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Helping Children in the Town of Villa Allende, Cordoba, Argentina

Córdoba, is the second largest city in Argentina with about 1.500.000 inhabitants. In the old Town participants will have the chance to see the rich Spanish colonial heritage of the city as shown by the many old churches, traditional buildings and the well-known National University of Córdoba (UNC), which attracts thousands of students from other regions of the country and the rest of South America.

Due to the proximity to the mountains, the city is a perfect base for excursions into the natural beauty of the “Sierras de Córdoba” (Córdoba Hills), or even to the “Pampas”, just 50 km to the south. Córdoba offers a vibrant cultural scene, and is famous for the kindness and hospitality of the “Cordobeses”.



Villa Allende is a small city located only 20 minutes by bus from Córdoba city. In spite of this, the Village has managed to keep its own style. Rest and peace can still be found within a beautiful natural landscape. Around Villa Allende stand the mountains called “Sierras Chicas”, which also give the town a special touch. And no surprise that every year more people settle here looking for a better quality of life.

People are very friendly and participants will soon feel at home in this wonderful place. During the summer months, Villa Allende welcomes tourists from all over Argentina. During February, the “Festival de la Solidaridad” takes place. This event is one of the most important musical happenings of Argentina. It brings together renowned groups and performers. All funds raised are used to cover the needs of institutions, such as schools, hospitals, etc.



Volunteers arrive in Buenos Aires on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday for orientation purposes. Participants are picked at the airport and transferred to a downtown hotel.

After two days of orientation about the country, its customs and the project itself, participants will travel by sleeper bus to Cordoba city where they are met and then go to the project. Participants will live in a “family type accommodation that includes meals during the project.

It is suggested that volunteers bring a souvenir or two from their home country. Also some books or internet pages with information about the customs, geographical characteristics, even some “traditional” food recipes. The children (and adults) may also enjoy stories and family photos that tell about the volunteer’s home town, way of life and their family.

The weather is mild in winter (June-August), with an average temperature of 10°C (50°F). In summer (December-February), it can get very hot during the day, more than 30°C (86°F). Summer is rainy, and winter is rather dry.

