

Visit this beautiful Island town of Sigatoka in Fiji and teach children of various age groups to make a worthwhile contribution to their lives.

You will have the freedom to be creative and design your own lesson plans in a relaxed environment matching the Fijian way of doing things as you will be surrounded by the friendliness of the children. You can help them to learn and grow and enhance their confidence to make a brighter future for themselves.

Culture
Learning
Leisure
Community Engagement
Physical Demand

Program Description

Fiji has over 700 primary schools and 150 secondary schools spread across both the public and private sectors. Most expats send their children to private schools, with the majority selecting the international schools located in either Sigatoka or Nadi. Public schools in Fiji are open to expat enrolment but are rarely used due to somewhat erratic educational standards. Furthermore, parents are often reluctant to send students to these schools as they find the curriculum one-sided and children who regularly move in and out of school systems may find the experience limited. While public schools are theoretically mixed-race, socio-economic issues and the geographic distribution of ethnic groups mean that, in practice, the schools often comprise a single race. In many villages, there will be a small school with teachers doing their best to serve the students spread across a variety of educational levels.

Fiji is a country in much need of external help, especially with its young population. You will experience life in both the rural and urban areas, which is quite different from the average journey followed by a tourist. Most locals on Fiji can't afford to travel and in the villages there is little chance of contact with the outside world. Your teaching will enable students to form relationships with someone from another culture and the teachers can learn different teaching methods and techniques. You will mainly assist the regular school teacher, so you do not need to have any teaching background.

The children in Fiji are in desperate need of two types of teachers, those with experience and those without, we have found both can make a very significant and worthwhile contribution. The experienced teacher will find the freedom to be creative and design their own lesson plans, a refreshing change for some of our more mature participants, who tell us it takes them back to the "good old days". Those with less or no experience will have whatever support and guidance is needed from our Teaching Centre, a relaxed environment matching the Fijian way of doing things, but with up to date teaching methods from experienced teachers. You have to love children and understand their behavior, as you will be surrounded with loads of them every day and their friendliness can sometimes become over exuberant, but they are children after all.

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks):

Aims & Objectives

The objective is to teach and educate the different age group of children in different levels. The participants educate the children in different ways, as they feel fit.

Schedule

Monday to Friday

You may choose to focus on music, arts and crafts or any expertise which you already have. You will teach primary school students. As a teaching assistant, you will follow a customized timetable. You will be spending part of your day in a formal teaching setting and you will therefore have to follow the Fijian Ministry of Education's formal dress code.

Program Activities

- Planning lessons
- Doing crafts
- Computer classes
- Conversation
- English language teaching
- Level exams
- Dynamic activities

This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

Starting Dates

During 2019

This program starts every week.

During 2020

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Minimum age: 18
Maximum age: -

Minimum English level: Basic

CRB required: On Signup **Passport copy required:** On Signup

Resume copy required: No **Required qualification:** None

Required Insurance: On Signup

Additional Requirements

We have a dress code for teaching which is formal tops with sleeves, collar and skirts below the knees for the females and a shirt and formal sulu (Traditional wear for Fijian males)/long pants for males.

Participant above 16 and below 18 are required to present a parental consent letter and participants below 16 are required to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Additional Equipment

- Personal Medicines
- Tidy clean clothes for formal occasions