



General information about volunteering for Inka Magik

1- Introduction:

Inka Magik is an UK based organisation that sends University, Postgraduate students and career breakers or any other suitable persons on 1-6 month voluntary teaching programmes to Peru, working in close conjunction with our local education partner Fe y Alegria and other Peruvian local NGOs. You are welcome to visit their website at: www.feyalegria.org

2- Aims and Objectives

Inka Magik aims to provide the volunteer with a rewarding experience in Peru, a voluntary service supporting children with the greatest educational needs, assisting with English, Sports, Arts, Music as well as other subjects. Volunteer placements allow us to address the specific educational and material needs of schools on the programme.

3- Who does Inka Magik partner with?

Connections IKM has established a partnership with local education provider Fe y Alegria, who have 39 years experience of working within the educational sector in Peru and will support the volunteer once in the host country as well as with Peruvian NGOs.

4- Who is Fe y Alegria?

Fe y Alegria is a not for profit organisation whose main aim is to provide education and social development to some of the most impoverished and excluded children in Peru. They provide formal education at pre-primary, primary, secondary and technical levels, develop rural educational projects for teachers, vocational training, defend the rights of the child and provide ongoing training for teachers.

5- Where do they operate?

Fe y Alegria operate in 16 South American countries, including Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Venezuela and in work in 136 schools located in marginal urban neighborhoods and in impoverished rural areas throughout Peru.

6- Our volunteers will have the chance...

- to become representatives for our projects
- to learn more about local culture
- to experience teaching or improve and learn more teaching methods
- to improve knowledge of Spanish
- to acquire information during the school placement as to the needs of the school and summarize

this report so future volunteers can benefit and so we provide any materials as necessary

- to provide some basic information to all classes about the importance of waste disposal and recycling

7- We look to our volunteers...

- to be reliable and trustworthy at all times
- to conduct themselves politely and behave in accordance with local customs
- to be flexible and open to different ways of working
- to be prepared to put themselves into the programme positively and enthusiastically

8- What will you gain in return?

- A certificate outlining your contribution during your placement
- Materials for you to learn how to develop your own lessons (this material will be given by email on a PDF format)
- Potential recommendation for your next employment
- Support at all times through our partner organisation, Fe y Alegria, as well as the host family, Local contacts and Connections IKM
- Welcome meeting, induction with a representative in Lima
- A unique South American volunteering experience
- Learn to adapt to a new environment and be proactive at all times
- Work within a well-established Peruvian organisation and work alongside Peruvians as well as a

Buddy volunteer wherever possible

- To have a sense of achievement by having written a report that will be used to further educational needs in the future
- Friends / host family for life
- The option to participate one of the world's famous trek, the Inca Trail, at the end of your Teaching Experience.

9 - How does the programme improve the educational situation of the host country?

Your volunteering helps to foster inter-cultural friendships, your knowledge and experience will be imparted to those who have little opportunity to meet people from other cultures. Your final report will help to assess the needs of the school you have helped in and we can determine where funds can be directed to; this may be school books, publications, computers or grants for students, for example, who wish to attend university but have financial difficulties. We will write to you after your placement has been completed and inform you in due course about any improvements that have been achieved.

10 - What am I paying for?

Administration

Organisations such as Inka Magik, employ full time staff to build partnerships and recruit, support, and manage volunteers. The fee paid by volunteers' covers a number of services and means that little to no costs is passed onto the local charity partners themselves.

Recruiting Volunteers:

Most local charity partners are unable to afford the cost of recruiting international volunteers. This cost includes advertising, brochures, and customer service for prospective volunteers. A portion of a volunteer's fee goes directly into maintaining this recruitment drive for the future.

Supporting Volunteers:

Many international volunteers have never travelled overseas. Volunteer service organisations provide a wide range of support to their volunteers including travel advice, fundraising tips, planning and organisation.

Building Partnerships:

Volunteer service organisations such as Inka Magik build long-term partnerships with reputable local NGOs and through these volunteers are given access to the local community in a way no unsupported volunteer could hope for. Inka Magik believes "while individuals may be able to travel for less to many of these places we provide the welcome into a community and exposure to a local culture that one could not receive if travelling on their own..."

Managing Volunteers:

The projects of local charity partners can take a single month to many years to complete. Short-term volunteers rarely complete an entire project during their short stay. It is our role to manage the flow of volunteers to and from projects. This management allows those with limited time to hit the ground running.

Training and Orientation

Many projects require volunteers to have orientations and training in languages and/or special skills. A portion of the fee paid by volunteers goes towards this orientation and training when necessary.

Food and Board

Service organisations always arrange food and board for volunteers. Often volunteers are hosted by locals who are given a stipend to provide for the volunteer. The host families provide a safe and welcoming atmosphere for the volunteers.

Local Transport

Local transportation in a foreign country is intimidating, especially when you don't speak the language. Organisation such as Connections Inka Magik often arranges safe local transport to and from the airport.

In-Country Support

Our Volunteer service often employs in-country staff to provide local support and services during the volunteer's stay. This staff also provides a valuable safety net just in case something goes wrong.

The Project Itself

The most important use for the volunteer's fee is on the project itself. Programme fees help fund the project itself, from school supplies to other material needs. With every new volunteer comes the funding to continue the project into the future.

11 - The cost and what is included

We regularly update our prices in order to assure we offer the best value. As such, we kindly ask you to refer to the website for our latest offers.

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Most of the projects includes (unless is not been specified in the brochure):

- when is required an induction meeting in Lima
- All board and lodging with the host family / accommodation in final volunteer destination and during the organized camp and trek on the complimentary Inca Trail.
- If relevant, transport costs from Lima to the final volunteer destination (by bus, or any other suitable available mode of transport)
- Optional trek to embark on the Inka Trail and Machu Picchu.
- International Support from local staff and Inka Magik (24 hours by email) as well as our local partner organisations.

Please note that an additional fee may be incurred if we no longer have any available home stays because we will have to place the volunteer in a hostel.

Does not include:

- International or local flights to Peru and any pre-departure travel in the UK
- Visa, immunizations or medical examinations, if required
- Return travel from final Peruvian volunteer destination / Inca Trail / Sacred Valley, if relevant, to Lima
- If relevant, transport to Inca Trail / Sacred Valley
- Any meals outside of the host accommodation
- Personal Travel Insurance
- Spending money

We are recruiting the most suitable candidates for this educational programme. Once your place has been confirmed by our staff, we will require an initial registration fee 20 %value of the placement (.British pound, US or Euro equivalent) which can be done within the 8 weeks after your placement confirmation,

The initial payment shows your commitment to the project and also allows Inka Magik to carry out a checking on your references because you will be working with children.

Flights and timings:

Persons are advised to purchase or make their own individual flights arrangements; however, we can look into group arrangements upon request.

Once your place on the programme has been confirmed, please check with Inka Magik before you make any travel arrangements as we are planning to start the volunteer programme at the same time in Lima. However, we are open to other flexible arrangements in terms of placement timings.

11- Registration and Payment

Please forward us your volunteering registration by accessing our electronic system on our website unless you want to send us first your queries by e-mail to:

volunteer@inkamagik.com

Or by post to our headquarters at:

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Please, do not send any payment until your placement on the programme has been confirmed.

Thank you