



# **General Program**

## **2025 - 2026**

Dear Partners,

Vive Mexico proudly presents to you our 2025–2026 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 and promoting cultural exchange through international cooperation and solidarity.

### **Conditions to participate in our Workcamps and MTVs in Mexico:**

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 the departure day of the project.
6. The extra fee must be given to the project leader/camp coordinator in Mexican pesos on arrival to the project.
7. 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.
8. 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.

## Skills and certification

By participating in our projects, the volunteers will acquire global soft skills like Adaptability, Global Awareness, Problem Solving and Collaborative Planning.

Upon completing the project, volunteers will be able to apply for the **P.R.O.T.O.N. International Certification**.

## Where to find us:

Our office is located in: Privada de Av. Universidad 2021-C, Fraccionamiento Los Pinos Zip Code 58057, Morelia, Michoacan, MEXICO, Tel/Fax.- +52(443)324-5170.

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For special projects in Mexico.
- **[director@vivemexico.org](mailto:director@vivemexico.org)**:  
Executive Director

# WORKCAMP SUMMARY LIST

| CODE         | WORKCAMP NAME                                  | COUNTRY | START      | END        | TYPE       | AGE | VOLS | FEE     |
|--------------|--|---------|------------|------------|------------|-----|------|---------|
| VIVE25.01    | CECyTEG Worldwide Volunteer Chapter Mexico     | Mexico  | 16/07/2025 | 29/07/2025 | CONS, CULT | 18  | 8    | 0       |
| VIVE25.02    | ZOOMER Camp                                    | Mexico  | 30/07/2025 | 11/08/2025 | ENVI       | 18  | 10   | 425 EUR |
| VIVE25.03    | Sea Turtles Conservation I                     | Mexico  | 13/08/2025 | 25/08/2025 | ENVI       | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.04    | Sea Turtles Conservation II                    | Mexico  | 27/08/2025 | 08/09/2025 | ENVI       | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.05    | León Green and Cultural: International Project | Mexico  | 10/09/2025 | 22/09/2025 | ENVI, CULT | 18  | 15   | 0       |
| VIVE25.06    | Sea Turtles Conservation III                   | Mexico  | 10/09/2025 | 22/09/2025 | ENVI       | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.07    | Sea Turtles Conservation IV                    | Mexico  | 24/09/2025 | 06/10/2025 | ENVI       | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.08    | The Wolf Race                                  | Mexico  | 24/09/2025 | 06/10/2025 | ENVI, SPOR | 18  | 10   | 425 EUR |
| VIVE25.09    | Sea Turtles Conservation V                     | Mexico  | 08/10/2025 | 20/10/2025 | ENVI       | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.10    | Sea Turtles Conservation VI                    | Mexico  | 22/10/2025 | 03/11/2025 | ENVI       | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.11    | Sea Turtles Conservation VII                   | Mexico  | 05/11/2025 | 17/11/2025 | ENVI       | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.12    | Sea Turtles Conservation VIII                  | Mexico  | 19/11/2025 | 01/12/2025 | ENVI       | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.26.01 | Sea Turtles Conservation IX                    | Mexico  | 07/01/2026 | 19/01/2026 | ENVI       | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.26.02 | Sea Turtles Conservation X                     | Mexico  | 21/01/2026 | 02/02/2026 | ENVI       | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |

## SHORT TERM PROJECTS (WORKCAMP)

### “VIVE25.01 CECyTEG Worldwide Volunteer Chapter Mexico”

(16/07/2025 – 29/07/2025)

#### PROJECT

Guanajuato’s State Technological and Scientific High school (CECyTEG) is a 41,000+ students community that leads education in Guanajuato by empowering academic participation in all sort of innovative, technological and scientific events and promoting as well social and personal abilities that result in a complete experience of the educational process.

CECyTEG has a Youngsters Network (Red de Jóvenes CECyTEG) where students develop leadership abilities such as social, academic, sport and cultural activities. As part of the international CECyTEG Youngsters Network plan, members rearrange all

learnt abilities at international experiences like congresses, cultural exchanges with different cultures and workcamps.

The main aim of CECyTEG Worldwide Volunteer Chapter Mexico is to improve leadership through long lasting projects and social activities to provide international experiences with Mexican and worldwide communities.

### **ACTIVITIES**

During this workcamp, volunteers will restore 2 public schools and recover forested common areas nearby the chosen school. There will be also activities with Mexican communities and intercultural exchanges.

### **ACCOMODATION**

Volunteers will be staying at a facility provided by CECyTEG Highschool in a well-located place within the city. The facility is equipped with double rooms, several bathrooms, wifi, and recreational areas.



### **LOCATION**

León is the biggest city in Bajío area in Mexico. León has a large leather industry, making shoes, boots, belts, jackets, and other leather accessories for national and international markets.

This city hosts important national and international events like "Feria Internacional de León", Hannover Messe, International Balloon Festival and World Rally Championship and a lot of short time experiences in the city.

### **LASURE TIME**

During the visit, it will be possible to visit areas nearby such historic centre of the city, parks and monuments. There are malls and museums as well to visit during free time.

### **WHERE TO ARRIVE**

Closest bus station: León Bus Station. Volunteers can use the official UNEBUS App (UNEBUS App)

Closest international airport: Bajío International Airport BJX, Guanajuato International Airport

Other international airports: Mexico City International Airport, Guadalajara International Airport

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

This camp is open to everyone who is sensible and open minded. It is crucial for the participants to respect, open to learning and appreciate the conditions of a different culture.

- CAMP LANGUAGE: English (Spanish is appreciated but not mandatory!)
- VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: No
- OPEN FOR FAMILIES: No
- OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

### **PARTICIPATION FEE**

There is no participation fee for this project.

## **“VIVE25.02 ZOOMER Camp”**

**(30/07/2025 – 11/08/2025)**

### **PROJECT**

The Morelia Zoo has stood out for implementing environmental education initiatives. Its main goal is to raise awareness among visitors about the importance of caring for the environment, biodiversity, and the preservation of flora and, especially, fauna. This is achieved through various activities carried out throughout the year.

Each year, the zoo organizes the famous summer camp, a space designed for children who, over the course of three weeks, participate in fun and recreational activities with the support of trained instructors. These activities not only spark curiosity but also foster empathy and love for animals and the planet. In a safe environment surrounded by greenery and a variety of species, children have fun while gaining valuable

knowledge about the reality of animals and the impact we can have on their protection.

The project's goal is for volunteers to support facilitators and coordinators in the activities of the summer camp, actively engaging with the children in its dynamics. Through this experience, both volunteers and children will have fun and learn together, promoting values such as empathy, respect for nature, and environmental stewardship.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The volunteers will get a training with the facilitators during the summer course, conducting activities, games, dynamics, songs, etc., that promote in the participating children the love and empathy for nature, biodiversity, and for animals. Some of the activities that the volunteers will carry out include:

- Renovating some areas of the Zoo.
- Cleaning and repainting spaces to prepare for the arrival of children to the summer course.
- Preparing recreational activities and games with local facilitators to engage children during the summer course.
- Participating with the children in the summer course as support to the facilitators and activity coordinators at the Zoo, having fun and learning together.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

The accommodation will be in a Hostel located in the downtown of Morelia, Michoacan. With services like Wi-Fi, hot water, etc. ATMs and medical centers are nearby.



## LOCATION

Morelia, the capital of the state of Michoacán in Mexico, is a historically and culturally rich city. Founded in the 16th century, Morelia is known for its impressive colonial architecture, including numerous Baroque and Neoclassical buildings, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

The city is also famous for its vibrant cultural life, which includes music festivals, theater, and cinema. Additionally, Morelia is renowned for its traditional cuisine, which includes dishes such as tamales, corundas, and carnitas.

## LEISURE TIME

Morelia, the capital of the state of Michoacán, offers a variety of activities for all tastes:

- Exploration of the Historic Center and admire the colonial architecture of the Cathedral and historic buildings.
- Visit the Alfredo Zalce Contemporary Art Museum and the Crafts House.
- Tasting of Local Gastronomy.

## WHERE TO ARRIVE

Closest bus station: Terminal de Autobuses Morelia.

Closest international airport: Aeropuerto Internacional General Francisco Mujica.

Other international airports: Mexico City International Airport, Guadalajara International Airport

## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

This camp is open to everyone who is sensible and open-minded. It is crucial for the participants to respect, open to learning and appreciate the conditions of a different culture.



- Camp language: English (Spanish is appreciated but not mandatory!)
- Vegetarian food available: Yes
- Open for families: Yes
- Open for disabled volunteers: No

## 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 **425 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.

## “Sea Turtles Conservation Projects”

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|--------------|-------------------------------|---------|------------|------------|------|-----|------|---------|
| VIVE25.03    | Sea Turtles Conservation I    | Mexico  | 13/08/2025 | 25/08/2025 | ENVI | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.04    | Sea Turtles Conservation II   | Mexico  | 27/08/2025 | 08/09/2025 | ENVI | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.06    | Sea Turtles Conservation III  | Mexico  | 10/09/2025 | 22/09/2025 | ENVI | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.07    | Sea Turtles Conservation IV   | Mexico  | 24/09/2025 | 06/10/2025 | ENVI | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.09    | Sea Turtles Conservation V    | Mexico  | 08/10/2025 | 20/10/2025 | ENVI | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.10    | Sea Turtles Conservation VI   | Mexico  | 22/10/2025 | 03/11/2025 | ENVI | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
| VIVE25.11    | Sea Turtles Conservation VII  | Mexico  | 05/11/2025 | 17/11/2025 | ENVI | 18  | 8    | 435 EUR |
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## To be confirmed



## **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.

## **ACTIVITIES**

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. Some of the activities to be performed are:

1. Finding adult turtles and collecting 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.

Please consider 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.

## **ACCOMODATION**

Volunteers will be staying in a shared room with another volunteer. Food will be provided

## **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.

### **LASURE 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.

### **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 to everyone who is sensible and open-minded. It is crucial for the participants to respect, open to learning and appreciate the conditions of a different culture.

- Camp language: English (Spanish is appreciated but not mandatory!)
- Vegetarian food available: Yes
- Open for families: Yes
- Open for disabled volunteers: No

### **EXTRA 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 **435 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.

# **“VIVE25.05 León Green and Cultural: International Project”**

**(10/09/2025- 22/09/2025)**

## **PROJECT**

León, Guanajuato, faces the challenge of accelerated urbanization, which has significantly reduced green spaces and recreational areas that are essential for biodiversity and quality of life. However, this situation also presents an opportunity for young people to take an active role in building a more sustainable future. Through this volunteering project, we aim to empower youth with the tools and knowledge to care for the environment and demonstrate that their actions can have a positive impact.

The goal is to promote environmental education, create accessible spaces where young people can engage in ecological activities, and encourage collective action as a solution to protect our environment. Additionally, the project integrates Mexican traditions as a way to connect the community with nature, inviting participants to take part in cultural events and activities that strengthen their sense of belonging and commitment.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The activities planned for the project are:

- Environmental care workshop in collaboration with youth collectives.
- Green space cleanup and environmental awareness rally for children.
- Ecological exchange in the pedestrian zone: recyclables for plants.
- University lecture and plogging race (running while collecting trash).
- Cultural route and visits to iconic tourist sites.
- Visit to the zoo and metropolitan park with an outdoor picnic.
- Gala commemorating Mexico's Independence Day at the Municipal Palace.
- Participation in an international night.
- Intercultural activities, including a museum visit, Latin rhythm class, and traditional demonstrations.

## ACCOMODATION

Volunteers staying at the Niños Don Bosco Training Center in Mexico will be accommodated in simple yet comfortable facilities. They will be assigned a shared room with other international volunteers.

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## LOCATION

León, Guanajuato, is a city known for its history, leather industry, and culture. It is the largest city in the state and is famous for producing footwear and leather goods. The city also features beautiful colonial architecture, nice local markets, and important festivals like the León International Balloon Festival. With a mix of modernity and tradition, León is a popular place for both tourists and locals.

## LASURE TIME

Some recreational activities that can be done are:

1. Explore the Historic Center: Walk around the city center, visiting places like the Main Square, León Cathedral, and the Museum of Art and History.
2. Zona Piel: Visit this famous leather market, ideal for buying high-quality products such as shoes, bags, and accessories.
3. Museum of the Mummies: Located 30 minutes from León, in the state capital, it features the exhibition of mummies that were found in the city's old cemetery.

## WHERE TO ARRIVE

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- Open for families: No
- Open for disabled volunteers: No

## **PARTICIPATION FEE**

There is no participation fee for this project.

**“VIVE25.08 The wolf Race”**

**(24/09/2025 – 06/10/2025)**

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Every year, the zoo organizes its traditional cause-driven race, an energetic and meaningful event aimed at raising awareness about the protection of endangered species. This year, the race is dedicated to the Mexican wolf, an iconic species facing

significant challenges in its conservation. By participating in this event, you will join a collective effort to protect this majestic animal and its habitat.

The main objective of the project is for volunteers to support the organization and execution of this annual event. Their efforts will be essential in coordinating activities, assisting participants, and ensuring that everything runs smoothly. Through their involvement, not only will the event be a success, but it will also create a positive impact in promoting respect for nature and biodiversity.

## ACTIVITIES

Volunteers will carry out the following activities

- Collaborate in the organization and planning of the race.
- Assist in the preparation and distribution of necessary materials.
- Be involved in the race, helping with various tasks during the event.
- Participate in talks on educational topics related to the event.
- Help receive and coordinate the participation of schools at the zoo.

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