



## International Voluntary Projects 2020-2021



**Dear Partners:**

Vive Mexico proudly presents to you our 2020-2021 program, and we warmly and friendly invite you to send your motivated volunteers to participate in our workcamps and medium-term projects in Mexico.

All of our projects which have been prepared to bring Mexican culture close to the volunteers bringing also the cultures of the world closer to Latin America; live and build together a great learning experience through International Voluntary Service, promoting the International Cooperation for Development.

All our projects are available for volunteers over 18 years of age, and we have a wide variety of projects such as protecting the environment, giving language and training courses, protecting the endangered species (Marine Turtles) and promoting cultural exchange through international cooperation and solidarity.

We will be offering Spanish courses one week prior to the start of all the projects, the courses will be carried out in the city of Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico; the cost is 120 Euros that include: accommodation for 6 nights, materials, theory and practice, 15 hours of classes. Please contact us at least two weeks before the start of the course for registration. Course dates will be available on the information sheets.

**Conditions to participate in our Workcamps and MTV's in Mexico:**

1. To be older than 18 years.
2. To be able to communicate in English (English is the official language of all our projects)
3. To speak Spanish is recommended.
4. To participate for the whole duration of the project.
5. The start date of the project is the welcome day, and the last day is departure day of the project.
6. Volunteers should bring sleeping bag and air mat.
7. The extra fee must be given to the project leader/camp coordinator in Mexican pesos on arrival to the project.
8. In the case of projects that have extra fee, the exchange rate will be informed to your volunteers by our incoming officer prior to the arrival to the camps.
9. Usually, volunteers will work five days per week followed by two days off, so they can use their leisure time to explore the area and enjoy the different activities that the places where they will stay have to offer, please do note that this conditions may vary according to the local conditions and needs of each camp.

**About us:**

Vive Mexico, is an international non-governmental and non-profit organization that has developed projects for International Voluntary Service, International Intercultural Training and International Cooperation for Development since 1996.

Our main activities consist of organizing international projects in Mexico and send Mexican volunteers to participate in projects organized by our partner organizations in different countries.

Founded in 1994 and legally registered in 1997, Vive Mexico seeks to involve young people from different nationalities in projects aim to promote solidarity between nations and at the same time raise awareness to the problems that our society is facing nowadays, we are the first IVS organization legally constituted and officially recognized in Mexico and the largest organization in Latin America.

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**WORKCAMP SUMMARY LIST**

CODE	NAME	COUNTRY	START	END	TYPE	AGE	VOLS	FEE
VIVE20.01	MEXICO - Camp Uniting Cultures	MEXICO	2020-07-01	2020-07-15	KIDS/CULT	18+/29-	15	0
VIVE20.02	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation I	MEXICO	2020-07-01	2020-07-13	ENVI	18+	20	310
VIVE20.03	COLOMBIA - Valle	COLOMBIA	2020-07-01	2020-07-14	CULT	18+	4	0
VIVE20.04	COLOMBIA - Mercado	COLOMBIA	2020-07-08	2020-07-21	ARTS/CULT	18+	5	0
VIVE20.22	MEXICO - Summer Maya	MEXICO	2020-07-15	2020-07-28	CULT/CONS	18+/30-	5	0
VIVE20.05	MEXICO - Summer Children	MEXICO	2020-07-15	2020-07-28	SPORTS/KIDS	18+	10	0
VIVE20.06	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation II	MEXICO	2020-07-15	2020-07-27	ENVI	18+	20	310
VIVE20.07	MEXICO - Cultural Children	MEXICO	2020-07-22	2020-08-04	ARTS/KIDS	18+	3	0
VIVE20.08	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation III	MEXICO	2020-07-29	2020-08-10	ENVI	18+	20	310
VIVE20.09	MEXICO - Natural Park Apizaquito	MEXICO	2020-08-05	2020-08-18	CONS/ENVI	18+	13	0
VIVE20.11	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation IV	MEXICO	2020-08-12	2020-08-24	ENVI	18+	20	310
VIVE20.12	COLOMBIA - Monserate	COLOMBIA	2020-08-12	2020-08-25	STUDY	18+	15	0
VIVE20.13	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation V	MEXICO	2020-08-26	2020-09-07	ENVI	18+	20	310
VIVE20.14	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VI	MEXICO	2020-09-09	2020-09-21	ENVI	18+	20	310
VIVE20.15	COLOMBIA - Manizales	COLOMBIA	2020-09-16	2020-09-29	ENVI	18+	5	0
VIVE20.16	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VII	MEXICO	2020-09-23	2020-10-05	ENVI	18+	20	310
VIVE20.17	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VIII	MEXICO	2020-10-07	2020-10-19	ENVI	18+	20	310
VIVE20.18	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation IX	MEXICO	2020-10-21	2020-11-02	ENVI	18+	20	310
VIVE20.19	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation X	MEXICO	2020-11-04	2020-11-16	ENVI	18+	20	310
VIVE20.20	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XI	MEXICO	2020-11-18	2020-11-30	ENVI	18+	20	310
VIVE20.21.01	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XII	MEXICO	2021-01-13	2021-01-25	ENVI	18+	20	310
VIVE20.21.02	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XIII	MEXICO	2021-01-27	2021-02-08	ENVI	18+	20	310

**MTV PROJECTS SUMMARY LIST**

<b>CODE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>START</b>	<b>END</b>	<b>TYPE</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>VOLS</b>	<b>FEE</b>
VIVEMTV20.01	Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader I	MEXICO	2020-06-24	2020-07-27	LEAD	18+	1	0
VIVEMTV20.02	Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader II	MEXICO	2020-07-22	2020-08-24	LEAD	18+	1	0
VIVEMTV20.03	Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader III	MEXICO	2020-08-19	2020-09-21	LEAD	18+	1	0
VIVEMTV20.04	Assistant for Language Classes I	MEXICO	2020-09-02	2020-11-30	TEACH/SOCI	18+	2	300
VIVEMTV20.05	Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader IV	MEXICO	2020-09-16	2020-10-19	LEAD	18+	1	0
VIVEMTV20.06	Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader V	MEXICO	2020-10-14	2020-11-16	LEAD	18+	1	0
VIVEMTV20.21.01	Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader VI	MEXICO	2021-01-06	2021-02-08	LEAD	18+	1	0

# SHORT TERM PROJECTS (WORKCAMPS)

VIVE20.01 MEXICO – Camp Uniting Cultures Country: MEXICO 01/07/2020 - 15/07/2020 KIDS/CULT Vols: 15

## PROJECT

This project is a collaboration between the different branches of the youth institute in Mexico, is a project that seeks to provide the volunteer with a unique experience in Mexico where they can explore different parts of the country and also help with various volunteer work that will benefit the rural community in Mexico. This project will be carried out in three different cities starting in Queretaro, followed by San Miguel de Allende and ending in León.

**QUERETARO:** The main objective in Queretaro is to focus on social and environmental activities, in which different activities will be carried out for the reconstruction of the social community. This project is developed by the Municipal Institute of Youth Querétaro together with other youth institutions in the country, with the objective of promoting social participation in youngsters of Queretaro, through joint participation with volunteers from different parts of the world.

**SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE:** The main objective of the project in San Miguel de Allende is for the rehabilitation of a public high school that is located in a community of the municipality of San Miguel de Allende. This project is organized by the municipal institute of Attention to the Youth of San Miguel de Allende with the objective of promoting the social participation of the youth of San Miguel de Allende, as well as the care of their areas of daily coexistence, through motivation and participation with people of different cultures that can share with them about their culture and experiences.

**LEON:** The main objective in the project for the city of Leon is to generate a multicultural experience within Guanajuato (Guanajuato is the state where the city of Leon is located) where young people from other countries and local people participate in various ecological, cultural and social activities, positively impacting society. Mainly benefiting schools and houses located in vulnerable areas, as well as generating a meeting between young people from Guanajuato and the volunteers so they can exchange ideas and awareness for the resolution of local social problems.

This project is organized by the Leon Youth Institute.

## WORK

**QUERETARO:** The activities that will take place in Queretaro will be

-Rehabilitation of a public elementary school: cleaning and painting work will be carried out in order to provide decent spaces for students to study and continue preparing.

-Asylum visit: the visit to the asylum will be carried out within the municipality, integration activities and coexistence with senior citizens will be carried out, in order to encourage fellowship and human sense.

-Cleaning of the river: a cleaning will be done in “El rio de Querétaro” in order to recover public spaces, guarantee the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, for the benefit of the municipality of Querétaro.

**SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE:** The activities that will take place in San Miguel de Allende will be the cleaning and painting work in the public high school in order to provide decent spaces for young people to continue preparing academically while promoting teamwork, interculturality, and respect for public areas. It is also expected that through the talk and coexistence an open mind will be achieved in the youth of San Miguel de Allende to motivate them to know more cultures and travel.

**LEON:** The activities that will take place in Leon will be mainly related to infrastructures, such as paint walls, repair benches, work in green areas, etc. In addition, the participation of urban muralists will be sought to help carry out activities aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The volunteers will work with young students, children and adults, inhabitants of the communities to benefit, mostly with paint, brushes, shovels, cleaning materials, etc. ; It will also seek to plant trees in areas that favor their development, bringing beauty to the spaces and a “green lung” in them.

## **SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning, after the participation in the project volunteers will receive an official letter certifying these skills.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

QUERETARO: Volunteers will be hosted in a private house in Queretaro with all facilities at their disposal namely, private bathroom, hot water, kitchen, security.

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE: Volunteers will be hosted in a private house in San Miguel de Allende with all facilities at their disposal namely, private bathroom, hot water, kitchen, security. The bedrooms will be share and there will be no internet.

LEON: Volunteer will be hosted in share rooms with basic accommodation, rest and contact services. The internet service will depend on the accommodation provided and the coverage area.

Food will be provided in all the locations.

## **LOCATION**

Queretaro: it is a heritage city, considered a colonial treasure, is famous for his important role in the history of Mexico: in 1810 he hosted the Querétaro conspiracy where the movement that ultimately led to the Independence of Mexico was forged. As well Querétaro contains great biodiversity and different ecosystems that live in the same place, and it is a city with great cultural and economic importance.

San Miguel de Allende: is a city in the Mexican state of Guanajuato. It is declared as a magic town, and it has quality service, friendliness, gastronomy, cleanliness, shopping and mobility experience in addition to its great cultural contribution, architectural beauty, and places of fun.

Leon: the city of León is one of the municipalities in which the Mexican state of Guanajuato is divided, it is by population the largest in the state, its official name is the city of “León de los Aldama”, and it is also the largest city of Guanajuato and the fourth most populous municipality in Mexico.

## **WHERE TO ARRIVE**

The first city where the volunteers will arrive will be Queretaro, where this are de closes stations and airports:

CLOSEST STATION: “Terminal de autobuses Querétaro”

CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Queretaro International Airport.

OTHER POSSIBLE AIRPORTS: Mexico City International Airport.

At the end of the respective activities in Queretaro and stay, a transport will be coordinated for the group of volunteers that will take them to San Miguel de Allende (this transport has no additional cost).

And finally at the end of the stay of the volunteers in San Miguel de Allende, the transfer to the city of Leon will be coordinated (this transfer will also have no additional cost).

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

CAMP LANGUAGE: English (Spanish is appreciated but not mandatory!)

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: No

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: No

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

### LEISURE TIME

QUERETARO: There are numerous activities, alternative sports, expeditions to the canyons and rivers of the mountains, to the cycling circuits through the southern meadows. It has several villages around where there are places full of Mexican culture and tradition to appreciate and learn about the people or of the natural beauties that it can offer.

To learn more about Queretaro, you can check the link below:

<https://www.visitmexico.com/es/destinos-principales/queretaro/queretaro>

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE: A tour will be given for volunteers so they can know about the history of the city and the representative architecture.

Also, San Miguel de Allende is one of the most popular towns in Mexico both among Mexicans and the foreigners. The town is a Unesco world Heritage site since 2008. It has a big expat community for that reason its colonial center is full of restaurants and bars. Despite being a small town, San Miguel has lots to offer and discover.

To learn more about San Miguel de Allende, you can check the link below:

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/mexico/northern-central-highlands/san-miguel-de-allende>

LEON: Cultural and recreational activities are included so that the volunteers get to know the local culture and the most emblematic tourist sites of the municipality.

Also, Leon is a city with great dynamism and rich in culture, in which activities for foreigners are varied and pleasant. You can visit different places that have great Mexican culture and history.

To learn more about Leon, you can check the link below:

<https://www.visitmexico.com/es/destinos-principales/guanajuato/leon>

### PARTICIPATION FEE

There is no participation fee for this project.

**SPECIAL NOTES:** For volunteers who are interested in learning Spanish, a Spanish course will be organized in the city of Morelia, Michoacán before the start of each project. Total Cost: 120 Euros. It includes accommodation for 7 days at a Youth Hostel in Morelia city, Spanish classes with an experienced teacher for 15 hours, required materials to study and activities to practice Spanish. Only meals are not included. Please contact us at least two weeks before the start of the course for registration.

VIVE20.02 MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation I	Country: MEXICO	01/07/2020 - 13/07/2020	ENVI	Vols: 20
VIVE20.06 MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation II	Country: MEXICO	2020/07/15 – 2020/07/27	ENVI	Vols: 20
VIVE20.08 MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation III	Country: MEXICO	2020/07/29 – 2020/08/10	ENVI	Vols: 20
VIVE20.11 MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation IV	Country: MEXICO	2020/08/12 – 2020/08/24	ENVI	Vols: 20
VIVE20.13 MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation V	Country: MEXICO	2020/08/26 – 2020/09/07	ENVI	Vols: 20
VIVE20.14 MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VI	Country: MEXICO	2020/09/09 – 2020/09/21	ENVI	Vols: 20
VIVE20.16 MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VII	Country: MEXICO	2020/09/23 – 2020/10/05	ENVI	Vols: 20

<b>VIVE20.17 MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VIII</b>	<b>Country: MEXICO</b>	<b>2020/10/07 – 2020/10/19</b>	<b>ENVI</b>	<b>Vols: 20</b>
<b>VIVE20.18 MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation IX</b>	<b>Country: MEXICO</b>	<b>2020/10/21 – 2020/11/02</b>	<b>ENVI</b>	<b>Vols: 20</b>
<b>VIVE20.19 MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation X</b>	<b>Country: MEXICO</b>	<b>2020/11/04 – 2020/11/16</b>	<b>ENVI</b>	<b>Vols: 20</b>
<b>VIVE20.20 MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XI</b>	<b>Country: MEXICO</b>	<b>2020/11/18 – 2020/11/30</b>	<b>ENVI</b>	<b>Vols: 20</b>
<b>VIVE20.21.01 MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XII</b>	<b>Country: MEXICO</b>	<b>2021/01/13 – 2021/01/25</b>	<b>ENVI</b>	<b>Vols: 20</b>
<b>VIVE20.21.02 MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XIII</b>	<b>Country: MEXICO</b>	<b>2021/01/27 – 2021/02/08</b>	<b>ENVI</b>	<b>Vols: 20</b>

**Experience the paradise and protect the turtles at the beach!**

**See the VIDEO!** <https://goo.gl/LsaZnX>

## **PROJECT**

Vive Mexico has been organizing this workcamp regularly in Rincon de Guayabitos, Nayarit since 2014. The main achievement of the project is to protect the sea turtles with the help of volunteers who will be cooperating with a team of biologists. Up to now, the project has been quite successful and has reached extraordinary results. Participating in sea turtle conservation is a great opportunity to discover the rather charming life of sea turtles.

## **WORK**

The volunteers will be working at night from 20:00 to 08:00, four days per week with an average of thirty hours. Depending on the number of turtles that come ashore, two teams might be formed among the volunteers. In this way, each group will be taking turns, working one night and taking the next night off for recovery. In addition, the weekends are also spared for resting. Some of the activities to be performed are:

1. Finding adult turtles and collect their eggs.
2. Moving the eggs to a protected place called Vivero.
3. Releasing newborn baby turtles into the sea.
4. Patrolling the beaches at night.
5. Making some reconstruction in the most important turtle camps of the region.

If you love nature, want to have a great time by the beautiful beaches, at the same time enjoying all the amenities of a hotel and witnessing the magical spectacle of natural miracles that has been reoccurring since millions of years... then this project is for you!

## **SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning. Upon completing the project volunteers will receive an official letter certifying the aforementioned skills.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Volunteers will be hosted in a hotel in a shared room with all facilities at their disposal namely, private bathroom, hot water, swimming pool, WIFI, and air conditioning.

## **LOCATION**

Rincon de Guayabitos, also known as Guayabitos, is a beach town located in the astonishing Sierra Madre Occidental, in the state of Nayarit and bathed by the waters of the Pacific Ocean. It is a popular tourist destination due to its proximity to the cities of Tepic, Guadalajara and Puerto Vallarta.

## WHERE TO ARRIVE

CLOSEST BUS STATION: La Peñita de Jaltemba, Nayarit.

CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Puerto Vallarta International Airport.

OTHER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS: Mexico City International Airport, Guadalajara International Airport

## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

This camp is open for everyone who are sensible and open minded. It is crucial for the participants to respect, open to learn and appreciate the conditions of rural lifestyle of indigenous communities, as well as their culture and wisdom.

CAMP LANGUAGE: English (Spanish is appreciated but not mandatory!)

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: Yes

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

## LEISURE TIME

Riviera Nayarit is emerging as one of the most attractive and magic destinations of Mexico. The area extends approximately 300 kilometers along the coast, integrated by mountainous jungle and facing coastal islands. For those seeking a more rural and rustic experience with magic beach towns in Mexico, the Riviera has a massive open space for everyone along the Nayarit coast, also, for those who want to relax there are also quiet beaches and there are other beaches with heavy waves for surfers.

Read more: [http://www.puertovallarta.net/fast\\_facts/magical-puerto-vallarta.php](http://www.puertovallarta.net/fast_facts/magical-puerto-vallarta.php)

## PARTICIPATION FEE

Since neither VIVE MEXICO nor its local camp partner do not receive financial support for the organization of this camp from municipality or any other private resource, in order to realize it we have to charge a participation fee of **310 Euros**. The fee includes food, hosting, necessary materials and local transportation for work activities. It should be paid in cash in Mexican pesos on the first day of the project. The volunteers will be informed about the fee in pesos one week before the start of the project.

**SPECIAL NOTES:** For volunteers who are interested in learning Spanish, a Spanish course will be organized in the city of Morelia, Michoacán before the start of each project. Total Cost: 120 Euros. It includes accommodation for 7 days at a Youth Hostel in Morelia city, Spanish classes with an experienced teacher for 15 hours, required materials to study and activities to practice Spanish. Only meals are not included. Please contact us at least two weeks before the start of the course for registration.

**VIVE20.03 COLOMBIA – Valle**

**Country: COLOMBIA 01/07/2020 - 14/07/2020**

**CULT**

**Vols: 4**

## PROJECT

This project has the objective to support the characterization of cultural, and tourist goods of the municipalities of the Northern Valle del Cauca, especially the BRUTZ that is a Colombia region. In the current problems of the municipalities of the North of "Valle del Cauca", there is an evidence of ignorance and lack of appropriation of touristic attractions, as well as cultural goods; which causes a high risk to the local community that foreign companies take advantage of the economic and cultural benefits that various attractions could offer for the benefit of locals instead.

This project is organized by the University of del Valle in Colombia.

## **WORK**

The activities that will have place during the project are:

- Design of a sustainable tourist route according to the benefits of cultural and tourism offered by the BRUTZ region, Valle del Cauca, Colombia.
- Development of a tourism cluster in alliance with CORTUROLDANILLO (is a local company that addresses the topic) where different economic sectors are used for receptive tourism.
- Support logistically training and advice to different institutions of the BRUTZ region, as well as the community, about the sustainable use of different cultural assets.

## **SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning, after the participation in the project volunteers will receive an official letter certifying these skills.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

The accommodation will be at a hostel or a private house, that will have all the facilities at their disposal namely, private bathroom, hot water, and internet. As well the food will be provided.

## **LOCATION**

“Valle del Cauca” is a state of southwest Colombia. It has beaches along its coast in the Pacific Ocean, while in the interior is the Andes mountain range. The capital city, “Santiago de Cali”, is recognized as a center for salsa music and dance.

Zarzal (were the workcamp will take place) It is a city located in the north of the state of “Valle del Cauca”, in southwestern Colombia, is around two hours away from the capital city Cali.

## **WHERE TO ARRIVE**

CLOSEST BUS STATION: “Terminal de transporte de Pereira” or “Terminal de Zarzal” (in Valle del Cauca).

CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: “Matecaña” Airport (Pereira).

OTHER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS: “El dorado” airport in Bogotá.

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

CAMP LANGUAGE: English (Spanish is appreciated but not mandatory!)

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: No

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

## **LEISURE TIME**

Zarzal has a lot of natural attractions and the most important natural sites are: Caracolías Forest, Los Chorros, Cumba Recreational Park, La Paila River, Cerro Caré and “El Pan de Azúcar” (in English the sugar bread). It counts with recreational areas that have the essence of the city and a diversity of activities that have the main objective to attract tourists.

To know more about the city of Zarzal look at the next link:

<http://soyvalle.com/index.php/region-central/zarzal>

## **PARTICIPATION FEE**

There is no participation fee for this project.

**VIVE20.04 COLOMBIA – Mercado**      **Country: COLOMBIA**      **2020/07/08 – 2020/07/21**      **ARTS/CULT**      **Vols: 5**

## **PROJECT**

The objective of this project is to help the local community to strengthen spaces for reflection and awareness about the historical, gastronomic and heritage importance of the “Plaza del Mercado” of the city of Manizales within the framework of the declaration of the Unesco coffee cultural landscape. This project is organized by the autonomous university of Manizales.

## **WORK**

Volunteers will have to work as a group in order to identify the main gastronomic, cultural and heritage potentials that can be highlighted in the “Plaza del Mercado” through observation, surveys, and interviews. With this result, they will formulate a proposal for visual, artistic and cultural intervention that allows highlighting the attributes of the “Plaza del Mercado” in conjunction with the actions that are worked with the culinary arts and gastronomy program of the Autonomous University of Manizales.

In the end they will structure a document with the main results and roadmaps of future interventions that can help improve the project that will help to highlight the importance of “Plaza del Mercado”.

## **SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning, after the participation in the project volunteers will receive an official letter certifying these skills.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

The accommodation will be at a hostel, which will have all the facilities at their disposal namely, private bathroom, hot water, and internet. As well the food will be provided.

## **LOCATION**

Manizales is a city in the mountainous coffee region of western Colombia. It is known for its cultural events, steep streets and views of the nearby “Nevado del Ruiz” volcano. Of its cultural activity are the Manizales Fair, the Manizales International Theater Festival, being the most important theater city in the history of Colombia, and the Manizales Grita Rock Festival. The city is also one of the most important sites for bird watching in the country and has nearby sites where travelers can enjoy hot springs.

## **WHERE TO ARRIVE**

CLOSEST BUS STATION: “Terminal de transportes de Manizales” or “Terminal de transporte de Pereira”

CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Airport “La Nubia” (Manizales) or “Matecaña” Airport (Pereira)

OTHER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS: “El dorado”, Bogotá.

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

This workcamp is for volunteer that are interested in topics as: Social communication, anthropology, sociology, architecture, design and others related.

CAMP LANGUAGE: English

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: No

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

### **LEISURE TIME**

Manizales is a city of steep slopes, its streets evoke the tranquility of a town where all its inhabitants are known but with the turmoil of a city in full transformation and with the dream of consolidating itself as a large city, is a magical tourist destination in Colombia, and its constant cultural activity is well recognized.

To learn more about Manizales: <https://colombia.travel/es/manizales>

### **PARTICIPATION FEE**

There is no participation fee for this project.

**VIVE20.05 MEXICO - Summer Children**    **Country: MEXICO**    **2020/07/15 – 2020/07/28**    **SPORTS/KIDS**    **Vols: 10**

### **PROJECT**

This project is organized by the University Panamericana Campus of Aguascalientes, and the main objective is to get help to the communities that are in a state of marginalization or vulnerability in the state of Aguascalientes. The volunteer will be helping and participating in the imparting of a summer course for children in the communities of social work projects that the university of Aguascalientes has adopted as an institution. (Cultural, sporting, recreational activities)

### **WORK**

Some of the main activities that the volunteer will be working at the “Guardado” community place in this project are:

- Give sports activities as trainers.
- Give classes or cultural workshops.
- Teach English.
- Prepare activities and games for children in communities.

### **SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning, after the participation in the project volunteers will receive an official letter certifying these skills.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Volunteers will be hosted in a private house that will have all the facilities at their disposal namely, private bathroom, hot water, and internet. Food will be provided.

### **LOCATION**

The city of Aguascalientes in the center of the Mexican Republic, it is one of the most important cities in the Bajío region. Its name comes from the hot springs in the area, which attracted the first settlers, more than twenty thousand years ago.

With a long industrial and commercial trajectory, it has experienced unstoppable growth in recent times, until it became one of the largest and most populated urban centers in the entire center of the country. The metropolitan area of Aguascalientes adjoins several populations that until recently were neighbors. In addition to its tourist attractions, it has a high level of sustainability and quality of life.

### **WHERE TO ARRIVE**

CLOSEST STATION: "Aguascalientes" bus station

CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Aguascalientes International Airport

OTHER POSSIBLE AIRPORTS: Mexico City International Airport

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

This camp is open for young motivated people who would like to help the development of local communities!

CAMP LANGUAGE: English

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: No

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

### **LEISURE TIME**

The tourist places of Aguascalientes reflect their cultural identity as a producer of guava (a mexican fruit) and railway tradition. This is a state of northern Mexico founded in 1575 as a refuge for those who traveled the "Ruta de la Plata" (Silver Route in English). Its name, that in English mean hot waters, is due to the important presence of hot springs. Other main attractions apart from walking the historic streets of the city and knowing the gastronomy and culture, are the natural reserves like "Sierra Fria" a great diversity of museums for example "Museo Jose Guadalupe Posada" and many other activities.

To learn more about Aguascalientes, you can check the link below:

<https://www.visitmexico.com/es/destinos-principales/aguascalientes/aguascalientes>

<http://www.sectur.gob.mx/programas/gestion-de-destinos/productos-turisticos/tesoros-coloniales/aguascalientes/>

### **PARTICIPATION FEE**

There is no participation fee for this project.

**SPECIAL NOTES:** For volunteers who are interested in learning Spanish, a Spanish course will be organized in the city of Morelia, Michoacán before the start of each project. Total Cost: 120 Euros. It includes accommodation for 7 days at a Youth Hostel in Morelia city, Spanish classes with an experienced teacher for 15 hours, required materials to study and activities to practice Spanish. Only meals are not included. Please contact us at least two weeks before the start of the course for registration.

**VIVE20.07 MEXICO - Cultural Children Country: MEXICO 2020/07/22 – 2020/08/04 ARTS/KIDS Vols: 3**

### **PROJECT**

This project is organized by Axkan foundation, and the main objective is to raise the level of education of children in rural populations by support children from low-income communities and provide them with ecological and cultural education. As well as generating in them a sense of ecological responsibility and respect for the environment and raise awareness about sustainability issues.

### **WORK**

The next activities will be carried out with the children:

-Painting

-Music

-Craft workshops

-Talks and storytelling

These activities will be implemented through playful teaching systems.

## **SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning, after the participation in the project volunteers will receive an official letter certifying these skills.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Volunteers will be hosted in a private house in with all facilities at their disposal namely, private bathroom, hot water, kitchen, security, internet. Food will be provided.

## **LOCATION**

Puerto Aventuras is located 98 kilometers south of Cancun in the state of Quintana Roo. The complex is built along the beach and around a large sports complex. It is 20 minutes south of Playa del Carmen which is one of the most important tourist development areas with a diversity of attractions.

## **WHERE TO ARRIVE**

CLOSEST STATION: bus center "Ado Playa del Carmen"

CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: International Airport "De Cancun"

OTHER POSSIBLE AIRPORTS: Mexico City International Airport

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

CAMP LANGUAGE: English (Spanish is appreciated but not mandatory!)

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: No

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

## **LEISURE TIME**

In Puerto Aventuras, there is a diversity of natural attractions and beautiful beaches, as well as different activities that take place in the city that is a well-known as a place for tourists that enjoy the coasts. In "playa del Carmen" that is 20 minutes away, you can find coral reefs and the most visited Mexican beaches, along with the warm local community and the various food stalls and bars is one of the most important places for tourism in Mexico.

## **PARTICIPATION FEE**

There is no participation fee for this project.

**VIVE20.09 MEXICO - Natural Park Apizaquito Country: MEXICO 2020/08/05 – 2020/08/18 CONS/ENVI Vols: 13**

**PROJECT**

The state of Tlaxcala is a hidden gem located just two hours car-ride from Mexico City and thirty minutes from Puebla. The workcamp will be organized by the Youth Institute of the Municipality of Apizaco. Within the Municipality there are not enough outdoor recreation areas for recreational, social, cultural and sports activities.

With this project that has the objective to perform the rehabilitation and construction of the space called "Parque Anden", which is generated for the recreation of the "Apizaquense" citizenship and generate what is known as a natural lung in the heart of the city of Apizaco, unique of its kind in the state.

## **WORK**

The activities that will have place during the project are:

- Construction and rehabilitation of space.
- Re-forestation of green areas.
- Support in environmental awareness programs.
- Space diffusion.

## **SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning, after the participation in the project volunteers will receive an official letter certifying these skills.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Food and hosting will be provided during the workcamp.

## **LOCATION**

Apizaco is located in the state of Tlaxcala and it is around half-hour away by car from the capital, Tlaxcala. The name of Apizaco comes from the local indigenous language of Nahuatl from the words "ATL" (water), "pitzāhuac" (thin, smooth), and the suffix "co" (local).

## **WHERE TO ARRIVE**

CLOSEST STATION: Bus Station at Tlaxcala, Apizaco, Humantla (ATAH)

CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Mexico City International Airport

OTHER POSSIBLE AIRPORTS: Puebla International Airport

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

CAMP LANGUAGE: English (Spanish is appreciated but not mandatory!)

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: No

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

## **LEISURE TIME**

During their free time, the volunteers can spend time in Tlaxcala which is the capital of the smallest state of Mexico. The state's name is Tlaxcala as well. It has a small colonial downtown with a large student population, good restaurants, and cafes with a vibrant cultural life. As it is not far from the state of Mexico and Puebla, the volunteers can travel to both states by bus and discover the beautiful Mexico City and Puebla. To have more information about Tlaxcala;

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/mexico/east-of-mexico-city/tlaxcala>

<https://www.visitmexico.com/en/main-destinations/tlaxcala/tlaxcala>

## **PARTICIPATION FEE**

There is no participation fee for this project.

**SPECIAL NOTES:** For volunteers who are interested in learning Spanish, a Spanish course will be organized in the city of Morelia, Michoacán before the start of each project. Total Cost: 120 Euros. It includes accommodation for 7 days at a Youth Hostel in Morelia city, Spanish classes with an experienced teacher for 15 hours, required materials to study and activities to practice Spanish. Only meals are not included. Please contact us at least two weeks before the start of the course for registration.

**VIVE20.12 COLOMBIA - Monserrate Country: COLOMBIA 2020/08/12 – 2020/08/25 STUDY Vols: 15**

## **PROJECT**

This project is organized by the “Fundación Universitaria Monserrate” (Monserrate University Foundation in English), and the objective is to promote entrepreneurship with the support from volunteers trained in the area and with the ability to lead and provide creative and innovative alternatives for future entrepreneurs from Colombia. Through training days, experiential workshops that allow the community (students, teachers, graduates, external community) know about the entrepreneurial experiences of the volunteer and so boost entrepreneurship.

## **WORK**

The volunteer will take part in practical workshops that will address the following learning topics: leadership, entrepreneurship, management skills or directives, sources of financing or international cooperation for entrepreneurship, formulation of social innovation projects.

## **SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning, after the participation in the project volunteers will receive an official letter certifying these skills.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

The volunteer will stay at parishes, that will have all the facilities at their disposal namely, private bathroom, hot water, and internet. Food will be provided.

## **LOCATION**

Bogota D.C is the capital and the largest city in Colombia. It is a point of convergence of people from all over the country, so it is diverse and multicultural, and it combines the old and the modern. Thanks to this fusion between past and present, in the capital you will find an ideal destination with history, fun, gastronomy, culture, business and much more.

## **WHERE TO ARRIVE**

CLOSEST BUS STATION: “Terminal Transmilenio” known as “Av Chile” or the terminal “Centro Obrero”.

CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Airport “El Dorado”

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

This workcamp is for volunteers that want to share their knowledge and experience on leadership and entrepreneurship.

CAMP LANGUAGE: English, and volunteers will be required to have a conversational level of Spanish.

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: No

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

### **LEISURE TIME**

Bogota, being a city for everyone, has multiple plans and activities that make it ideal for tourism. One of them is to discover its past and its importance. To do this, you can go to the center, where you will find the Plaza de Bolívar, the Primada Cathedral, and the “Casa de Nariño”. There is also a huge variety of museums that contains a great history of pre-Hispanic culture. The diverse gastronomy and places to visit in the city make it one of the most recognized tourist destinations in Latin America.

To learn more about Bogota, you can check the link below:

[https://colombia.travel/es/bogota?utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_source=google&utm\\_campaign=siente\\_el\\_ritmo&utm\\_term=Ciudades&utm\\_content=Bogota](https://colombia.travel/es/bogota?utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=siente_el_ritmo&utm_term=Ciudades&utm_content=Bogota)

### **PARTICIPATION FEE**

There is no participation fee for this project.

**VIVE20.15 COLOMBIA - Manizales**      **Country: COLOMBIA**      **2020/09/16 – 2020/09/29**      **ENVI**      **Vols: 5**

### **PROJECT**

The Luis Amigó Catholic University is committed to an awareness of solid waste management and the need for recycling, for what it considers pertinent the design of different activities, for the strengthening of environmental culture in the student community.

And with this project, the main objective is to generate environmental skills in the management of solid waste and recycling in the academic community, to ensure the survival of the new generations.

### **WORK**

The activities that will take place in this workcamp will be:

- Classification of solid waste from the source of its origin.
- Determine the collection of solid waste and the location of points of collection.
- Transfer of solid waste to the deposit for their collection and determine the use of recycling.
- Determine the classification of waste for the collecting company.
- Workshops to raise awareness about the environment.

### **SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning, after the participation in the project volunteers will receive an official letter certifying these skills.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Volunteers will stay in a hostel that will have all the facilities at their disposal namely, private bathroom, hot water, and internet. Food will be provided (it will be expected from the volunteer to help cooking).

## **LOCATION**

Manizales is a city in the mountainous coffee region of western Colombia. It is known for its cultural events, steep streets and views of the nearby “Nevado del Ruiz” volcano. Of its cultural activity are the Manizales Fair, the Manizales International Theater Festival, being the most important theater city in the history of Colombia, and the Manizales Grita Rock Festival. The city is also one of the most important sites for bird watching in the country and has nearby sites where travelers can enjoy hot springs.

## **WHERE TO ARRIVE**

CLOSEST BUS STATION: “Los Cámbulos”.

CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Airport La Nubia (Manizales).

OTHER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS: “El dorado”, Bogotá.

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: No

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

## **LEISURE TIME**

Manizales is a city of steep slopes, its streets evoke the tranquility of a town where all its inhabitants are known but with the turmoil of a city in full transformation and with the dream of consolidating itself as a large city, is a magical tourist destination in Colombia, and its constant cultural activity is well recognized.

To learn more about Manizales:

<https://colombia.travel/es/manizales>

## **PARTICIPATION FEE**

There is no participation fee for this project.

**VIVE20.22 MEXICO - Summer Maya**    **Country: MEXICO**    **2020/07/15 - 2020/07/28**    **CULT/CONS**    **Vols: 5**

## **PROJECT**

The main objective of this project is to promote voluntary work among young people towards the indigenous communities of Mexico and support their sustainable development, through the active participation of young people.

Yaxunah is a community of 600 people of which 100% belong to the Mayan culture, its economy is based on tourism, which is why the project is focusing on work in urban improvement projects with a group of ladies called “MAJAN NAJ”, which provide lodging to domestic and foreign tourists.

This workcamp is organized by the civil association “Formadores Sociales A.C” in collaboration with the “Yaxunah Community Cultural Center”.

## **WORK**

The objective is to build 10 “palapas” (rustic and open construction, made with sticks or logs, and with a palm roof, common in very hot places) with traditional materials, these will be built outside the houses that already function as lodging.

## **SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning, after the participation in the project volunteers will receive an official letter certifying these skills.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Volunteers will stay inside the Yaxunah community cultural center which is located in the heart of the community, has two “palapas” of Mayan architecture which were designed to accommodate volunteers for more than 10 years, and within the “palapa” has electric light and voltage outlet.

Just two years ago the internet came to the community, the cultural center can provide the internet but for a specific period of time.

Volunteers will be offered 3 meals from Monday to Friday, breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the duration of the camp. It will be only two free weekends, where on Saturdays only lunch will be offered and on Sunday dinner.

## **LOCATION**

Yaxunah is a community of 600 people of which 100% belong to the Mayan culture, its economy is based on tourism. It is one of the places where you can appreciate in the broadest way the Mayan culture of past times and today. They are in the state of Yucatan in Mexico

## **WHERE TO ARRIVE**

**CLOSEST BUS STATION:** The bus line that leads to the community 20km from the Yaxunah workcamp community is call ADO.

**CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** International airport Merida and international airport Cancun.

**OTHER POSSIBLE AIRPORTS:** Mexico City International Airport

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Because the project is of construction activities, only people between 18 and 30 years old will be accepted.

**VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE:** Yes

**OPEN FOR FAMILIES:** No

**OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS:** No

## **LEISURE TIME**

Visit Mayan architectural areas in the community, museums, craft workshops and visit popular natural areas such as “cenotes” (it is a natural freshwater pond supplied by an underground river that is formed in many places of the Yucatan Peninsula due to soil erosion). These are some of the activities that can take place in the community of Yaxunah.

To learn more about Yaxunah:

<https://www.elcaminomascorto.es/yaxunah-gran-sabor-a-cultura-maya/>

## **PARTICIPATION FEE**

There is no participation fee for this project.

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# **MEDIUM TERM PROJECTS**

<b>VIVEMTV20.01 Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader I</b>	<b>2020/06/24 - 2020/07/27</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>Vols: 1</b>
<b>VIVEMTV20.02 Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader II</b>	<b>2020/07/22 - 2020/08/24</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>Vols: 1</b>
<b>VIVEMTV20.03 Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader III</b>	<b>2020/08/19 - 2020/09/21</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>Vols: 1</b>
<b>VIVEMTV20.05 Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader IV</b>	<b>2020/09/16 - 2020/10/19</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>Vols: 1</b>
<b>VIVEMTV20.06 Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader V</b>	<b>2020/10/14 - 2020/11/16</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>Vols: 1</b>
<b>VIVEMTV20.21.01 Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader VI</b>	<b>2021/01/06 - 2021/02/08</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>Vols: 1</b>

**Be the leader of one of the most exciting projects in MEXICO!**

## **PROJECT**

Vive Mexico has been organizing this project regularly in Rincon de Guayabitos, Nayarit since 2014. The main achievement of the project is to protect the sea turtles with the help of volunteers who will be cooperating with a team of biologists. Up to now, the project has been quite successful and has reached extraordinary results. Participating in sea turtle conservation is a great opportunity to discover the rather charming life of sea turtles. If you are a social person with group management skills, this camp can be for you! The camp language is English but as being the leader you should have some knowledge of Spanish.

## **WORK**

The volunteer will be the project leader and will be the responsible for the coordination of the activities that the group of international volunteers will engage in. Each MTV includes two short term projects that will be led by a volunteer. Your tasks will be the following:

1. The volunteer has to arrive to Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico on the first day of the workcamp for a compulsory leader training course. During the training all the tasks will be explained in detail (reception of the volunteers, management of extra fee, recreational activities and time management). The volunteer will be traveling to La Penita de Jaltemba, Nayarit after staying for six days in Morelia. The travel costs to the workcamp will be covered by Vive Mexico. After finishing the workcamps in Guayabitos, the volunteer can directly leave, he/she does not need to go back to Morelia.
2. To coordinate the reception of the volunteers
3. To organize activities with the local coordinator
4. To organize free time activities with the group
5. To submit reports of the activities planned to Vive Mexico
6. To take photographs during the workcamp
7. To encourage the volunteers to participate in the activities

The volunteers will be working at night from 20:00 to 08:00, four days per week with an average of thirty hours. Depending the number of turtles that come ashore, two teams might be formed among the volunteers. In this way, each group will be taking turns, working one night and taking the next night off for recovery. In addition, the weekends are also spared for resting. Some of the activities to be performed are:

1. Finding adult turtles and collect their eggs.
2. Moving the eggs to a protected place called Vivero.
3. Releasing newborn baby turtles into the sea.
4. Patrolling the beaches at night.

5. Making some reconstruction in the most important turtle camps of the region.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

Volunteers will be hosted in a hotel in a shared room with all facilities at their disposal namely, private bathroom, hot water, swimming pool, WIFI, and air conditioning. The food will be provided.

In Morelia, the volunteer will be staying at a hostel free of charge but the volunteer will be paying for food.

## **LOCATION**

MORELIA, founded in 1541, was one of the first Spanish cities in Nueva España. The first viceroy, Antonio de Mendoza, named it Valladolid after the Spanish city and he encouraged Spanish nobility to move here with their families. In 1828, after Nueva España had become the Republic of Mexico, the city was renamed Morelia in honor of local hero José María Morelos y Pavón, a key figure in Mexico's independence.

Morelia is the state capital of Michoacan and it's a dynamic and beautiful city. Also, Morelia is an increasingly popular destination, and rightly so: the colonial heart of the city is so well preserved that it was declared a Unesco World Heritage site in 1991, and its cathedral is not just gorgeous, it's inspirational. You can walk in downtown which has many cultural activities and discover the variety of historic buildings and monuments.

To learn more about Morelia;

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/mexico/western-central-highlands/morelia> <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/585/gallery/>

RINCON DE GUAYABITOS, also known as Guayabitos, is a beach located in the astonishing Sierra Madre Occidental, in the state of Nayarit and bathed by the waters of the Pacific Ocean. It is a popular tourist destination due to its proximity to the cities of Tepic, Guadalajara and Puerto Vallarta.

## **LEISURE TIME**

During their stay in Morelia City, leaders can take a walk in downtown which has many cultural activities throughout the year, and discover the variety of historic buildings and monuments, for those looking to surround themselves by natural wonders, Morelia offers many options: 45 kilometers from Patzcuaro's lake and the ancient pyramids of Tzintzuntzan, the magical towns of Cuitzeo, Patzcuaro and Santa Clara del Cobre, the islands of the Pancada, Janitzio among others that the native cultures identified as the border between worlds, and several ceremonial centers of the Mesoamerican pre-Hispanic times.

Once in Guayabitos, leaders enjoy various activities in one of the most attractive destinations in Mexico. The area extends approximately 300 kilometers along the coast, integrated by mountainous jungle and facing coastal islands. For those seeking a more rural and rustic side of Mexico, the Riviera has a massive open space for everyone along the Nayarit coast beaches, for those who want to relax, quiet beaches and other beaches with heavy waves for surfers. In their free time leaders can go on their own to Bahia de Banderas, Nuevo Vallarta, Punta Mita, Puerto Vallarta and Riviera Nayarit.

## **WHERE TO ARRIVE**

**CLOSEST BUS STATION:** For the training, Terminal de Autobuses Morelia (Bus Station in Morelia)

**CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** Mexico City International Airport, Guadalajara International Airport, Morelia International Airport

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

It is mandatory to speak English and basic level of Spanish would be appreciated. The volunteer also has to participate in the leader training. It is mandatory to have international travel insurance.

**CAMP LANGUAGE:** English (Basic level Spanish is required!)

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: No

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

### **PARTICIPATION FEE**

There is no participation fee for this project. The volunteer will be receiving a compensation of 1000 Mexican pesos for each workcamp.

**SPECIAL NOTES:** For volunteers who are interested in learning Spanish, a Spanish course will be organized in the city of Morelia, Michoacán before the start of each project. Total Cost: 120 Euros. It includes accommodation for 7 days at a Youth Hostel in Morelia city, Spanish classes with an experienced teacher for 15 hours, required materials to study and activities to practice Spanish. Only meals are not included. Please contact us at least two weeks before the start of the course for registration.

**VIVEMTV20.04 Assistant for Language Classes I Country: MEXICO 2020/09/02 - 2020/11/30 TEACH/SOCI Vols: 2**

**Share fun and interesting activities about your culture to Mexican students and discover the magic of Mexico!**

### **PROJECT**

For the last 5 years, this has been a very successful project where international volunteers organize meaningful and life changing activities! The objective is to promote cultural exchange, intercultural global education and life project through a program involving international volunteers and students of the High School of Agricultural Technology No. 233.

### **WORK**

Volunteers will be part of the High School of Agricultural Technology No. 233 team and will be the facilitators of workshops and classes essentially prepared to practice mainly English also the other languages if the volunteer would like to share. Some of the activities to be developed are:

1. To prepare and provide classes in English and the volunteer's native language for the students of High School of Agricultural Technology No. 233.
2. To prepare workshops and activities to practice English and other languages and share their culture in an entertaining way.
3. To promote cultural exchange and international volunteerism
4. To produce creative teaching materials for language classes.

Volunteers also will encourage cultural exchange with students, through English speaking clubs.

### **SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning, after the participation in the project volunteers will receive an official letter certifying these skills.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Food and accommodation will be provided.

### **LOCATION**

The school is located in the town of Tarimbaro which is around 20 minutes away from Morelia but the volunteer will be staying in Morelia.

Morelia, founded in 1541, was one of the first Spanish cities in Nueva España. The first viceroy, Antonio de Mendoza, named it Valladolid after the Spanish city and he encouraged Spanish nobility to move here with their families. In 1828, after Nueva España had become the Republic of Mexico, the city was renamed Morelia in honor of local hero José María Morelos y Pavón, a key figure in Mexico's independence.

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To learn more about Morelia;

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/mexico/western-central-highlands/morelia>

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/585/gallery/>

## **WHERE TO ARRIVE**

CLOSEST STATION: Morelia Bus Station

CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Morelia International Airport

OTHER POSSIBLE AIRPORTS: Mexico City International Airport

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

The program is open for young people who is interested to participate and enjoy a diverse range of activities, an active volunteers who enjoy sharing culture and making new friends! Volunteers must be motivated to be active and working indoors and outdoors.

CAMP LANGUAGE: English (Spanish is appreciated!)

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: No

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

## **LEISURE TIME**

You can walk in downtown which has many cultural activities and discover the variety of historic buildings and monuments, for those looking to surround themselves by natural wonders, such as the Island of Janitzio or the ancient pyramids of Tzintzuntzan, the magical towns of Patzcuaro, Santa Clara del Cobre, and several ceremonial centers of the Mesoamerican pre-Hispanic culture. During the weekends you can visit two of the biggest cities in the country, Mexico City and Guadalajara, both cities are 3 hours from Morelia, there are also many interesting places that you can visit during your stay.

## **PARTICIPATION FEE**

The administration fee of 300 euros should be paid in order to participate in this project. It should be paid in cash in Mexican pesos on the first day of the project. The volunteers will be informed about the fee in pesos one week before the start of the project.

**SPECIAL NOTES:** For volunteers who are interested in learning Spanish, a Spanish course will be organized in the city of Morelia, Michoacán before the start of each project. Total Cost: 120 Euros. It includes accommodation for 7 days at a Youth Hostel in Morelia city, Spanish classes with an experienced teacher for 15 hours, required materials to study and 30activities to practice Spanish. Only meals are not included. Please contact us at least two weeks before the start of the course for registration.

## SPANISH COURSE

Dear partners in the next part we share with you the correspondent dates of the Spanish courses according the workcamps that have this option available, the courses will be carried out in the city of Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico; the cost is 120 Euros that include: accommodation for 6 nights, materials, theory and practice, 15 hours of classes. Please contact us at least two weeks before the start of the course for registration. The corresponding information sheets will be send to the volunteers that wish to participate in the Spanish course.

SPANISH COURSE DATES		CODE	WORKCAMP NAME	COUNTRY	LOCATION	REGION	WORKCAMP DATE	
START WEDNESDAY	END						START	END
24/06/2020	29/06/2020	VIVE20.01	MEXICO - Camp Uniting Cultures	México	Querétaro, San Miguel de Allende, León	Guanajuato	2020-07-01	2020-07-15
24/06/2020	29/06/2020	VIVE20.02	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation I	México	Rincon de Guayabitos	Nayarit	2020-07-01	2020-07-13
08/07/2020	13/07/2020	VIVE20.05	MEXICO - Summer Children	México	Comunidad de El Guarda	Aguascalientes	2020-07-15	2020-07-28
08/07/2020	13/07/2020	VIVE20.06	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation II	México	Rincon de Guayabitos	Nayarit	2020-07-15	2020-07-27
22/07/2020	27/07/2020	VIVE20.08	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation III	México	Rincon de Guayabitos	Nayarit	2020-07-29	2020-08-10
29/07/2020	03/08/2020	VIVE20.09	MEXICO - Natural Park Apizaquito	México	Parqué Anden	Tlaxcala	2020-08-05	2020-08-18
05/08/2020	10/08/2020	VIVE20.11	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation IV	México	Rincon de Guayabitos	Nayarit	2020-08-12	2020-08-24
19/08/2020	24/08/2020	VIVE20.13	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation V	México	Rincon de Guayabitos	Nayarit	2020-08-26	2020-09-07
02/09/2020	07/09/2020	VIVE20.14	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VI	México	Rincon de Guayabitos	Nayarit	2020-09-09	2020-09-21
16/09/2020	21/09/2020	VIVE20.16	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VII	México	Rincon de Guayabitos	Nayarit	2020-09-23	2020-10-05
30/09/2020	05/10/2020	VIVE20.17	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VIII	México	Rincon de Guayabitos	Nayarit	2020-10-07	2020-10-19
14/10/2020	19/10/2020	VIVE20.18	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation IX	México	Rincon de Guayabitos	Nayarit	2020-10-21	2020-11-02
28/10/2020	02/11/2020	VIVE20.19	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation X	México	Rincon de Guayabitos	Nayarit	2020-11-04	2020-11-16
11/11/2020	16/11/2020	VIVE20.20	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XI	México	Rincon de Guayabitos	Nayarit	2020-11-18	2020-11-30

06/01/2021	11/01/2021	VIVE20.21.01	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XII	México	Rincon de Guayabitos	Nayarit	2021-01-13	2021-01-25
20/01/2021	25/01/2021	VIVE20.21.02	MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XIII	México	Rincon de Guayabitos	Nayarit	2021-01-27	2021-02-08