse. A large number of non-government organizations, besides the efforts put in by the government have come forward to help the battered and disadvantaged women. A number of women homes have been set up to shield women from the wrong doings of the society and to restore their last sense of pride and self respect. These resource strapped women homes badly need the services of volunteers to run their program. Volunteers provide counselling and monitoring and help women by teaching English, beautician work, yoga, stitching, sanitation and health education. They educate women about HIV/AIDS and other related issues. They make a big difference in their lives by sharing their love and warmth with the stressed inmates of the women homes. Volunteers can provide guidance for nutritional and wholesome diet; assist the local staff in organizing adult literacy classes for women. They can also help in setting up an informal judicial system for the redressal of cases of domestic violence, marital discord, dowry demands etc. Volunteers interested in the cause of upliftment of the disadvantaged women and willing to give them love, care and warmth, would find our women support project very fulfilling and rewarding.



## SUMMER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IN INDIA - 2011

Volunteering India offers two incredible volunteer programs to meet everyone's choice for the summer 2011. These programs are designed to be joined as an individual or as a group during Summer 2011. Volunteers are also welcome to join our usual volunteer programs which run throughout the year.

**The Summer Program starts on 27th June 2011 and lasts for 3 weeks.**

**Delhi Summer Program** - Offers a chance to volunteer and travel in Delhi, the capital of India and have a chance to work with underprivileged children while exploring this amazing city. While in the program volunteers will travel seeing different monuments and history Delhi has to offer. You will visit Taj Mahal, now amongst the new Seven Wonders of the World and Jaipur the amazing historic Pink city which is popular amongst tourists for its culture and heritage.

**Palampur Summer Program** - Volunteer in the beautiful Himalayas surrounded by quaint and calm surroundings. Palampur is only a 40 minutes drive from Dharamshala, home to The Dalai Lama. Volunteers in this program will work with underprivileged children in day care centers. On the weekends you get a chance to take a Trekking Trip and also visit Manali, one of the most popular hill resorts in India. This program is highly recommended for Groups.



# WINTER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IN INDIA 2010 - 2011

Volunteering India brings some exciting volunteering programs designed especially for winter break 2010 - 2011. Volunteers can also join any of the other ongoing volunteer programs available in all countries during winter, as all our programs run throughout

**The Winter Program starts on 20th December 2010, 03rd January 2011 and lasts for 2 weeks.**

**Delhi Winter Program** - Volunteering India offers an exciting opportunity to do a 2 week volunteer trip along with weekend excursions during the winter vacations for the volunteers with a combination of volunteer programs and weekend excursions to Agra and tour to one of the most historic and cultural sites in the capital city of Delhi.

**Palampur Winter Program** - Volunteering India offers an exciting opportunity to do a 2 week volunteer trip along with weekend excursions during the winter vacations for the volunteers with a combination of volunteer programs and weekend excursions to Dharamshala and the world famous Golden Temple in Amritsar.

Volunteers will be in the Street Children Project in Delhi. Under this project, volunteers take informal education classes with the children, play games with the children and introducing them to different new activities.

Volunteers work at the various contact points or shelter homes, being run by various organizations, which serve as day care centers for these street children. They can assist in providing love, care, basic literacy, recreation and most importantly spend time and shower affection on them.



# **VOLUNTEER TRAVEL PROGRAM**

This program offer a combination of Volunteering with some exciting travel options to choose from in India. Volunteers can volunteer for 2 or more weeks and then continue to travel on a pre-booked travel package with us. We offer 5 pre – determined packages, but we can also arrange for any customized travel requirement that a volunteer has. For details of the volunteer and travel packages please visit [http://www.volunteeringindia.com/volunteer\\_travel.htm](http://www.volunteeringindia.com/volunteer_travel.htm)



## **LOCATION OF VOLUNTEER PLACEMENTS**

We offer more location options in India than anyone else. Volunteers can choose their preference of location from these options:

- **New Delhi**
- **Bangalore**
- **Kolkata**
- **Dharamshala/Palampur (North India – Himalayas)**

You can choose your city of preference in your application form and we would try our best to accommodate you in your 1st choice.

## **START AND DURATION OF PROGRAMS**

We give you complete flexibility to join our programs on any day of the year. Programs are available for 1 -2 weeks to 6 months in duration.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

Volunteers must be over 17 years of age at the beginning of the program and have at least a high school education. Volunteers participating in the MEDICAL PLACEMENT must have appropriate training and certification.

## ACCOMMODATION

We provide accommodations with local host families or in volunteer homes. Accommodations are also provided sometimes within the orphanage or NGO complex in a separate room for volunteers. It is exciting to stay with a family; that way you will learn the local way of life, meet local people, eat local food and engage in local customs and traditions. Living is basic but the all home stays have electricity, proper beds, bedding, running filtered water and sometimes even internet access. Volunteers can expect to share a room with one or two other volunteers. While bedding is provided it is recommended that volunteers bring their own sleeping bag and mosquito nets for any trips away during weekends or holidays.

## FOOD

India boasts of having on the best cuisines in the world today. Indian food today is popular around the world and is much appreciated. While in India you would experience local cuisine, depending on your choice of city. Basic Indian food includes –

- Dal (Lentil curry) or Some Curried Beans
- Vegetables
- Roti (home made bread)
- Rice
- Yogurt
- Salad
- Pickles etc.

Volunteers can enjoy eating out as well and taste a huge variety of



# INDIA VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FEES

We are proud to offer best value and services to our volunteers. Our Fee is more than 50% lower to many other companies.

## Program Fee – Delhi, Bangalore & Kolkata programs - (Prices in USD)

1 Week	2 Week	3 Week	4 Week	5 Week	6 Week	7 Week	8 Week	9 Week	10 Week	11 week	12 Week
\$249	\$349	\$449	\$549	\$649	\$749	\$849	\$949	\$1049	\$1149	\$1249	\$1349

-Every Extra week is charged at \$100 extra. An Application Fee of only \$150 is required at the time of application. This would confirm your spot and would be refunded if we are not able to provide placement in India.

## Program Fee – Dharamshala/Palampur programs - (Prices in USD)

1 Week	2 Week	3 Week	4 Week	5 Week	6 Week	7 Week	8 Week	9 Week	10 Week	11 week	12 Week
\$325	\$495	\$625	\$775	\$925	\$1050	\$1175	\$1300	\$1425	\$1550	\$1675	\$1800

**Winter Program Cost for a single person – USD 649 per person**

**Summer Program Cost for a single person – USD 845 per person**

An Application Fee of only \$150 is required at the time of application. This would confirm your spot and would be refunded if we are not able to provide placement in India.

## WHAT DOES YOUR FEE COVER?

Your Fee covers the following:

- 24/7 support from our staff
- Airport pick up
- Orientation
- Accommodation
- Food (2 or 3 times a day, depending on project)
- In-country 24/7 support
- In-country administration costs.

## WHAT ADDITIONAL COSTS WILL I HAVE?

Visa, flights, vaccinations, trips or tours you do while in the country, transfer back to the airport from program, spending money \$50 per week approximately.

## DO I NEED A VISA TO GO TO INDIA?

You would need a valid passport and Indian Tourist visa to Travel to India. Tourist visa to India is easily obtainable from your local Indian Embassy. To know your nearest Indian embassy ask us or simply visit <http://www.embassyworld.com/embassy/India/India1.html> Visas are valid for up to 6 months and are extendable if required.

## **WHAT NEXT?**

# **APPLY ONLINE TO START YOUR EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!**

We recommend you to apply as far in advance as possible once you have decided to come:

1. Choose your placement at **[www.volunteeringindia.com](http://www.volunteeringindia.com)**
2. Once decided go ahead and apply online at **[www.volunteeringindia.com /apply.htm](http://www.volunteeringindia.com/apply.htm)**

We have recently started a new Volunteering India Facebook Group to enable new and previous volunteers to meet and know more about programs and share their experience or simply make friends before you travel. We encourage you to join us for Free on Facebook!

To Join



click here **<http://www.new.facebook.com/group.php?gid=88715760383>**