



## Home For Children and Youths

### Highlights

- Assisting a very dedicated project in providing underprivileged children and teenagers with a safe home.
- Coming up with creative ways to provide educational sessions and fun activities!
- Exploring exciting Bolivia during weekends – don't miss the salt flats or the pampas!

### About The Project

This project is dedicated to providing help to young people who have found themselves living and/or working on the streets. There are two centers – one for boys and one for girls, in total caring for around 120 children and teenagers aged 6-17 years old. For various reasons, many of the children have either chosen, or been forced to risk the dangers of street work and street living, but with the help of the project, they are gaining assistance to allow a better future. The one requirement of the project for the children and youths is that they are enrolled in school – this allows the project to build on their education through additional workshops and training. The project provides three meals a day, school supplies and a comfortable, safe place to sleep.

### 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.

As a volunteer, you will work alongside the centre staff to provide care and support to the young people. As the ages of the children and teenagers range from 6 to 18, your role will be varied to ensure suitable activities are provided for the different age groups. You may be involved in some or all of the following activities, although its important volunteers are willing to get involved in whatever is required of them at the time they are there.

- Helping with homework
- Organization sports and games
- Playing with the younger children
- Teaching maths, English, science, social studies, reading and writing

It is also important to bear in mind that many of the children have had difficult backgrounds, and as such, it can take a little time to build up trusting relationships with them.

### Location

The project is a ten minute walk from the Academic 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 – one is located within the school grounds, and there are two very nearby. 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.

All volunteers must hold a high 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!

### **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!

### **Apply Now**

If you have some further questions about this project, please feel free to contact us at [info@latinoschools.com](mailto: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!