



Teaching Intern / Internship

South Africa, Port Elizabeth

English or Maths

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 profession who wish to gain practical experience. Interns will have the opportunity to work in schools on a daily basis, with children from disadvantaged and vulnerable backgrounds. The schooling system in South Africa means that children from township communities often lack quality teaching, especially in English language, and class sizes are often too large for one teacher to manage, as a result intern teachers and teaching assistants are highly valued and appreciated. Teachers will work with children between the ages of 7 and 14 on a daily basis between 08h00 and 14h00, with a focus on English or Maths, but also some opportunity to explore other subjects with the children such as Geography and Drama. From 15h00 to 16h00 on certain days there is an after school teaching programme linked to our Junior School of Excellence. This programme is ideal for people who are able to be flexible and use their own initiative for creative ways to work with the children.

Aims & Objectives

The aim of this programme is to support under resourced schools and communities by providing extra teaching assistance for under-privileged and vulnerable children. Teachers will work with the same groups of children for the duration of their stay with the aim of improving their level of academic English or Maths and their overall ability to cope at school and improve their chances of progressing to the next grade. Teachers will also get the opportunity to work in our Junior School of Excellence (not run in the first and last two weeks of term) programme, assisting children in the same subjects as well as providing personal mentoring sessions.

Schedule

Interns will be involved for a full week of teaching from Monday to Friday, working each day from 08h00 to 14h00 (or 16h30 depending on requirements). Evenings and weekends are free time but are filled with lots of options of various social activities and excursions with other interns.

A TYPICAL WEEKDAY...

06h45: Wake up time

06h45 – 08h00: Breakfast

07h30: Departure for the various placements

08h00 – 14h00: School 1 teaching

14h00-15h00: Packed Lunch

15h00-16h30: Assistance at Junior School of Excellence (on certain days)

16h30 – Return to accommodation

18h00 - Supper

Evenings: occasional activities but usually free - can be spent either at the accommodation or out and about. Only condition: be in fit state for teaching the following morning!

Weekends are very full with opportunities for excursions and social activities – see activities and events below

Program participant criteria

Participants must be a minimum of 17 years old, there is no maximum age 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 the subject they intend to teach is important as well as a passion and enthusiasm for working with kids. It is also important to be flexible and use initiative as the schools are not well organised or well run so supervision and guidance can be minimal.

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 / 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 is the typical schedule of activities over a full 12 week stay.

Every Wednesday - 5-a-side football

Week 1 – Arrival weekend

Week 2 – Jeffreys Bay – home of surfing South Africa - transport Free, optional overnight stay Free, optional dune boarding +- R180, optional surf lessons +- R400)

Week 3 – Great White Shark Cage Diving – Cost R2,700

Week 4 – Bloukrans Bungee Jump – transport free – Bungee R990

Week 5 – Departure / Arrival Weekend

Week 6 – Adrenaline Addo – Zip wires, Bungee Swing, Canoeing – R700

Week 7 – Game Reserve – Big Five Reserve – R3,000

Week 8 - Kragga Kamma - Game reserve close to Port Elizabeth - Free

Week 9 – Skydiving – R2,600 (R450 extra for video)

Week 10 – Sundays River – boat trip and BBQ (braai) on the river - Free

Week 11– Bushcamp – Outdoor meal, under the stars, plus traditional African dance group - Free

Week 12 – Departure weekend

Note dates of activities are not guaranteed and will change depending on factors, such as weather, number of interns wishing to take part and other potential events taking place. Participants will only be able to partake in all activities if they come for a full 12 week duration.