



Travel Teacher
Learn Discover Inspire

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

PROSPECTUS 2017/18



Volunteering
Abroad

A unique combination of
education and exploration

Meaningful Travel
Experiences

Step out of your comfort zone
and make an impact in the
South Pacific Islands

APPLY
NOW!

The world is your classroom



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Travel Teacher's unique approach combines education and exploration

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Travel Teacher's holistic approach, combining education and exploration is designed to promote both personal and professional development by introducing participants to new walks of life, cultures and communities.

Confidence, Independence, humility, self belief, teamwork and cultural awareness are the qualities which Travel Teacher aims to develop within every individual.

I firmly believe that our dedicated philosophy will broaden horizons and contribute towards future successes of all participants that embark on our global engagement experiences.

Travel Teacher is committed to providing exceptional experiences to individuals from all walks of life. I hope to personally welcome you on one of our journeys soon.

Matt Ray - Founder & Director



Our Mission

Combining education and exploration Travel Teacher aims to create global impact through engagement which empowers children and encourages brighter futures, using teaching as a tool to unlock potential.

Why Travel Teacher?

We pride ourselves on delivering excellence by providing the best possible quality service to all participants resulting in meaningful global impact.

Preparation

All Travel Teacher participants are invited to take part in a individualised, comprehensive pre departure training to ensure that they are confident and competent ahead of their international experience.

Safety

Your safety is paramount. Our highly experienced team are fully trained in the event of an emergency. Participants will have access to in country support 24/7 during their experience

Ethical & Affordable

We aim to ensure that our projects are accessible to all. That's why we strive to ensure that our services are affordable whilst maintaining a high quality of delivery and support. We are committed to resourcing from local communities to support sustainability and localised business development.

24/7 Support

All participants have access to 24/7 support and mentoring whilst in the UK or in country.

"My experience was amazing, I've met some incredible people and done things that I will never forget"

Ellen Smith



Travel Teacher Pedagogy

Travel Teacher's model combines education and exploration. This holistic development approach provides participants with an unique experience like no other.

Learn

Participants are given the opportunity to work towards an accredited award in education and training. This introduction to teaching provides an underpinning platform to our pre departure preparation.

Discover

Whilst in country, participants will have an opportunity to immerse themselves within the

unique global communities of our project countries, this will assist in broadening horizons, gaining transferable skills and will also deliver an unforgettable experience and lifelong memories.

Inspire

Our participants will have the opportunity to contribute towards the sustainability of our projects by undertaking volunteer work for a minimum of 4 hours per day at one of our partnered schools.



Travel Teacher alumni Aaron Daas leading a learning activity

Accredited Preparation

If you are new to teaching this award will provide you with the confidence and competence to make a meaningful impact whilst on your project.



In partnership with YMCA awards, participants / trainee teachers will undertake the course as part of our pre departure preparation. Arrangements for your training will be provided to you as part of your confirmation pack if you are successful in the application phase. Qualified teachers will be exempt from this training, however evidence of certification will be required.

The qualification will be assessed by a combination of assignments and the development of portfolio evidence and requires 48 hours of guided learning.

Volunteer Abroad: Fiji

Teach and make an impact in the village of Namatakula whilst fully immersing yourself in the lives and colourful culture of Fiji's friendly, welcoming people.

Ratu Filise is our partnered school in Fiji, this is where our volunteers will complete their project work and assist in the classroom. Ratu Filise caters for approximately 200 children aged 8 to 14 years of age. The school is located in the village of Namatakula, on the Coral Coast of Fiji and operates with limited resources.

During your spare time our field team will ensure that you can enjoy the spectacular sights that the country has to offer.

Part of our philosophy is to encourage cultural immersion through exploration. During your time in Fiji you will have the option to participate in our discovery itinerary, whether its island hopping, visiting the beautiful beaches or going snorkelling in the crystal clear waters of the coral coast amongst other local attractions. We will ensure that this experience will be unique and tailored to meet your own needs. Below are some highlights of our discover itinerary.

"I can honestly say that this has been the best experience of my life, I cant believe how much I have learnt"

Natasha Smith



Volunteer Abroad: Aitutaki, Cook Islands

*Teach in a local school in one of the most extraordinary destinations on earth.
Provide basic education and get involved with a variety of activities.*

Araura College is the only school on the island of Aitutaki (Cook Islands) and has a roll of 200 students. Principal Tracy Spiers became Araura's first female principal in 2014. The college's vision is to become the centre of learning for the community, as a volunteer with Travel Teacher, you will contribute towards this goal.

Aitutaki, also traditionally known as Araura, Ararau and Utataki has an estimated population of 2,000.

The island is world famous for its turquoise central lagoon, uninhabited islands and palm fringed beaches.

Our Cook Island discovery itinerary will allow Travel Teachers volunteers to explore the islands intimacy and be drawn in by its incomparable beauty. The highlights of our discovery itinerary include a visit to the islands marine research centre, a lagoon cruise and a selection of island cultural visits.

***"My journey with
Travel Teacher
has been an
experience of a
lifetime, it has
made me a more
confident
person"***

Courtney Fynan



Accommodation - Fiji

The village of Namatakula will provide sanctuary for our volunteers during their placement experience.

Namatakula is a fairly large village with about 600 inhabitants, the village lies on the coral coast on the main island of Viti Levu.

Namatakula's largest buildings are two churches, a Roman Catholic and a Methodist church which boasts a community hall. From the moment that you step into the village you will be accepted into the community and experience true 'Fiji Time'.

Travel Teachers Country Manager for Fiji, Vani Ruve will be playing host to all of our volunteers during their stay. Vani's very own family home is situated in the village and this is where you will be based for the duration of your stay. This very welcoming, community environment will allow our volunteers to engage with the locals in this unique setting.

Meals will be provided along with refreshments throughout the duration of your stay. You will have access to shower and toilet facilities on site.



A picture from our village home stay accommodation in Namatakula

Accommodation - Aitutaki, Cook Islands

Gina's Garden Lodges will be the provider of our accommodation whilst we carry out our projects in the Cook Islands.



The accommodation is set in a stunning tropical gardens, built on family land owned by traditional leader Queen Manarangi Tutai. Each lodge is self contained and will accommodate a maximum of 4 adults. The lodges are self catering - there is no restaurant on site that provides food. However each Lodge has full cooking facilities, with a small electric stove with oven and grill, electric frying pan, electric toaster, electric jug, pots, pans and all cooking utensils plus cups saucers, plates and cutlery, and a good sized refrigerator.

The role of a volunteer



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Our field team will accompany you on your placement and will be here to lend a hand when required

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As a volunteer teacher your work will cover a structured, engaging and motivational scheme of learning which complements the countries national curriculum but also encourages teaching 'The Travel Teacher way'. Your work will awaken your creativity and initiative and provide you with responsibility and fulfilment.

Remember the Travel Teacher team will always be here to lend a hand if you need support with any of your roles!

Working alongside experienced teachers you will assist them in the delivery of teaching, learning and assessment in a range of subjects including English, maths, PE and social skills. You will be required to provide in class support which may require dedicated time spent with specific learners to reinforce learning methods and providing motivation and encouragement in order to help them make progress.

What's included?

One of our organisational values is transparency. With us, you can see where your money is going and what you're getting for it, every step of the way. .

- 24/7 in country support
- All necessary project equipment and materials
- All necessary project training by experienced staff
- Travel Teacher T-shirt
- Accredited Award in Education and Training
- Full induction prior to your experience
- In country welcome meeting and location orientation
- Accommodation (Full Board Fiji) (Self Catered Aitutaki)
- Airport Transfers
- Transportation throughout the duration of your experience
- Full country expedition inclusive of fees and transport
(You may opt out of this by selecting the Travel Teacher Lite option)
- Travel Teacher Awards Celebration
- Travel Teacher Alumni membership
- The opportunity to become a Travel Teacher ambassador



A picture of Travel Teacher alumni Ellen Smith enjoying recess with her students

Flights

Travel Teacher have partnered with STA Travel - The world's largest youth travel company to provide our volunteers with a personalised access to a safe, cheap and hassle-free travel booking experience.



We are focused on ensuring that our volunteers have access to a high quality support network leading up to and throughout your experience with us. One of the major expenses of any trip abroad is usually the airfare, both in terms of money and energy in order to find the best deal!

To get a quote for your flights, travel insurance and anything else, please submit your enquiry to travelteacher@statravel.com or contact our dedicated team direct on (0)333 321 3102

Departure Dates & Project Fees

We have limited spaces available on each project, you may secure your place with a low deposit of £50 with your remaining balance due 60 days prior to departure.

Fiji



Duration	Fee (£50 charity contribution included)	Deposit Required (Subtracted from fee)	Optional add on - Country Expedition	Total including Country Expedition
2 Weeks	£860	£50	14 Days £250	£1120
4 Weeks	£1310	£50	28 Days £470	£1780
6 Weeks	£1660	£50	42 Days £690	£2350

Aitutaki

Duration	Fee (£50 charity contribution included)	Deposit Required (Subtracted from fee)	Optional add on - Country Expedition	Total including Country Expedition
2 Weeks	£900	£50	14 Days £200	£1100
4 Weeks	£1400	£50	28 Days £380	£1780
6 Weeks	£2000	£50	42 Days £540	£2500

Travel Teacher volunteer
Aaron Daas engaging
students during recess

Departure Dates

All projects depart during the months of June, July and August. Please visit our website for more details.

How to Apply

The process is simple, you select your preferred destination and we will take you on an unforgettable journey.



Step 1 - Select your preferred destination

Step 2 - Tell us about yourself through our online application form

Step 3 - Submit deposit payment

Step 4 - Chat to a member of the Travel Teacher Team during an informal interview

Step 5 - Get excited and start packing

For further application enquiries please contact our project administration team - info@travelteacher.co.uk



The Travel Teacher Foundation

The Travel Teacher foundation has been developed to give you, as a volunteer, an opportunity to support your chosen project. 100% of the money you have raised goes directly towards our global educational projects.

Fundraise your project



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Set yourself a fundraising target, involve friends, family and colleagues

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Now that you have decided to embark on a project with us its time to raise your fundraising contribution. Raising the money may be as much of a challenge as the project itself (in a good way) - remember our team are here to help! Fundraising is a great way of not only raising the money for your project, but also raising awareness amongst your community of the important educational / humanitarian issues you are devoting your time to during your project.

Make it clear to people that their donation is helping send out human resource to projects where it is needed most - in our partnered schools. If they can see the results of where their money is going, that is what could convince them in donating to your project. Once you have reached your target of £100 which goes directly towards supporting our projects, anything that you raise above this can support your own personal expenses - flights, volunteer fees etc.

Responsible Travel

Tourism is key in both Fiji and the Cook Islands, with many locals depending on trade. We are committed to promoting responsible travel, our projects are meticulously planned to promote the positive benefits of travel & cultural immersion.

Expert Guidance

We are experts in the field of education and global travel. We will ensure that you are fully prepared pre departure and will guide you through your project safely. We understand the importance of respecting local customs, we employ a local in - country rep to provide a full induction on local culture and tradition.

Affordable Access

We pride ourselves on ensuring that our experiences are affordable and accessible to all walks of life. Our overheads are kept to a minimum to ensure that money isn't a barrier when you embark on our discovery experiences.

Medium sized groups

The numbers on our projects are capped, this is to ensure that your experience will be personalised and very individual.

"This experience has really made me a stronger person, I feel like it has really opened my eyes"

Aaron Daas



Multi-Country Project



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Explore the South Pacific to its fullest by travelling to not one but two countries

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Travel Teachers multi-country program introduces you to the very best of the south pacific. Our combination option allows you, as a volunteer to make an invaluable contribution to our projects in both Fiji and The Cook Islands.

As you create impact as a volunteer in both countries you will be working towards the shared objective in building a better future for the children, school's and local community.

Explore the south pacific to it fullest by travelling to not one but two countries! Experience 'Fiji time' as you mix with the locals and take in the rich culture. Enjoy the breath taking scenery of Aitutaki, Cook Islands and experience the worlds most stunning lagoon.

Our projects are focused on initiatives within local communities, who have needs around education and improving educational facilities.

Program Information

On this multi-country project you will be volunteering in two similar primary & secondary school environments primarily with young students, assisting them with their education and personal development.

You will be working alongside local teachers, providing in class support, which may include, subject reinforcement, supporting small groups and or individuals and providing one to one teaching. Although often from challenging backgrounds, the young people who you will be working with possess an incredible appetite and desire to learn and your support will ensure their needs are met as you make a valuable contribution to not only them but also the school and the wider community as a whole.

Please note that travel between Fiji and The Cook Islands is not included but we are able to advise you on your options and costs involved.



Travel and make an impact on youth education in the South Pacific

Dates and Fees

Upon receipt of your registration fee, included within your confirmation will be a mandatory payment schedule, providing you with a simple payment plan. You are of course able to pay all fees up front should you choose to.

South Pacific Impact Expedition						
Start / End Dates	Duration	Capacity	Project status	Total Cost (Including £50 donation to our charity)	Optional country expedition (All activities - you can opt out of this)	Deposit (Subtracted from total cost - payable upon application)
2017						
08 July 17 - 06 August 17	4 Weeks (2 in Aitutaki / 2 in Fiji)	20 (Minimum of 10)	Places Available	£1300	£450	£50
2018						
08 July 18 - 07 August 18	4 Weeks (2 in Aitutaki / 2 in Fiji)	20 (Minimum of 10)	Places Available	£1300	28 Day Expedition £450	£50
23 June 18 - 07 August 18	6 Weeks (2 in Aitutaki / 4 in Fiji)	20 (Minimum of 10)	Places Available	£1780	42 Day Expedition £600	£50
23 June 18 - 22 August 18	8 Weeks (4 in Aitutaki / 4 in Fiji)	20 (Minimum of 10)	Places Available	£2090	56 Day Expedition £800	£50

- The total cost of your trip must be paid 60 days prior to departure, as per our terms of service.



Project Life

You will be based within village community. You will share your local accommodation with your fellow volunteers, this provides you with a fantastic opportunity to immerse yourself deep within the local culture which will provide an experience of a lifetime. You will volunteer from Monday to Friday for approx 4 hours per day. In the afternoon you will have the opportunity to 'explore the South Pacific' if you opt in to our in country expedition.

How to Apply



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*Completing a
volunteer project
overseas will allow
you to stand out
from the crowd*
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Step 1 - Tell us about yourself

If you wish to apply for our multi country project please complete and submit our online application form

Step 2 - Submit deposit payment

After you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation message in which you will be prompted to click and access the Payment Page to complete your registration.

Step 3 - Chat to a member of our team

After your application has been reviewed by our administration department you will be contacted by a member of staff who will conduct an informal interview, using your application to generate avenues of enquiry.

Step 5 - Get excited and start packing

Upon successful completion of our application process you will receive a letter of acceptance, confirming your place on a journey of a lifetime.

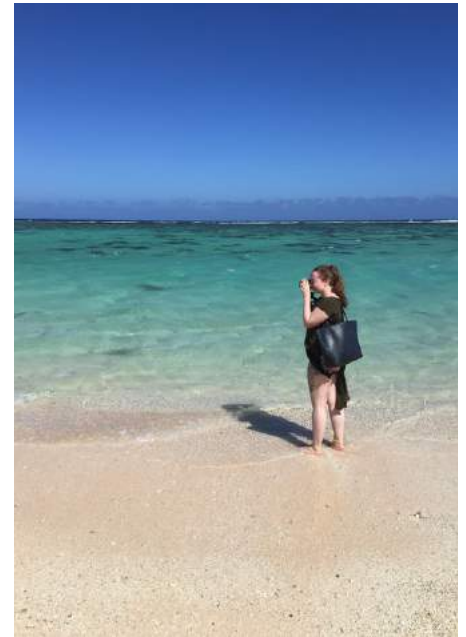
Frequently Asked Question

The number one question we come across on our social media platforms is "Why do I need to pay to volunteer?"

The question poses a valid point – shouldn't your contribution towards project be enough? Doesn't your good will, coupled with your desire and effort to travel halfway across the world and make a difference count for something?

It does certainly. It takes a unique personality to take the decision to volunteer abroad in the first place. However paying to volunteer is a great way to reduce the stress that comes with the administration involved in getting you to the country and on the ground making a meaningful impact.

Even though the words "pay" and "volunteer" don't really seem to go together, paying to volunteer is a great way to have an amazing experience and do something worthwhile.



A picture of Travel Teacher alumni Chanice Askham at Natadola Beach Fiji

Why Is There A Fee?

Your project fees with Travel Teacher covers all angles in making sure you are able to make a meaningful impact during your time abroad.

Our registration fee helps to keep our projects sustainable in the long-term. It takes care of the administration, training and in-country support and operational costs to make sure our volunteers get the most out of their time volunteering abroad.



For first time travellers, going it alone can be daunting – not only for themselves, but for their parents back home too! Volunteering with us, you're supported every step of the way, and we can help you with arrangements and support. What you're paying for is the peace of mind that comes with our 24/7 support; the knowledge that you'll be picked up from the airport, the comfort of arriving at a project that meets your expectations, and somewhere that has food and accommodation ready for you.



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