



# General Program

## 2024 - 2025





Dear Partners,

Vive Mexico proudly presents to you our 2024-2025 program, and we warmly and friendly invite you to send your motivated volunteers to participate in our workcamps and medium-term projects in Mexico. All our projects have been prepared to bring Mexican culture close to the volunteers also bringing the cultures of the world closer to Latin America; live and build together a great learning experience through International Voluntary Service, promoting the International Cooperation for Development.

All our projects are available for volunteers over 18 years of age, and we have a wide variety of projects such as protecting the environment, giving training courses, protecting the endangered species (Marine Turtles) and promoting cultural exchange through international cooperation and solidarity.

Conditions to participate in our Workcamps and MTVs in Mexico:

1. To be older than 18 years.
2. To be able to communicate in English (English is the official language of all our projects)
3. To speak Spanish is recommended.
4. To participate for the whole duration of the project.
5. The start date of the project is the welcome day, and the last day is departure day of the project.
6. Volunteers should bring sleeping bag and air mat.
7. The extra fee must be given to the project leader/camp coordinator in Mexican pesos on arrival to the project.
8. In the case of projects that have extra fee, the exchange rate will be informed to your volunteers by our incoming officer prior to the arrival to the camps.
9. Usually, volunteers will work five days per week followed by two days off, so they can use their leisure time to explore the area and enjoy the different activities that the places where they will stay have to offer, please do note that these conditions may vary according to the local conditions and needs of each camp.





## ABOUT US

Vive Mexico, is an international non-governmental and non-profit organization that has developed projects for International Voluntary Service, International Intercultural Training, and International Cooperation for Development since 1996. Our main activities consist of organizing international projects in Mexico and send Mexican volunteers to participate in projects organized by our partner organizations in different countries. Founded in 1994 and legally registered in 1997, Vive Mexico seeks to involve young people from different nationalities in projects aim to promote solidarity between nations and at the same time raise awareness to the problems that our society is facing nowadays, we are the first IVS organization legally constituted and officially recognized in Mexico and the largest organization in Latin America.

### Contact and Office Location

- Our office is located in: Privada de Av. Universidad 2021-C, Fraccionamiento Los Pinos Zip Code 58057, Morelia, Michoacan, MEXICO, Tel/Fax.- +52(443)324-5170.
- Web Site: [www.vivemexico.org](http://www.vivemexico.org).
- Working Hours Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 15:00.

### Email Contacts:

- [incoming@vivemexico.org](mailto:incoming@vivemexico.org): For sending volunteers to Mexico (Workcamps, MTV's).
- [outgoing@vivemexico.org](mailto:outgoing@vivemexico.org): For receiving applications of Mexican volunteers.
- [international@vivemexico.org](mailto:international@vivemexico.org): For special projects in Mexico.
- [director@vivemexico.org](mailto:director@vivemexico.org): Executive Director.



# WORKCAMP SUMMARY LIST

CODE	WORKCAMP NAME	COUNTRY	START	END	TYPE	AGE	VOLS	FEE
VIVE24.01	ZOOMER Camp	México	31/07/2024	09/08/2024	ENVI/SOCI	18	10	425
VIVE24.02	ZOO-MBIE Camp Day of the Death	México	23/10/2024	01/11/2024	ENVI/SOCI	18	10	455

## SHORT TERM PROJECTS (WORKCAMP)

### “VIVE24.01 ZOOMER Camp” (31/07/2024 – 09/08/2024)

#### PROJECT

Join the volunteer team at the Morelia Zoo and be part of the city's most exciting educational experience! Transformed into a vibrant center for environmental learning, the Morelia Zoo stands as the epicenter for raising awareness about environmental conservation, biodiversity, and the preservation of flora and fauna.

The mission is simple yet crucial: to educate and sensitize our visitors, especially the youth, about the importance of protecting our furry, scaly, and feathered friends, as well as the environment we share with them.

One of the flagship activities is hosting students from various schools, who have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the fascinating animal world while understanding the delicate situation of some species and our fundamental role in their conservation.

Every year, the doors are opened for the renowned summer course, where children enjoy three unforgettable weeks surrounded by nature and fun. Expert instructors guide the little ones through playful activities designed not

only to awaken their curiosity but also to cultivate empathy and love for the care of animals and our planet.

To make this exciting project possible, we need your help. If you are a committed young person, passionate about biodiversity and nature, with a love for fun and children's activities, join us! Become part of the volunteer team and contribute to the maintenance of the facilities and the development of educational activities during the summer course!

## ACTIVITIES

The volunteers will get a training with the facilitators during the summer course, conducting activities, games, dynamics, songs, etc., that promote in the participating children the love and empathy for nature, biodiversity, and for animals. Some of the activities that the volunteers will carry out include:

- Renovating some areas of the Zoo.
- Cleaning and repainting spaces to prepare for the arrival of children to the summer course.
- Preparing recreational activities and games with local facilitators to engage children during the summer course.
- Participating with the children in the summer course as support to the facilitators and activity coordinators at the Zoo, having fun and learning together.

## SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

By participating in this project, you will acquire the global skills of Adaptability, Global Awareness, Strategic Thinking and Collaborative Planning. Upon completing the project volunteers will receive an official letter certifying the skills.



## ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation will be in a Hostel located in the downtown of Morelia, Michoacan. With services like Wi-Fi, hot water, etc. ATMs and medical centers are nearby.

## LOCATION

Morelia, the capital of the state of Michoacán in Mexico, is a historically and culturally rich city. Founded in the 16th century, Morelia is known for its impressive colonial architecture, including numerous Baroque and Neoclassical buildings, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The city is also famous for its vibrant cultural life, which includes music festivals, theater, and cinema. Additionally, Morelia is renowned for its traditional cuisine, which includes dishes such as tamales, corundas, and carnitas.

## WHERE TO ARRIVE

**CLOSEST BUS STATION:** Terminal de Autobuses Morelia.

**CLOSEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** Aeropuerto Internacional General Francisco Mujica.

**OTHER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS:** Mexico City International Airport, Guadalajara International Airport

## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

This camp is open for everyone who are sensible and open minded. It is crucial for the participants to respect, open to learn and appreciate the conditions of a different culture.

CAMP LANGUAGE: English (Spanish is appreciated but not mandatory!)

VEGETERIAN FOOD AVAILABLE: Yes

OPEN FOR FAMILIES: Yes

OPEN FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEERS: No

## LEISURE TIME

Morelia, the capital of the state of Michoacán, offers a variety of activities for all tastes:

- Exploration of the Historic Center: Stroll through the picturesque cobblestone streets and admire the colonial architecture of the Cathedral and historic buildings.
- Visit to Museums and Art Galleries: Immerse yourself in the rich culture of the city by visiting museums such as the Alfredo Zalce Contemporary Art Museum and the Crafts House.
- Tasting of Local Gastronomy.

Other activities near Morelia:

- Visit to the Magical Town of Pátzcuaro.
- Exploration of the Ruins of Tzintzuntzan.
- Mezcal Route in Quiroga.

## **PARTICIPATION FEE**

Since neither VIVE MEXICO nor its local camp partner do not receive financial support for the organization of this camp from municipality or any other private resource, in order to realize it we have to charge a participation fee of **425 Euros**. The fee includes food, hosting, necessary materials and local transportation for work activities. It should be paid in cash in Mexican pesos on the first day of the project. The volunteers will be informed about the fee in pesos one week before the start of the project.



## **“VIVE24.02 ZOO-MBIE Camp Day of the Death”**

**(23/10/2024 – 01/11/2024)**

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Every year, the famous nighttime tour is organized, where the Zoo opens its doors to welcome visitors and provide them with the wonderful experience of learning more about the nocturnal activities of the animals. Specially trained instructors at the Zoo conduct recreational activities, and during the tour, themes of mystery are explored through tales, legends, and myths involving



animals such as werewolves, black cats, bats, and more. This tour becomes a unique experience, particularly during the traditional Day of the Dead festivities, fostering curiosity, empathy, and love for animal care and our planet. It not only provides entertainment but also facilitates learning in a safe environment filled with vegetation and animals of various species. Children get to learn about the realities of these species while also enjoying and interacting with the mysterious tales surrounding some animal legends.

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- Assisting in the cleaning, preparation, and refurbishment of areas within the Zoo.
- Participating in welcoming visitors during nighttime tours.
- Collaborating with Zoo facilitators in nocturnal walking activities.
- Promoting experiences that encourage visitor learning and enjoyment.
- Inspiring love and empathy for nature.
- Raising awareness about biodiversity and its benefits.

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