

QUICK FACTS



REMUNERATION: Unpaid
DURATION: 3 to 12 weeks
LEAD TIME: 1-2 Months
START DATES: Monthly
LOCATIONS: Australia wide



Included in the Program Fee:

- Volunteer placement
- Cultural orientation in Brisbane
- Accommodation for projects 1, 3, and 5
- Domestic flights and transport for projects 3, 4, and 5
- Safety Induction Card required for project 3

Optional at an additional cost:

- English language classes
- Airport pick-up

Accommodation:

During Orientation in Brisbane:

- Homestay OR Backpacker Hostel

During the Volunteer Placement:

This will depend on the location of your volunteer project; For some projects accommodation is included for others it is not (please read the details on the next page). You should have access to finances to cover additional accommodation costs.

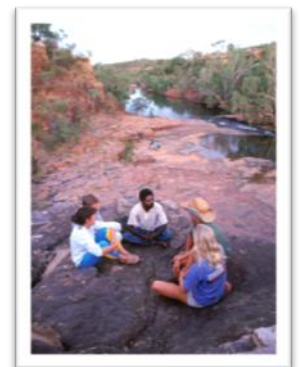
Indigenous Volunteer Program

The aim of the Indigenous Volunteer Program is to provide a unique opportunity to experience life as a volunteer in an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community. Through daily work and interaction with community members, volunteers will gain insights into local culture and major issues facing communities. Candidates will provide assistance and aid to the Indigenous population of Australia in areas such as healthcare, childcare, education, housing, arts and culture and environmental sustainability.

All volunteers will work in partnership with the local people in a variety of community-based projects. As a volunteer you take on a serious commitment when starting to work in an organisation.

There are currently five Volunteer Programs available, but the number is continuously growing:

1. Short-term Indigenous Volunteer Program (min. participant number is 6)
2. Long-term Indigenous Volunteer Program
3. Indigenous Internship Program
4. Indigenous Community Event Program
5. Indigenous Community Exchange Program (min. participant number is 6)



Every Volunteer Program starts with a cultural orientation session in Brisbane.

Application Requirements

Age: 18+	Language: Intermediate level of English
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Application Documents

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Form • Application Questionnaire • Current Résumé or Curriculum Vitae 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour copy of valid passport • Evidence of medical or travel insurance (not required if insurance is to be purchased through us)
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Interview & Enrolment

Interview & acceptance into program	Payment of program fee
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Placement Process

Volunteer placement negotiations & confirmation

Accommodation & Travel Arrangements

Accommodation Options: 1. Homestay 2. Backpacker Hostel (is included for some programs, see next page)	Visa Options: Tourist Visa or Working Holiday Visa	Book your flight and arrange your medical & travel insurance (not included in program fee)
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Program Fees

Project 1: AU\$1,650	Project 2: AU\$1,650	Project 3: AU\$4,500
Project 4: AU\$1,500	Project 5: AU\$2,700	

Volunteer Program Details

THE CULTURAL ORIENTATION SESSION

With a cultural orientation session in Brisbane at the start of each volunteer program participants will be made aware of the rights, dignity and culture of the communities they are about to immerse themselves in.

Depending on the location of the Project the Cultural Orientation might include any of the below:

- Lectures on Indigenous history, culture, and languages
- Dance and music performances
- Dreamtime story telling
- Indigenous spiritual history of the land workshop
- Art workshops (e.g. ochre, body & bark painting)
- Viewing of indigenous short films, documentaries, and contemporary feature films
- Access to indigenous exhibitions at the GOMA and Museum



AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

1. Short-term Indigenous Volunteer Program (3-day Orientation + 2 weeks Volunteering in Brisbane)

This program is for those who want a taste of culture however don't necessarily want to leave the creature comforts of the big city. Volunteers would be based in Brisbane and would volunteer their time over the course of 2 weeks at Organisations with a strong Indigenous focus such as organisations offering counselling and support to individuals of the Stolen Generation, at Indigenous Cultural Centres or Indigenous Art Galleries, for example. This way, volunteers will gain an insight into the rich culture and history but also current issues and problems of Indigenous Australians. This program includes accommodation.

Minimum participant number for this program is: 6

2. Long-term Indigenous Volunteer Program (3-day Orientation + 4 to 11 weeks Volunteering in various locations)

Volunteers attend the 3-day Cultural Awareness Session in Brisbane and then volunteer 4 to 11 weeks in various volunteer projects. The program includes social, education, health and environmental projects. Indigenous Community events occur throughout the volunteering period which provides volunteers with exposure to Indigenous culture first hand. Volunteers will bear witness to cultural issues which affect Indigenous communities and will also be attending events such as Cultural Dancing, Didgeridoo playing, or Indigenous artworks displays over the course of the program. Volunteers can take great pride in the knowledge that they are contributing to a wider cause. Placements are available in cities and remote locations. Accommodation is not included, but can be arranged at an additional cost.

3. Indigenous Internship Program (3-day Orientation + 3 wks Brisbane + 2 wks Townsville + 6 wks Mine Community)

Volunteers attend the 3-day Cultural Awareness Session in Brisbane and then complete 4 weeks at a Brisbane based Mining Organisation which employs a majority of Indigenous staff and management and reinvests profits into community projects. Participants then move on to volunteer at the organisations branch in Townsville for 2 weeks. The final 6 weeks will be spent volunteering in a remote community helping out with various projects. This program includes Food and Accommodation for the entire 12 weeks, return flights from Brisbane to Townsville, flights to the Mine Community and a Safety Induction Card. Volunteers will have the exciting opportunity to witness traditional Indigenous practices such as Cultural Dancing, Didgeridoo playing, and Indigenous artworks. (Note: Volunteers need to have an educational background in Occupational Health and Safety or Mining Engineering and will be required to undergo health checks before the program.)

4. Indigenous Community Event Program (3-day Orientation + 2 wks Brisbane + 1.5 wks Doomadgee)

Volunteers attend the 3-day Cultural Awareness Session in Brisbane and will then volunteer for two weeks at a Brisbane based Mining Company which employs a majority of Indigenous staff and management. They then fly to Mt. Isa. From there they will be taken to Doomadgee where they assist the local Community with the setting up and running of the Annual Rodeo Carnival etc. Volunteers with experience in Event Management or media skills, camera operation, photography, etc. are most suitable for this program. Volunteers will also have the exciting opportunity to witness traditional Indigenous practices such as Cultural Dancing, Didgeridoo playing, and Indigenous artworks. This program includes return flights from Brisbane to Mt. Isa and transfers.

Start Date: 2nd August 2010

Application deadline: 30th June 2010

5. Indigenous Community Exchange Program (5-day Orientation + 1.5 weeks Volunteering in North Queensland Communities)

This program is a Communities Cultural Exchange program where we establish visits and exchanges with other communities. The purpose of this program is to help educate communities on how other communities - Aboriginal and communities around the world - live. Volunteers arrive in Brisbane for a 5-day Cultural Awareness Session. Volunteers then fly to North Queensland where they are met by a driver who will guide them to different communities. The program includes Food and Accommodation (camping grounds or caravan parks), return flights to Mt. Isa, and transfers for travel to various communities.

Minimum participant number for this program is: 6