Teaching Internship

**Caribbean, St. Lucia**

# **Program Description**

This programme is for interns who have a passion for working with children and helping to develop them academically. It is ideal for those wishing to go into the teaching or early years profession who wish to gain practical experience. Interns will have the opportunity to work in our partner School; Marchand Combined’s reception class (aged: 4-5) on a daily basis, with children from disadvantaged and vulnerable backgrounds. A lack of resources within the school means classes are overcrowded, with the teacher to pupil ratios often too much for the teachers to manage, making classroom assistance essential to quality of care and education within the school. Classroom Assistants will work with children aged 4-5 in their first year of primary schooling teaching ‘early years’ education covering all subjects i.e English, Maths, Art, Sport. Class begins at 8-45am and ends at 14.45pm Monday - Thursday (fridays are optional).

# **Aims & Objectives**

The aim of this programme is to support our partner school and the Marchand community by providing extra teaching assistance for underprivileged and vulnerable preschool/reception children. Classroom Assistants will work with the same group of children for the duration of their stay with the aim of enhancing their early years development and their overall ability to cope within school life.

# **Schedule**

Interns will work Monday to Thursday (Fridays are optional), each working day starts from 08h45 to 14h45. Evenings and weekends are free time but are filled with lots of options of various social activities and excursions with other interns.

**Program participant criteria**

Participants must be a minimum of 18 years old, there is no maximum age (we’ve had a 44 year old) but any prospective interns should be informed that the majority of other participants will be between 18 and 25 years old. No teaching qualifications are required but an ability and understanding of early years development is important as well as a passion and enthusiasm for working with children. It is also important to be flexible and use initiative as the schools are not always be well organised or well run so supervision and guidance can be minimal. \*Teaching placement is not possible during school holidays, participants staying during these times can partake in sport coaching placements for these periods

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| **2017 / 2018** | **First day of holidays** | **Last day of holidays** |
| Easter Holidays | Friday 30th of March 2018 | Sunday 15th of April 2018 |
| Summer Half-Term Dates | Saturday 26th of May 2018 | Sunday 3rd of June 2018 |
| Summer Holidays | Wednesday 25th of July 2018 | Tuesday 4th of September 2018  |

# **Additional equipment**

Interns should bring appropriate clothing for teaching (semi formal). Teaching materials will be provided, but on the whole schools are not well resourced so interns are welcome (not compulsory) to bring extra teaching materials such as pencils, exercise books, blackboard chalk etc.

# **Activities & Events**

All interns staying with us are welcome to join a number of activities some are free and some at an extra cost. Below are some of the available excursions and events:

Hike Gros and/or Petit Piton **-** Transport approx. **EC$180** between group, Guide **EC$50**

Pigeon Point National Park **-** Boat Taxi **EC$20,** Entry **EC$7**

Sulphur Springs **-** Transport approx. **EC$120** Tour **-** **EC$5,** Bath **EC$2**

Rainforest Ziplining **-** **EC$60**

St. Lucia Carnival (j'ouvert etc.) **-** J’ouvert; Entry, Costume, Food & Drinks **EC$150**

Caribbean T20 premier league **- From EC$15**

Scuba certification and diving - 1 dive **US$85,** PADI Certification 2 day course **US$340**

Rhythm of rum distilleries **-** Rum tasting and Distillery tour **EC$26**

Marigot Bay - Transport **Free,** Boat taxi across the bay **Free**