



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.

MTV PROJECTS SUMMARY LIST

CODE	NAME	COUNTRY	START	END	TYPE	AGE	VOLS	FEE
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

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

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.

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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.

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SPANISH COURSE

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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