

VOLUNTEER IN AUSTRALIA

2020/2021

GIVE YOUR STUDENTS HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE FOR THE FUTURE





CHOOSE FROM
THREE VOLUNTEER
PROGRAMS WITH
A WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION
FOCUS LOCATED
IN FAR NORTH
QUEENSLAND

1. ISLAND REEF RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION

This unique placement opportunity is not offered anywhere else and gives volunteers the opportunity to truly make a difference to marine conservation. Based in the world's largest coral reef, the Island Reef Research and Conservation project offers volunteers the opportunity to participate in valued conservation activities and environmental research endeavours.

Volunteers work in collaboration with various oceanographic organisations to research the ecosystem, monitor and survey the reef, and help clean up beaches of marine debris.

Work sites are based across two distinct islands, 45-minutes from the Port of Cairns.

Typical Day

Following your initial travel and settling in period on Sunday, the next Monday will be utilised for a complete orientation to the site and the project.

Each day beyond that stage will be entirely unique and dependent on the week of your placement, but will consist of:

- 6.30am Breakfast
- 7am Hostel departure
- 9am Work duties: featuring coral reef surveying, gathering of raw oceanographic data, clearing marine debris or care of sick and injured turtles for rehabilitation.
- 12pm Lunch break and return-ferry to Cairns
- 1pm Cairns arrival and free time

The project itself will consist of various 2-3 hour work-related activities, with the remainder of the time open for volunteers to explore Cairns or participate in other activities that complement their school agenda.

Accommodation

Dormitory style hostel

Meals

Breakfast and lunch included

2. AUSSIE BUSH CONSERVATION

Volunteers on this incredible program live on-site in a tropical wetland reserve, assisting with the active management of wildlife species in the area. The facility where volunteers live and work has been established to protect the wonderful wild spaces of Australia; recognising the cultural history, diversity and biological importance of these vast landscapes.

The reserve is home to more than two hundred species of birdlife, several of which are endangered, as well as many of Australia's iconic marsupials. This program is a critical collaboration between volunteers and researchers aimed at collating medical and rehabilitation data for use in combating the threat of diseases common to North Australian species. The facility also provides medical attention and refuge to rescued wildlife, particularly focused on the preservation of threatened species.

A Typical Day

No two days at the reserve are the same. There are several tasks and activities that must be catered to and this is dependent on the animals on site and the time of year for volunteer arrivals. At any one time there will be up to 40 animals in our care ranging from aquatic species to reptiles, possums, birds, gliders and mammals of various shapes and sizes. There is a focus on endangered species when they are admitted to the shelter.

Volunteers can fill a number of roles, ranging from harvesting / collecting, studying / research and monitoring wildlife in their natural habitat, fieldwork in the wider reserve involving checking / setting camera traps, photo-point monitoring, species observations, data input, feeding and watering animals in care, release of animals back into the wild, building pens and enclosures, cleaning of enclosures, providing enrichments, care and rehabilitation duties and vehicle and equipment maintenance.

Accommodation

Accommodation on-site is in private, fully furnished safari-style canvas tents, set up on wooden platforms. Each tent has its own en-suite bathroom, fridge and small table. Tents are solar powered with lighting, fans and hot water.

Meals

All meals included



3. MARINE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

This amazing Dive program allows budding marine conservation volunteers to learn or improve their skill through a well-renowned dive operator, while also participating in a credible reef monitoring program. With a high commitment to environmental protection and sustainability, this unique dive program falls under the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's monitoring program 'Eye on the Reef' and is designed for volunteers interested in scuba diving, marine conservation and spending time on the reef. From learning to dive, to spending time with reef experts and monitoring the reef for the Marine Park's conservation program, volunteers will find this to be an unique experience.

A Typical Day

After completing the 'Liveaboard' dive course (Open Water, Advanced Open Water or Rescue Diver Course), volunteers use their skills as certified divers and snorkelers to conduct a variety of marine conservation activities.

For two of the program days, volunteers are transported to a tropical island where they spend the morning making their contribution to the Great Barrier Reef. The rest of the day is spent enjoying some free time. Island facilities include a resort, restaurant, , walking trails, glass bottom tours, kayaking and snorkelling.

There is also the option to stay on a further two days, where you partake in reef monitoring on a different island and a day is spent completing our marine debris initiative. That's right! Collecting and sorting through rubbish! Marine debris is a concerning issue in our oceans, with devastating impacts on marine life. Training is provided for all volunteers about the importance of this work and how to undertake data collection and recording of marine debris.

Accommodation

The accommodation is shared between a Cairns hostel and the liveaboards on the reef.

Meals

Most meals are provided with vegan and vegetarian catered for.



PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Our Volunteer Partners endeavor to deliver unique opportunities that allow people from all walks of life to tap into their conversation passions, and learn about the world around them. The volunteer programs listed are available to both individuals and small groups. They are the perfect alternative to school trips that may have been cancelled this school year due to travel restrictions. All three programs can be tailored to suit you and your students needs. The group size, program goals and arrival dates are flexible to suit your school calendar.

HOW TO BE APART OF THE ACTION

Email kaylak@ccusa.com.au to register your interest in one of the programs. Then we link you in with our Program Partners, who will discuss all the finer details including dates, requirements, accommodation and pricing.

If you have any questions regarding the programs please call us or [book a call](#)- we are here to help you provide high quality and enriching opportunities to your students.

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1. Live virtual information sessions via ZOOM with a dedicated CCUSA staff member
2. Sharing our pre-recorded program videos with students on social media or school newsletters. The videos give an overview of the opportunities available after high school, during and after university
3. Digital brochures and information about current events sent via email.

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