

After School Centre for Children



Highlights

- Making a real difference to underprivileged children and youths by supervising and running educational sessions.
- Bringing some fun times to the children's days by organizing sports and crafts!
- Exploring exciting Bolivia during weekends and after your volunteer placement.

About The Project

The centre offers free educational support for children and adolescents living in the poorer outskirts of the city of Sucre. It also offers additional support services, such as careers advice, recreational activities, training and medical and nutritional aid. The children and adolescents that attend the centre are from native farming families who have migrated from the country to the city and have limited financial resources. The children are between the ages of 4 and 15 years old, and the centre usually takes care for around 150 children each day – on average 40 in the morning and 90-100 in the evening.

Volunteer Role

The first Monday at the Academia is an orientation day. All new students and volunteers go on a city tour of Sucre to get to know the city and learn how to get around and use the public transport system. In the afternoon there's an information session in which you will learn about the Academia, as well as about important issues such as security, do's and don'ts in Sucre, accommodation, volunteer work etc. Your volunteer placement commences on Tuesday of the first



week.



Volunteers joining this project will predominantly be taking on a teaching role. Each volunteer will be designated a group of children to teach and supervise. Key subjects include mathematics, languages, sciences, reading and art. The centre likes to instill a sense of discipline, and as such, children are not allowed to leave the classroom for breaks or play without first finishing their work. It's important that as a volunteer you can be comfortably and

confidently strict with the children, whilst also making classes a fun and happy time for them.

In addition to teaching, you will also supervise breaks times, and arrange extra activities such as sports and crafts. Any new ideas or games are always popular so try to be as creative as possible but remember resources will be limited!

Location

The centre is located 30 minutes by bus from the Academia in Sucre.

Sucre is a beautiful city set in a valley and surrounded by low mountains. It has a rich colonial heritage and is also known as 'the white city' due to its numerous colonial buildings, all of which are painted white and topped with shiny red roofs. In 1991, it was granted 'UNESCO Cultural Heritage' status.

Sucre is home to many museums, a lively central plaza, shops, bars and restaurants. Locals and visitors alike are also attracted to markets where food, textiles and an assortment of other products are sold in barter fashion! The charming colonial town and its nearby villages feature a sizeable indigenous population and they have managed to maintain their customs and colorful dress.

Accommodation

You will stay either at the student residence or with a host family. Host family accommodation includes a private room, breakfast, dinner and laundry service. Singles, married couples and parents with children can all be accommodated. It is also possible to stay in a student residence within three minutes walk of the Academia. Here you will self cater - there are shops and markets very nearby and a fully equipped kitchen.

Requirements

Volunteers must be able to commit to at least 4 weeks at the project in order to build up a trusting relationship with the children and staff. Please note, the project is not available in December and January, and in June, there is a 3 week break.

All volunteers must hold an upper intermediate level of spoken Spanish. If your Spanish is at a lower level, you must join our Spanish language school prior to commencing your volunteer work.

When choosing to volunteer in a developing country such as Bolivia, it is important to remain flexible as the needs of the project are constantly evolving. This is what makes volunteering so rewarding – the fact that you are on hand to lend your support when and where it is needed. By choosing Academia Latinoamericana de Español you will have a comprehensive safety network behind you as we are here to help throughout the duration of your entire stay!

Feedback

“This project made me realize that you don’t need to have a lot of ‘things’ to be happy. Some of the children have had such troubled upbringings but the project support has really made a difference to them. Education is so important to get the children off the streets, and keep them off the streets. I now know that I definitely want to work with children in a educational role when I go home.”

Hanne Langaard, Norway

Programme Fee Includes

- Accommodation
- 2 meals per day if staying with a host family
- Project Support
- A donation that goes directly to your project
- Orientation and city tour
- Pre-departure information
- Laundry service if staying with a host family
- 24 hour emergency support

Programme Fee Does Not Include

- International flights
- Meals if staying at the student residence
- Laundry service if staying at the student residence
- Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Inoculations
- Excursions over and above the itinerary

Travel Ideas

We are fully equipped to help you with making weekend travel arrangements, and onwards travel arrangements following your time at the Academia. We work with the best tour companies to offer safe, reliable and competitively priced trips. Some of the most popular trips include:

- La Paz – The World’s highest capital city at 3660m above sea level! Wander the markets, visit the museums and sip coffee in the plazas. Good day trips from la Paz include: the Valle de la Luna - a maze of canyons and pinnacles, and Tiwanaku – Bolivia’s most significant archeological site.
- Salar de Uyuni – Go on a 4WD adventure of the incredible lunar landscape of the world’s largest salt flat. See giant cacti, red lakes, pink flamingo and steaming geysers!
- Pampas – visit the wetland savannas to spot a vast array of wildlife including caimans, monkeys, sloths, pink river dolphins and maybe even anacondas! Stay in riverside lodges, watch incredible sun sets and sun rises and sway the day away in hammocks!

- Lake Titicaca – South America’s largest Lake which borders Peru and Bolivia. Stay on one of the floating islands for a true insight into the lifestyle and culture of the local communities.
- Potosi – scabble and crawl through the shafts of Potosi’s mines and even let ff a stick of dynamite!

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If you have some further questions about this project, please feel free to contact us at info@latinoschools.com .

If you would like to book this programme, please [click here](#) to complete the booking form. We will be in touch within one week of application to confirm your booking!