



Project Details

NAME: HACIENDA TRANQUILA
LENGTH OF STAY: One week minimum, six weeks maximum.
PROGRAM: Volunteer Abroad Program
COUNTRY: Ecuador/ San Cristobal Island, Galapagos

1. GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION	
Name and Address:	<p>GEOVANNY SARIGU General Manager of Hacienda Tranquila S.A San Cristóbal Galápagos La Soledad.</p> <p>Phone: 593 989400488 ;(5) 3010141 Email: info@haciendatranquila.org</p>
Volunteers' Primary Responsibilities:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Volunteers work on a controlled plot of 121 acres, eliminating introduced and invasive plant species, and restoring native and endemic species. The plants begin as seedlings in a greenhouse and then are transplanted to permanent locations. 2. Disabled children from the local community participate in our Hippotherapy Program at the Hacienda every Wednesday and Thursday morning. Volunteers work with the children in a variety of ways. Activities include leading the horse while the children are riding in various positions, teaching self-sufficiency skills, and interacting with the children through games and play. 3. Volunteers also assist in community projects such as landscaping, environmental initiatives, and organic agriculture. Hacienda team members are always on hand to assist and guide the volunteers in all their endeavors.
Work Schedule:	Volunteers usually work Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m until noon, and from 2:00- 5:00 p.m. We attempt to focus on heavier labor for half the day, balanced out by less physically demanding tasks for the rest of the day. Volunteers are free to explore the port town and discover the island's many tourist attractions after work on weekdays, and on the weekends.
Project Life:	All volunteers are housed in accommodations on the Hacienda itself. Work responsibilities are numerous and diverse. Mainly the work will involve reforestation and community based projects. Restoration of habitats, organic agriculture, and care of cattle and horses are all components of the project. Volunteers usually work for five days each week, with weekends

	<p>off. Days are long and hard and volunteers should be prepared for hot, physical, yet rewarding work. Often, the volunteers go into town in the evenings. Evenings not spent in town are quiet and usually spent lounging in hammocks, chatting, listening to music, writing in journals or reading. The peace and tranquility of the hacienda will be understood once experienced. You may find that sometimes you are one of only two or three volunteers, while at other times, there will be large groups. Be prepared to be flexible when interacting with a wide variety of people from all over the world that you will meet and work with.</p>
2. LOCATION INFORMATION	
Accommodations:	<p>The Hacienda facilities are able to accommodate up to 22 volunteers at a time. There is a full kitchen, bathrooms, and hot showers available. Bedrooms are in a variety of sizes and can hold two, three, four or five occupants. Beds are prepared with sheets and mosquito nets and the Hacienda provides cleaning and maintenance supplies for the house. Volunteers are responsible for their own toiletries and towels, along with their individual food supplies and drinks. Purified water is available, along with an abundance of fresh fruit, milk, and coffee from the surrounding area.</p>
Electricity:	24/7
Water:	The shower has hot water 24/7.
Time and Distance to Nearest Towns:	<p>The town of Progreso is a 30 minute walk or 10 minute taxi ride from the Hacienda and the port is 20 minutes away in taxi. It costs \$5 each way for a taxi to and from Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (the island's largest town), but this cost is usually split amongst multiple volunteers. It is very simple to call a taxi.</p>
Distance to Nearest Bus Stop and Commercial Airport:	<p>Volunteers can catch a bus in El Progreso, the nearest town to Hacienda Tranquila, and either take a plane or small speed boat to neighboring islands at the local airport, located in the port town.</p>
Distance to the Nearest Phone/ Internet Café:	<p>The port town, Baquerizo Moreno, is home to numerous internet cafes and international calling booths. However, such services are also available in El Progreso, the closest town to Hacienda Tranquila.</p>
Nearest Medical Services for Minor Ailments:	<p>The Hacienda Tranquila staff is trained for medical emergencies, but in case of something serious, there is a nearby clinic in El Progreso.</p>
Nearest Medical Services for Major Emergencies:	<p>The port town is home to a more advanced clinic that offers superior medical service and is located just 20 minutes from the farm.</p>
Distance from the Volunteer House to Project Sites:	<p>Most projects are a 5-10 minute walk. Monitoring introduced species requires a 15-20 minute to reach farther work sites.</p>

Suggested Packing List:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comfortable shoes ● Sandals ● Socks ● Pants ● T-shirts ● Short-sleeved shirts ● Long-sleeved shirts ● Shorts ● Bathing suit ● Baseball cap ● Bath towel ● Beach towel ● Sunscreen ● Sunglasses ● Camera ● Insect repellent ● Toiletries ● Rain gear ● Rubber boots ● Gardening gloves ● First Aid Kit ● Reusable water bottle
Highlights:	<p>Participating in the restoration of habitats in the Galapagos Islands; working with local community; visiting ecologically important sites; teaching local children about the environment and ecological issues; hippotherapy; meeting and interacting with people (locals and volunteers) of diverse backgrounds; exploring the island and marveling at the unique wildlife.</p>
Arrival:	<p>Volunteers are given a warm welcome to the Enchanted Galapagos Islands. They are met at the airport by the Director of Activities, who will be wearing a Hacienda Tranquila shirt and holding a sign. Volunteers are then taken into town for a quick tour, and grocery shopping, before heading up into the highlands to Hacienda Tranquila. There is a brief introduction upon arrival at the property, after which, the rest of the day may be spent as they please.</p>
Additional Information:	<p>For any questions or concerns, please contact:</p> <p>Geovanny Sarigu General Manager of Hacienda Tranquila S.A</p> <p>Phone: 593 5-3010141 Urgent call: 593 989400488 (24/7)</p> <p>Email: info@haciendatranquila.org geosarigu@gmail.com</p>
3. NOTES	
<p>In the San Cristobal, Galapagos Islands, our Volunteers have the opportunity to work closely with local people, on projects where the need is authentic and the results are long-lasting.</p>	