“It was an amazing experience that was both challenging, in a good way, and life changing.”
— Amelia B., Volunteer in South Africa

Just imagine! You can experience something unlike you have before. A new culture with new friends who take you outside what you know, while you do something helpful and important, and learn together.

Why Choose United Planet?

Authentic.
Jump into a real experience, become a global citizen, and work with communities who are driven to help themselves.

Meaningful.
Your experience will be important, relevant, and helpful to these communities.

Safe.
No other organization provides more support: personal assistance before you travel, experienced staff in-country, strong and collaborative relationships with our hosts, insurance, 24-hour assistance—everything that can be done to ensure your safety and well-being.
Summer Opportunities for Ages 16 and Up

**Ecuador Summer Quest**
During this 8-day Quest, you will have the opportunity to immerse yourself in two communities in Ecuador. In the urban center of Quito, you will be working in a daycare center where possible responsibilities include organizing games and activities for the children and assisting teachers and staff. In contrast, you will also be able to visit the small agricultural community, Chilcapamba, where you may work with the local people on their farms, or with their crafts, engaging in a completely different part of this beautiful, diverse country.

**China Summer Teaching Quest**
Join us for four weeks this summer living and working as a group in rural China. You and your fellow volunteers will teach English and environmental studies to schoolchildren in the Hunan province, live together at the school, travel to local villages, eat authentic cuisine, explore Beijing, and receive 24/7 support while abroad—a true immersion experience that allows you to build relationships that last a lifetime.

Year ‘Round Opportunities for Ages 16 and Up

**Community Development in Peru**
Volunteers have a variety of community development opportunities in Peru for Quests 1–12 weeks. Depending on your interests and community need, you can assist teachers at local schools, work in daycare centers, orphanages, or after school programs in Cusco, work with disabled youth, or care for the elderly.

**Sports Coaching and Social Work in South Africa**
*Program Length: 5–12 weeks*
*Availability: April–December, with specific start dates*
Volunteers ages 17 and up can coach at-risk youth players in a variety of sports in South Africa or work at a number of social projects, with activities ranging from teaching, to organizing arts and crafts workshops, to caring for children in local orphanages. On this Quest, you’ll live in and explore the city of Port Elizabeth and have the opportunity to visit the Kragga Kama Game Reserve and more. Learn more about volunteering in South Africa.

“*My volunteer experience in Peru made an indelible impact on my life and taught me lessons that helped me open my eyes to the world around me. I was able to discover things about myself and the world that I had been previously oblivious to. Culturally, my experiences with city life, staying with a host family, Spanish & salsa lessons, and visits to Machu Picchumade the country feel less like a foreign place and more like a second home. Most of all, the bond I formed with my fellow teen volunteers and UP leader is something I’ll never forget.”*  
— Emily L., Peru

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