

Program Fact Sheets

Description of the program and program tasks

What to bring

What time

Where to meet

Tortoise Center:

Working at our Galapagos Tortoise Breeding Center is quite the exciting position as you get to work face to face with a species that most people never even get to see in real life – mind you that for those who do, it is illegal to get closer than 6ft to it.

Through IOI, you will be a member of the center's staff and your responsibilities will include feeding and caring for the tortoises, and maintaining their enclosure. You will also help with zoo keeping type assignments like measuring tortoises and potentially educate tourists and inform them of rules and regulations, depending on background and abilities.

Turtle:

We would love to have you support our education program! Working as a TA in our local schools is a great opportunity as we work with the full range of formal education children K1-10 in the local private school. As a TA in the schools you will assist the classroom teachers and you will be responsible to help carry out activities, games, songs and projects that the teacher has planned. You will also be responsible to come up with some of your own activities for class. **This program has a minimum of 2 weeks.**

English TA:

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Ecotourism:

As an Ecotourism Intern you will help the Galapagos National Park in tasks related to the management of visitors at the visitor sites nearby Puerto Villamil. According to your specific skills and experience, your tasks may involve translation and design of English language visitor information, assist in graphic design for promotional and educational material, monitor visitor sites and run satisfaction questionnaires to visitors from different nationalities, register tourism related information, as well as generate statistical databases from your surveys, etc. This internship is flexible and can be tailored to your skills and interests, as well as the park needs. We have had other interns do GIS mapping projects, visitor site and trail maintenance, and graphic design work for the park. The information collected will help the National Park to make decisions in tourism management that can be crucial for Galapagos wildlife preservation and sustainable long term tourism.

Social Media

In this volunteer position you will work with our team here in Galapagos and virtually with our associate working in social media and marketing for IOI in Miami. You will get to visit each of our volunteer and student work sites to create content through photos and videos of the volunteer programs, conservation projects, etc. Help us put together informational and promotional material and hone your graphic design skills. You will be able to see your work published on our social media platforms daily. The sky is the limit! We would love for you to get creative in helping us strengthen and promote IOI and use your social media knowledge to spread our message. Your day-to-day tasks will depend on local events and IOI scheduling to make the most of this opportunity. You will get an exciting look into all parts of the organization and the local environment, as well as learn more about marketing and social media management from our Miami team. **This position has a minimum of 2 weeks.**

Sustainable Agriculture:

We would love to have you help out in our conservation department! The farms of Isabela Island are starting work in greenhouses to optimize production year-round in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way. The highland town of Tomás de Berlanga is about 10 miles uphill from the coastal part of town, where IOI headquarters, your accommodations, social life, and the beach are located. Located on the side of Volcano Sierra Negra, the highlands are fertile, lush lands with rich volcanic soil - perfect for

agriculture! Volunteers will learn local techniques for sustainable tropical agriculture and will help to create food sovereignty, lower the carbon footprint of island life, lower waste from shipping materials, lowers cost to local consumers, increase local income, and increase the nutritional content of the food available in Isabela. **The sustainable agriculture program requires you to stay a minimum of 2 weeks.**



