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VOLUNTEERING ABROAD AND THE CORONAVIRUS

Have the full peace of mind when booking your volunteer placement abroad.

We miss travelling just as much as you do and we cannot wait to welcome you on one of our amazing programmes. On the 5th of March 2021, the government announced that it is a mandatory requirement to complete a declaration to travel form for anyone travelling abroad (a simple and easy to complete form). **There are several valid reasons for travelling abroad as of today, with volunteering now being confirmed as one – which is great news!**

With the above in mind, we are now welcoming volunteers on all programmes that are able to run from today! We will provide everyone travelling with an official letter stating your reason for travel and the importance of your contribution to the local development around the world. You will find a full list of destinations you are able to travel to and more details further down in this document.

Anyone looking to travel and volunteer in the near future are strongly recommended to seek international travel advice from their respective governments and make a personal decision as to if they wish to travel during the pandemic. In the United Kingdom, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office provides detailed guidance on countries around the world and is updated on a regular basis. This information includes entry requirements, public health advice and more.

If you have any concerns about your volunteering programme or travel plans then please do not hesitate to email us or to call in and we can talk you through all aspects and answer any questions you may have.

With over 30,000,000 people now vaccinated, the promise of all adults being offered a vaccine before the end of July this year and lateral testing kits freely available, now is the time to book your next adventure abroad!

Our programmes are already starting to fill up on many dates, with many volunteers having to postpone their travels from last year and more people than ever now wanting to travel abroad. To avoid disappointment, we recommend booking your placement as soon as you know it is



something you 100% want to do and taking advantage of our flexible and generous terms and conditions listed below.

To give you and other volunteers the ultimate peace of mind so you can book with confidence, we've introduced what we believe to be the most flexible terms on all new applications / bookings until further notice.

Change your dates, programme or even destination

If for whatever reason you need to change your start date, duration, programme or even destination, then you can do so easily and for free within your 'My Trips' account. Simply request any of these changes at least 45 days before your programme start date and we will get everything processed and changed the same day.

If restrictions outside of everyone's control are implemented within 45 days of your start date, then you are still able to postpone your trip to a later date. These restrictions include the borders of the destination you were due to be volunteering in are closed, the UK Foreign Commonwealth Office advising all but essential travel there or if there are strict quarantine measures in place.

Need to cancel your trip? No worries!

To confirm your placement, you are required to pay a £149 registration fee. This initial registration fee is non-refundable in the event of cancellation or if you are unable to travel. In the unfortunate event that you do need to cancel for any reason, then this fee can be held by The Mighty Roar and used towards ANY new trip with us in the future – no time limits.

Your remaining balance is then due 45 days prior to your programme start date. In the event your destination is still restricting travel then we will not be requesting the final balance. Instead we will be in contact to discuss the measures in place and potentially look at changing dates and / or programme.

If you need to cancel your trip within 45 days of your programme start date (for any reason) then any monies paid towards your trip will be held by The Mighty Roar to which you can use towards the same trip at a later date – a full refund cannot be offered. The reason behind this is because our local teams need to make financial commitments in terms of accommodation, staff salaries, food, transport and more in preparation for peoples arrival.

I'm looking to volunteer with The Mighty Roar in the near future, is there anything I need to know?

We have been keeping a close eye on the involving situation around the world and after speaking with our local teams we have come up with a rough guide for each destination. Please note, this is by no means official, just information gathered by the local governments and media. The below information is just a guide and is being shared to give a rough idea of when you may expect to start travelling again.



The below countries are currently welcoming international travellers and volunteers and you are welcome to apply to volunteer as soon as possible.

Costa Rica – Available to volunteer today with no restrictions in place.

Ghana – Available to volunteer today with a negative PCR test required.

Greece – Available from the 9th of May 2021.

Sri Lanka – Borders are open and welcoming international travellers. A 14 day quarantine in selected hotels is in place, but you are able to still travel to tourist attractions using selected tour operators and make use of the hotel's beach and swimming pool – contact us for further information.

The below countries are currently welcoming international travellers and volunteers. However, the UK government have placed them on a red list, so if you were to travel to any of the below countries you would need to quarantine for 10 days in a selected hotel upon your return to the United Kingdom.

Malawi - Borders open, mandatory 10 day hotel quarantine upon your return to the UK.

Namibia – Borders open, mandatory 10 day hotel quarantine upon your return to the UK.

South Africa – Borders open, mandatory 10 day hotel quarantine upon your return to the UK.

Tanzania – Borders open, mandatory 10 day hotel quarantine upon your return to the UK.

Zimbabwe – Borders open, mandatory 10 day hotel quarantine upon your return to the UK.

The below countries are currently welcoming international travellers and volunteers. However, upon arriving into the country you will be required to quarantine in a selected hotel for a certain period of time.

Cambodia – Borders are open and welcoming international travellers, however, there is a 14 day mandatory quarantine required.

Nepal - Borders are open and welcoming international travellers, however, there is a 10 day mandatory quarantine required.

Thailand – Borders are open and welcoming international travellers. A negative PCR test is required and a mandatory 14 day quarantine upon arrival.

The borders for the below countries are currently closed or not accepting UK nationals. However, the vast majority are due to open in the near future.

Bali – Estimated to open borders in May 2021.

India – Estimated to open borders in May 2021.

Madagascar – Estimated to open borders in May 2021

Portugal – Borders are open but not to people from the United Kingdom. Expected to change in the near future.

Tenerife – Borders are open but not to people from the United Kingdom. Expected to change in the near future.

Vietnam – Estimated to open borders in August 2021.

