



# Teaching at Buddhist Monastery



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📍 India - Sikkim

Teach English to novice monks in authentic Himalayan monasteries!

This program is tailored for those who are interested in teaching English, spoken and conversational, Mathematics and at the same time learning something new yourself! You will be teaching monks of all ages inside a monastery, which will give you the unique opportunity to immerse in their day-to-day lifestyle and learn about Buddhism.



## Program Description

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During this program, you will teach English to the monks at monasteries. You will also get a chance to learn about Buddhism while doing this. You will be teaching to novice monks, both adults and children! This will allow for fully immersing yourself into the lifestyle of the monks! The project will involve various monasteries wherein the age of the monks are between 8 to 25. The monastery has classes between Nursery to Grade 5. Each class approximately has 10 to 15 students. The subjects that the participants need to teach are English, Math, Science and the subject of their choice.

## Program Duration & Availability

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**Min duration (weeks):** 1

## Aims & Objectives

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To help teach monks English and in return, to get our participants immersed into the lifestyle in a monastery and to help them learn about Buddhism.

## Schedule

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### Monday to Friday

You will teach primarily English and various other subjects to the monks, both young and old, for around 2 to 3 hours of various age groups every day. There are various allotted starting time at the monasteries, thus you will be given the time schedule at the project location. You will stay at the our Center in Gangtok, Sikkim.

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

January and February are winter vacations in Buddhist Monasteries, thus this project will not function during this part of the year.

## Starting Dates

### During 2019

This program starts every week.

### During 2020

This program starts every week.

## Participant Criteria & Requirements

<b>Minimum age:</b>	18
<b>Maximum age:</b>	-
<b>Minimum English level:</b>	Basic
<b>CRB required:</b>	On Signup
<b>Passport copy required:</b>	On Signup
<b>Resume copy required:</b>	No
<b>Required qualification:</b>	None

### Additional Requirements

- Participants above the age of 65 should have medical clearance.

# Additional Equipment

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## Dress Code

- Cover up as much as possible in the spirit of the local culture to avoid embarrassment.
- Your clothes must not be too short, too tight or too revealing. Kindly make sure your shoulders and legs are covered.
- Dress professionally since you will be working in a professional environment while teaching the children.
- It is completely fine to wear western clothes as long as they fit the local standards
- Be thoughtful of the graphics, symbols or text printed on your clothing and avoid wearing clothing styles that might be inappropriate
- Be thoughtful to poor communities by not displaying expensive items and clothes
- Wearing local clothes could help you build a good working relationship with the community