



THE MALDIVES

EDUCATION PLACEMENT



UniBreak Group Placements

Group placements allow students and staff (if required) to travel overseas and apply their course work in new and sometimes challenging settings. In turn, students gain highly valuable international experience and perspective allowing them to grow on both a personal and professional level. At the same time, group placements allow universities to raise their profile both locally and internationally and strengthen bonds between the university, students and staff members.

Education Placement The Maldives

The education placement in the Maldives provides education students an exciting opportunity to gain invaluable personal and professional experience in a cross-cultural setting and a chance to use their skills and knowledge to contribute to a developing community.

Placements are available on the Island of Thinadoo working in the local primary or secondary school. Students work as volunteers teaching sport, health and English to secondary aged children in the main island school. Teaching alongside the Maldivian local teacher, students gain experience working with a variety of ages and subjects such as English, maths, geography, health and sport. Sports could include swimming coaching, rowing coaching, football, volleyball and basketball. Divehi is the official language in the Maldives but English is widely spoken.

Accommodation

Students live with local families in home stay accommodation or in a local guesthouse cum volunteer house. All meals are provided during the working week with breakfast provided at weekends only. Maldivian food is delicious and we will ensure the group are shown the best local restaurants.

Weekends and Free time

The island is surrounded by reef which makes for fantastic snorkelling. The lagoon found on the western side of the island also allows for safe swimming and other water-related activities. Cafés on the island serve a variety of interesting and tasty meals, not to mention cheap coffees, refreshing juices and iced Milo.

* A quote for a tailored itinerary may be provided according to intended dates, duration, and proposed group numbers. Please contact Georgia Royle at georgia@antipodeans.com.au or (02) 9413 1522.

SAMPLE ITINERARY



Day 1 - 3

Travel to Male via Singapore. After landing in Male, take a domestic flight to Kaadedhdhoo and a short speed boat ride to the island of Thinadoo. Enjoy an orientation today on Thinadoo and meet the local school headmistress and some of the teachers. Have a welcome dinner tonight in one of the local restaurants on the waterfront. Meet with the school and discuss the needs for the lessons. Begin teaching this afternoon or hold a sports education session. (Accommodation – Guesthouse (twin share)

Meals – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4-6

Spend the morning teaching and the afternoon holding education sessions on swimming, rowing or health education. (Accommodation – Guesthouse (twin share)

Meals – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 - 8

Enjoy a snorkelling trip to a near by uninhabited island this weekend and enjoy some free time to make the most of the beautiful surrounds.

Accommodation – Guesthouse (twin share)

Meals – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 - 13

Spend the morning teaching and the afternoon holding education sessions on swimming, rowing or health education. Accommodation – Guesthouse (twin share)

Meals – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14

Enjoy your free time on Thinadoo or catch a boat to go fishing, snorkelling or surfing.

Day 15

Free time this morning and transfer this afternoon by boat to Gaadhoo island - about one hour away.

Day 16

Meet with the school and discuss the needs for the lessons. Begin teaching this afternoon or hold a sports education session.

Inclusions:

- International airfares and taxes
- Travel insurance (optional)
- Twin-share homestay accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner
- Antipodeans Abroad training workshop
- In-country meet & greet, airport transfers, orientation and transport
- Placement and screened community project
- Support by in-country agent
- 24 hr back-up by Antipodeans Abroad in Australia

Exclusions

- Transport to school (budget \$2-4 per day)
- Visas and vaccinations
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips and gratuities

