



International Voluntary Projects

2023-2024



Dear Partners:

Vive Mexico proudly presents to you our **2023-2024 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 our projects have been prepared to bring Mexican culture close to the volunteers also bringing 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 training courses, protecting the endangered species (Marine Turtles) and promoting cultural exchange through international cooperation and solidarity.

Conditions to participate in our Workcamps and MTVs in Mexico and Colombia:

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 these 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.

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WORKCAMPS SUMMARY LIST

| CODE | WORKCAMP NAME | COUNTRY | START | END | TYPE | AGE | VOLS | FEE |
|--------------|--|---------|------------|------------|------|-----|------|-----------|
| VIVE23.01 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation I | México | 2023-07-05 | 2023-07-17 | ENVI | 18 | 15 | 355 euros |
| VIVE23.02 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation II | México | 2023-07-19 | 2023-07-31 | ENVI | 18 | 15 | 355 euros |
| VIVE23.03 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation III | México | 2023-08-02 | 2023-08-14 | ENVI | 18 | 15 | 355 euros |
| VIVE23.04 | MEXICO - Hands for Apizaco | México | 2023-08-09 | 2023-08-16 | ENVI | 18 | 10 | 0 |
| VIVE23.05 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation IV | México | 2023-08-16 | 2023-08-28 | ENVI | 18 | 15 | 355 euros |
| VIVE23.06 | MEXICO - One Earth, Environmental Awareness Workcamp | México | 2023-08-23 | 2023-09-04 | ENVI | 18 | 4 | 0 |
| VIVE23.07 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation V | México | 2023-08-30 | 2023-09-11 | ENVI | 18 | 15 | 355 euros |
| VIVE23.08 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VI | México | 2023-09-13 | 2023-09-25 | ENVI | 18 | 15 | 355 euros |
| VIVE23.09 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VII | México | 2023-09-27 | 2023-10-09 | ENVI | 18 | 15 | 355 euros |
| VIVE23.10 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VIII | México | 2023-10-11 | 2023-10-23 | ENVI | 18 | 15 | 355 euros |
| VIVE23.11 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation IX | México | 2023-10-25 | 2023-11-06 | ENVI | 18 | 15 | 355 euros |
| VIVE23.12 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation X | México | 2023-11-08 | 2023-11-20 | ENVI | 18 | 15 | 355 euros |
| VIVE23.13 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XI | México | 2023-11-22 | 2023-12-04 | ENVI | 18 | 15 | 355 euros |
| VIVE23.24.01 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XII | México | 2024-01-10 | 2024-01-22 | ENVI | 18 | 15 | 355 euros |
| VIVE23.24.02 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XIII | México | 2024-01-24 | 2024-02-05 | ENVI | 18 | 15 | 355 euros |

MTV PROJECTS SUMMARY LIST

| CODE | WORKCAMP NAME | COUNTRY | START | END | TYPE | AGE | VOLS | FEE |
|-----------------|--|---------|------------|------------|------|-----|------|-----|
| VIVEMTV23.01 | Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader I | México | 2023-06-28 | 2023-07-31 | LEAD | 18 | 1 | 0 |
| VIVEMTV23.02 | Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader II | México | 2023-07-26 | 2023-08-28 | LEAD | 18 | 1 | 0 |
| VIVEMTV23.03 | Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader III | México | 2023-08-23 | 2023-09-25 | LEAD | 18 | 1 | 0 |
| VIVEMTV23.04 | Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader IV | México | 2023-09-20 | 2023-10-23 | LEAD | 18 | 1 | 0 |
| VIVEMTV23.05 | Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader V | México | 2023-10-18 | 2023-12-04 | LEAD | 18 | 1 | 0 |
| VIVEMTV23.24.01 | Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader VI | México | 2024-01-03 | 2024-02-05 | LEAD | 18 | 1 | 0 |

SHORT TERM PROJECTS (WORKCAMPS)

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|--------------|--|--------|------------|------------|------|----------|
| VIVE23.01 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation I | México | 2023-07-05 | 2023-07-17 | ENVI | Vols: 15 |
| VIVE23.02 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation II | México | 2023-07-19 | 2023-07-31 | ENVI | Vols: 15 |
| VIVE23.03 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation III | México | 2023-08-02 | 2023-08-14 | ENVI | Vols: 15 |
| VIVE23.05 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation IV | México | 2023-08-16 | 2023-08-28 | ENVI | Vols: 15 |
| VIVE23.07 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation V | México | 2023-08-30 | 2023-09-11 | ENVI | Vols: 15 |
| VIVE23.08 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VI | México | 2023-09-13 | 2023-09-25 | ENVI | Vols: 15 |
| VIVE23.09 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VII | México | 2023-09-27 | 2023-10-09 | ENVI | Vols: 15 |
| VIVE23.10 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation VIII | México | 2023-10-11 | 2023-10-23 | ENVI | Vols: 15 |
| VIVE23.11 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation IX | México | 2023-10-25 | 2023-11-06 | ENVI | Vols: 15 |
| VIVE23.12 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation X | México | 2023-11-08 | 2023-11-20 | ENVI | Vols: 15 |
| VIVE23.13 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XI | México | 2023-11-22 | 2023-12-04 | ENVI | Vols: 15 |
| VIVE23.24.01 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XII | México | 2024-01-10 | 2024-01-22 | ENVI | Vols: 15 |
| VIVE23.24.02 | MEXICO - Sea Turtles Conservation XIII | México | 2024-01-24 | 2024-02-05 | ENVI | Vols: 15 |

Experience the paradise and protect the turtles at the beach!

See the VIDEO! <https://goo.gl/LsaZnX>

PROJECT

Vive Mexico has been organizing this workcamp 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.

WORK

Based on the time of the year the volunteers will be working during the day or at night in the months of August and September from 20:00 to 08:00. Depending on 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.

Please take into account that the schedule is subject to change depending on the weather conditions and the condition of the sea turtles and it is possible to work with crocodiles in case there is no work with turtles, this can happen mostly in the months of January and February. The coordinator or the camp leader will be informing you regarding your work schedule. 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.

If you love nature, want to have a great time by the beautiful beaches, at the same time enjoying all the amenities of a hotel and witnessing the magical spectacle of natural miracles that has been reoccurring since millions of years... then this project is for you!

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning. Upon completing the project volunteers will receive an official letter certifying the aforementioned skills.

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.

LOCATION

Rincon de Guayabitos, also known as Guayabitos, is a beach town 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.

WHERE TO ARRIVE

CLOSEST BUS STATION: La Peñita de Jaltemba, Nayarit.

CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Puerto Vallarta International Airport.

OTHER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS: Mexico City International Airport, Guadalajara International Airport

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

This camp is open for everyone who are sensible and open minded. It is crucial for the participants to respect, open to learn and appreciate the conditions of rural lifestyle of indigenous communities, as well as their culture and wisdom.

CAMP LANGUAGE: English (Spanish is appreciated but not mandatory!) VEGETERIAN FOOD

AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: Yes

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

LEISURE TIME

Riviera Nayarit is emerging as one of the most attractive and magic destinations of 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 experience with magic beach towns in Mexico, the Riviera has a massive open space for everyone along the Nayarit coast, also, for those

who want to relax there are also quiet beaches and there are other beaches with heavy waves for surfers.

Read more: http://www.puertovallarta.net/fast_facts/magical-puerto-vallarta.php

PARTICIPATION FEE

Since neither VIVE MEXICO nor its local camp partner do not receive financial support for the organization of this camp from municipality or any other private resource, in order to realize it we have to charge a participation fee of 355 Euros. The fee includes food, hosting, necessary materials and local transportation for work activities. 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.

VIVE23.04 MEXICO - Hands for Apizaco México 2023-08-09 2023-08-16 ENVI Vols: 10

PROJECT

In the municipality of Apizaco, green areas are very important, this is why the ecological department of the city council is in charge of maintaining these areas, seeking to stop the debarking worm plague, since this plague affects not only the infected tree, but also its environment. Also, in Apizaco there is a lagoon in which it is still possible to swim for people, therefore it is necessary to give it the adequate treatment in order to be able to keep enjoying this place.

This project in collaboration with the Municipal Youth Institute (Instituto Municipal de la Juventud) is looking to rescue the green areas of Apizaco through environmental practices with the support of local and international youth, promoting teamwork, culture, respect, empathy towards nature and in this way promote the development of the community.

WORK

- The volunteers will participate in cleaning the Apizaquito lagoon.
- They will carry out reforestation of trees in the Anden Park. This place is considered the largest lung of the City of Apizaco.
- The volunteers will paint murals creating a union between the different counties, where they will be able to express part of their culture, carrying out a cultural exchange through painting together with the community and guided by professional muralists from the locality.

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning.

ACCOMMODATION

Food and hosting will be provided during the workcamp.

LOCATION

Apizaco is located in the state of Tlaxcala and it is around half-hour away by car from the capital, Tlaxcala. The name of Apizaco comes from the local indigenous language of Nahuatl from the words "ATL" (water), "pitzāhuac" (thin, smooth), and the suffix "co" (local).

WHERE TO ARRIVE

CLOSEST STATION: TAPO (eastern passenger bus terminal)

CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Mexico City International Airport

OTHER POSSIBLE AIRPORTS: Puebla International Airport

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

This workcamp is for those interested in the conservation and learning of the environment, willing to get their hands dirty for a better planet.

CAMP LANGUAGE: English (Spanish is appreciated but not mandatory!)

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: No

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

LEISURE TIME

During their free time, the volunteers can spend time in Tlaxcala which is the capital of the smallest state of Mexico. The state's name is Tlaxcala as well. It has a small colonial downtown with a large student population, good restaurants, and cafes with a vibrant cultural life. As it is not far from the state of Mexico and Puebla, the volunteers can travel to both states by bus and discover the beautiful Mexico City and Puebla. To have more information about Tlaxcala;
<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/mexico/east-of-mexico-city/tlaxcala>
<https://www.visitmexico.com/en/main-destinations/tlaxcala/tlaxcala>

PARTICIPATION FEE

There is no participation fee for this project.

VIVE23.06 MEXICO - One Earth, Environmental Awareness Workcamp

México 2023-08-23 2023-09-04 ENVI Vols: 4

PROJECT

The "Tecnológico Nacional de Mexico" located in Ciudad Serdán is committed to environment care and they have been doing activities related to this topic since 2022. This is why, they are looking to make a follow up of intercultural and environmental activities with volunteers and students from the same institution, creating awareness and learning from the participants the different environmental care techniques that they use in their countries.

WORK

1. The volunteers will be planting trees in educational institutions and areas that require reforestation with the participation of high school and university students.
2. The volunteers will perform awareness talks for groups of people between the ages of 15 and 20 regarding the activities or strategies they carry out in their countries of origin to care for the environment.

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning.

ACCOMMODATION

Food and hosting will be provided during the workcamp.

LOCATION

Ciudad Serdán is located in the state of Puebla and it is around hour and a half away by car from the capital "Puebla". The name of "Ciudad Serdán" it's in honor of Aquiles Serdán whom was a important leader in the Mexican Revolution.

WHERE TO ARRIVE

CLOSEST BUS STATION: Puebla CAPU bus station, Puebla City

AIRPORT: Mexico City International Airport

OTHER POSSIBLE AIRPORTS: Puebla International Airport

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

This workcamp is for those interested in the conservation and learning of the environment, willing to get their hands dirty for a better planet.

CAMP LANGUAGE: English (Spanish is appreciated but not mandatory!)

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: No

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

LEISURE TIME

If you like nature and cold weathers, then it is possible that you will enjoy to visit the mountain near Ciudad Serdán called "Pico de Orizaba". Also, you can find in Ciudad Serdán beautiful places like gardens or museums.

PARTICIPATION FEE

There is no participation fee for this project.

MEDIUM TERM PROJECTS

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| VIVEMTV23.01 | Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader I | México | 2023-06-28 | 2023-07-31 | LEAD | Vols: 1 |
| VIVEMTV23.02 | Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader II | México | 2023-07-26 | 2023-08-28 | LEAD | Vols: 1 |
| VIVEMTV23.03 | Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader III | México | 2023-08-23 | 2023-09-25 | LEAD | Vols: 1 |
| VIVEMTV23.04 | Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader IV | México | 2023-09-20 | 2023-10-23 | LEAD | Vols: 1 |
| VIVEMTV23.05 | Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader V | México | 2023-10-18 | 2023-12-04 | LEAD | Vols: 1 |
| VIVEMTV23.24.01 | Sea Turtles Conservation Camp Leader VI | México | 2024-01-03 | 2024-02-05 | LEAD | Vols: 1 |

Be the leader of one of the most exciting projects in MEXICO!

PROJECT

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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:

- Finding adult turtles and collect their eggs.
- Moving the eggs to a protected place called Vivero.
- Releasing newborn baby turtles into the sea.
- Patrolling the beaches at night.
- 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/>

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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.