SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY 2016/2017 ANNUAL REVIEW
1ST SEPTEMBER 2016 – 31ST AUGUST 2017

- 284 students completed programs
- Average duration: 2 weeks
- 222 female vs 61 male
- Estimated 13,000 volunteering hours contributed to communities abroad
- $180,000 contributed to local teams in the communities in which volunteers are placed
- Students participated in 25 countries
- 47% of students travelled together as a group

TOP LOCATIONS:
Costa Rica
Spain
Portugal
Italy
Bali – Ubud

TOP PROJECTS:
Teaching
Special Needs Care
Medical/Healthcare
Childcare
Food Rescue
STUDENT APPLICATION DATA

Below I’ve pulled relevant information from San Diego State University Student’s applications we received this year to help give you insight into what your students hope to gain out of their volunteer abroad experience and why they have chosen to use IVHQ for their journey.

**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF THIS VOLUNTEER TRIP ABROAD?**

I want to be immersed in a culture and understand what life is like in another part of the world.

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I want to be able to help make a difference in some of the youth's lives as well as learn from them. Not only do I want to learn, but I want to take the knowledge I acquire and bring it back with me and apply it to my future work.

**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF THIS VOLUNTEER TRIP ABROAD?**

I hope to immerse myself into the Italian culture through this volunteer trip abroad. I enjoy working with kids and believe that the 'After School Care' program will allow me to flourish in its fun environment. I hope to take advantage of the Italian language classes that IVHQ provides so that I can better interact with the locals in Naples. As an Italian American who has never been to Italy, I would be excited to temporarily live in the country of my ancestors while also discovering the lands. I would be very excited to make friends from around the globe while volunteering together towards a greater cause. As a public health major, I believe that this trip will help me better understand the global humanitarian issues that connect us all while giving me a broader perspective to the world around me.

**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF THIS VOLUNTEER TRIP ABROAD?**

I would learn how a different community and culture's inner-workings as well get to see a beautiful city.
STUDENT FEEDBACK DATA

196 of the 284 students who participated on IVHQ programs provided us detailed feedback which is a key element of IVHQ program reviews and quality control.

The following are a few highlights IVHQ are proud to share:

- 196 out of 197 students answered ‘Yes’ to the question “Did you feel safe and supported during your time on the program”
- 81% of students rated their accommodation during the program at 8/10 or higher, with 30% rating their accommodation as a 10/10
- 89% of students would volunteer again with IVHQ
- 178 of 197 students felt the IVHQ fees were fair

Students also shared valuable feedback and suggestions on improvements for several areas of the experience, such as meals and airport pick-ups. This is consistent with feedback from other volunteers and we’re working to address these improvement areas for future students.

Below are a few testimonials students submitted to be shared with future volunteers:

My time in Bali was truly an unforgettable experience! They have the most beautiful culture and are the sweetest most welcoming people. The Green Lion staff goes above and beyond to make you feel comfortable and like family. My kindergarten class was so cute! The kids light up with excitement and are so appreciative of the smallest things. If you can, bring some school supplies for them, it gives you more to work with for your lesson plans. Overall, it was an amazing experience and I would highly recommend it to anyone! Bali is amazing!

My time abroad was simple an amazing experience.

As cheesy as it sounds, when you do a program like this, you think you’re doing it to help others—which you are—but you really end up helping yourself and growing in ways you never even thought possible. I am forever in debt to IVHQ, my first experience with them was in 2014 in Peru, and it just opened so many doors that I didn’t realize were closed. Hence the reason I did IVHQ again in Mexico! And it won’t be the last either!

Costa Rica will always be a special place to me now and I’ll certainly be back for future volunteers trips!

Please note: We can only report on San Diego State University students who note on their application form that they are affiliated or enrolled with the university