



School Assist



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📍 Kenya - Maasai Mara

Bring your enthusiasm, energy, and effort to a local school in the heart of the Maasai Mara. You will be assisting dedicated teachers and deserving students.

You'll assist in classes of English, Math, History, etc. or even with Sports Coaching, at an amazing school that is providing quality education to students living in the Maasai Mara. You may be lucky enough to see wildlife in the distance and you can visit an amazing national park with the Big 5, that is just minutes away on the weekends.



Program Description

You will be in the heart of the Maasai Mara and enjoying all that goes along with the life there as you assist in a local school that is short on resources, but long on desire to develop and thrive.

Teachers here are putting all of their energy into educating students that have been historically underserved. Typically young Maasai males are tending to herds for their families and young Maasai females are being prepared to be wives and mothers. The emphasis on education has been slowly increasing, but the associated costs for school fees, uniforms and supplies make it difficult to send all the children in the family to school.

The objective of partnering with this school is to fill in some of the gaps that exist and to create a bridge to the possibilities that exist outside the Mara. Most of these students have never been to the capital city of Nairobi that is just 6 hours away and their interaction with visitors from other places is usually limited to passing waves from tourists in vehicles on their way to the National Park.

You can expect to help all around the campus, from the classroom to the dining hall, to the garden or to the make-shift play area. What you bring in terms of community engagement will excite these students and what you will gain will be a deeper understanding and appreciation for others having an experience very different from yours at home.

There is also the added bonus of being so close to the Maasai Mara National Park that you can go there on the weekend and have a chance to catch a glimpse of the **Big 5** (Elephants, Leopards, Lions, Buffalo, and Rhinos). Depending on the time of year, you might even get a chance to see the **Migration of the Wildebeest** as they cross the Mara river back and forth between Kenya and Tanzania. **You will of course have to arrange these types of tours on your own, as they are not included in our program, but it is very easy to do, considering your close proximity.**

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks): 2

Aims & Objectives

- Improve the village children's educational prospects and widen their cultural interactions
- Gain invaluable and practical experience in teaching
- Assist the local staff by providing an extra hand
- Learn more about the Maasai Mara region and the Culture

Schedule

Monday to Friday

Your day will likely be 4-6 hours of assisting at the school and the exact tasks will depend on the need at the moment. When teaching you will be responsible for daily lesson planning and being prepared for class each day. You will be staying on or near the school grounds in a very basic, no frills-accommodation. There is no flush toilet and you will need to be conscientious about conserving water. You will have very simple homestyle dishes that are typical of this region and there will be limited opportunities to go to the bigger town which is more than an hour away.

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:	-
Maximum age:	-
Minimum English level:	Intermediate
CRB required:	On Signup
Passport copy required:	On Arrival
Resume copy required:	No
Required qualification:	None

Additional Requirements

• Please be advised that this is an extremely remote location and there are very minimal amenities available once you arrive. You may want to bring anything you might need with you to the program and plan to have an open heart and mind to fully enjoy this truly amazing experience.

Additional Equipment

There are no further requirements for this program.

Required

- Modest clothing (covering the knees and shoulders) is required while on school grounds and throughout the Maasai community.

Optional

- Ball, jump ropes, frisbees, etc.
- You are more than welcome to bring teaching materials/resources for your class such as:
- Interesting board games
- Books/Comics
- Musical instruments
- Worksheets
- Cultural items of interest
- And anything else you think will help!