



# Tanzania Teaching and Community N.G.O. Internship

*Change the lives of those around you for the better on a Tanzania Teaching and Community Internship on Mafia Island, a true tropical paradise.*



Your Frontier teaching project begins with a thrilling journey high above the turquoise Indian Ocean as you fly to Mafia Island – the most beautiful of Tanzania's spice islands, where tranquil white sand beaches, friendly villagers and world class scuba diving sites combine to make this a true tropical paradise.

Your teaching assignment will integrate you into your host community as you work alongside Frontier staff. You'll help teach students basic English and depending on the need, other subjects of your choosing, and you'll have ample opportunity to play sports and games with them, put on plays and concerts and take part in other fun activities.

Tanzania, though beautiful and welcoming, is one of the poorest countries in the world. Access to basic education is scarce and many people in rural areas rely on subsistence farming to sustain a living. This is your chance to change the lives of those around you for the better and leave a legacy that will last for decades to come.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself in true Tanzanian culture
- Live in the idyllic beach camp on beautiful Mafia Island

- Make lifelong friends

## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- CV required
- Minimum 2 month placement
- Relevant academic and teaching qualifications to at least degree level
- Experience of working in a school
- Criminal background check (DBS)

## FAST FACTS

<b>Location</b>	Mafia Island, Tanzania
<b>Activities</b>	Teach English Environmental education days Extracurricular activities
<b>Transport</b>	Airport pickup from Dar es Salaam airport can be arranged at extra cost and first night hostel accommodation in Dar es Salaam can be arranged at extra cost (£40/\$60) Airport pickup available from Mafia Island Airport Transfer to camp from Mafia Island Airport
<b>Accommodation</b>	Communal camp near to the beach



## WHAT DOES THE PROJECT DO?

### Teaching in Tanzania

Tanzania's sophisticated education system was severely affected in the 1980s by economic difficulties and literacy and school attendance rates have since plummeted. Government programmes are in place to have all primary school aged children in school, particularly girls, to address the poor attendance rate. In addition only 5% of secondary school aged children currently attend school.

You could be working at a variety of institutions, interacting with students of all ages, teaching basic conversational English. Lots of people will be keen to learn English and practise speaking with you.

To teach you will need to be patient, flexible, a confident communicator and able to use your initiative and imagination.

Learning a few basics in Swahili will help you a lot but don't worry, – you will have plenty of opportunities to learn when you get here! Lessons will be fun and interactive, developing the students' confidence and conversational skills.

## **Other Teaching Activities**

Students will be interested in life where you come from. You may be able to get involved teaching other activities such as sports, music or science, if you are interested and have the relevant skills; this will obviously depend upon the students' needs. There may also be the possibility of linking up with our marine conservation programme to arrange collaborations for environmental education.

## **WHAT WILL I BE DOING?**

Whilst on your placement you will work with the local primary school in Utende. Duties will include teaching English and potentially other subjects, depending on need and your experience. You will usually have your own class for English lessons and may also be required to assist other teachers in class as well. Outside formal school hours teaching volunteers are encouraged to arrange extracurricular activities such as sports and games and lead environmental education days in conjunction with the Frontier marine conservation project.

During the holidays, volunteers have an excellent opportunity to make a real difference by holding holiday classes, particularly in English, and working with the Frontier marine project to implement community environmental education workshops. Please consider school holiday dates when booking your placement so be sure to ask one of our recruitment advisors for further information.

Although their lives may seem difficult, the local children are extremely cheerful and friendly and will be eager to learn, as well as to find out more about you and where you come from. After a busy and rewarding week of teaching you will have a well deserved weekend break. You can spend time relaxing on the stunning beach close to camp, visit Chole island and see historic ruins and swim in the blue lagoon or pop into Kilindoni to get some tasty treats.



## **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?**

We can arrange an airport pick up for you at Dar es Salaam Airport and a local private driver will escort you to a local hostel where you can spend your first night relaxing and recovering from your journey. These costs are extra and you can pay the US\$68/\$60 needed directly. The following day you will return to the airport in time for your internal flight on the eight seater light aircraft to Mafia Island. Please ensure you book your flight well in advance. Once on Mafia Island you will be met by

a Frontier staff member at the airport on Mafia and transferred by vehicle to the marine conservation project camp site at Utende. You will have an introductory period, which will allow you to settle into life on Mafia Island, meet with teachers and plan lessons and timetables.

If you are travelling independently and make your own internal arrangements we will provide you with detailed instructions on how to reach the Mafia Island camp.

It is possible to reach Mafia by ferry but sailing times can be very unpredictable, the journey might be rough and it can be tricky with no knowledge of Swahili. If you choose to travel by road and ferry you need to transfer to the port town of Nyamasati, 90 km south of Dar from where you can catch the ferry, approximately a 6-hour trip, to the town of Kilindoni on the western side of Mafia Island. Once on the island you will be met by a member of the Frontier marine field staff, either at the small harbour town of Kilindoni or at the airport on Mafia and transferred by boat or vehicle to the project camp site.

### **WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?**

You will be living on our communal camp at Utende on the east coast of Mafia Island where you will have an authentic and memorable living experience. The Frontier marine camp was constructed by local craftsmen using traditional building techniques and local materials.

Camp life is very simple, unsophisticated and fun. You will be staying in communal bandas, huts made from makuti (woven palm leaves), poles and mud and sleeping on beds constructed from wooden poles, your "shower" will be a jug or a bucket of water and you cook over a charcoal stove, so prepare for the basic, unencumbered lifestyle!

As well as teaching and working within the local community you will also help with daily camp maintenance, taking turns to cook, tidy and clean the camp, collect firewood, prime hurricane lamps, collect and treat water and help with a variety of other essential camp duties.

### **WHAT WILL I BE EATING?**

Camp food is simple and nutritious and consists largely of rice, vegetables, bread and beans, all of which are purchased locally in order to help support the local economy. Luxuries such as chocolate, biscuits, peanut butter and drinking chocolate can be bought in nearby Kilindoni, so make sure you stock up before heading to camp! Part of your role on camp will be to help with the cooking, so get your cookbooks out now and start practising! Also, with luck you'll be invited to local parties and festivals – a great way to integrate with the local communities in the nearby villages and absorb the local culture.



## **COSTS**

8 weeks	US\$ 2,595
12 weeks	US\$ 3,695
20 weeks	US\$ 5,445
extra week	US\$ 345

## **DEPARTURE DATES**

Monthly

First Monday of month

## **School Holidays 2018**

During school holidays a modified programme will run with one to one coaching, educational workshops and extracurricular activities.

Please be aware that these dates may be subject to change at short notice.

Please note there will also be a number of public holidays and unannounced holidays throughout the year.

## **DURATION**

You can join this project for a minimum of 2 months

## **DEPARTURE DATES**

First and third Monday of every month.

Alternative dates available on request.

## **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

### **Before you go**

- Pre-departure support & documentation
- Travel & medical advice & documentation
- Equipment advice
- Discounted medical kit
- Free Frontier t-shirt
- UK residential briefing weekend including food, accommodation and training (extra cost applies)

### **In-country**

- Camp accommodation near the beach
- 3 meals per day provided on project site, 6 days per week. 2 meals provided on Sunday
- Airport pick up in Dar es Salaam airport (extra cost US\$22/\$20)
- First night hostel accommodation in Dar es Salaam (extra cost US\$22/\$20)
- Transfer to the airport for connecting flight to the island (extra cost US\$22/\$20)

- Airport pickup from Mafia Island Airport and transfer to camp (extra cost US\$7/\$6)
- Local orientation
- Project training
- 24-hour in-country & international HQ emergency support & back-up
- Free park & reserve entrance fees (usually \$20 per person per day) & research permits if applicable
- CoPE qualification available
- Lodge upgrades available
- PADI Dive courses available

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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