

World Challenge In-Country Agent for Myanmar

Part-time, immediate start Salary by negotiation + expenses



World Challenge is a global leader in the provision of ethical travel experiences for young people. Founded in 1987, our school groups now travel to over 50 destinations around the world on expeditions up to four weeks in length. At the heart of what we do lies our ethos: challenge. participation and the environment. Based out of the Melbourne office, the South-East Asia Planning Team's mission is to create innovative, safe and ethical travel experiences that promote global awareness and inspire the next generation of travellers.

Our In-Country Agents are a vital part of our team who help us to deliver good quality and safe overseas expeditions, and communicate the World Challenge ethos in their country.

We are now seeking an organised, resourceful and contactable person in Myanmar. This person should be fluent in English and have a good working knowledge of Myanmar so that they can provide operational support to our Expedition Planning Managers based in Melbourne, Australia.

You will assist with all planning and research that contributes towards the successful delivery of expeditions to Myanmar for students from the UK, South Africa, the Middle East, Australia and New Zealand. You will then be a 24 hour emergency contact whilst the expedition teams are in country (two main departure seasons; June-August and November-January).

In return, we can offer you financial remuneration based on the number of teams/individuals visiting Myanmar annually (salary by negotiation plus basic expenses) and the satisfaction of helping us to provide the experience of a lifetime to the leaders of tomorrow.

The role...

- Assisting our dedicated team of Expedition Planning Managers in Melbourne with the research, organisation and budgeting of expedition itineraries.
- Developing and maintaining links with schools, communities, government departments, aid agencies, NGOs and other organisations to establish, develop and organise suitable projects for each team.
- Finding and assessing new areas for trekking and negotiating details with trekking agencies.

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- Liaising with key local individuals and agencies, including Embassies and rescue services.
- Carrying out risk assessments, advising on expedition safety, evacuation and medical facilities.
- Being in-country and available 24 hours a day while teams are in Myanmar as the main point of contact to deal with any problems that might arise.

Your profile...

- · Must be fluent in English and Burmese
- Able to work part-time.
- IT literate with access to a computer and telephone.
- Good knowledge of Myanmar
- Experience of working with young people is preferable.
- Previous experience of sourcing and organising volunteer projects would be advantageous.
- Previous experience or interest in trekking would be advantageous.
- Willing to travel within Myanmar for research purposes.
- Willing to travel to the UK or Australia (approximately once every 2 years) for training and events (expenses paid for by World Challenge).

To apply, please contact Laura Kirk at lkirk@worldchallenge.com.au

Closing date: Friday 3rd July 2015

Interviews to be held in Yangon (other locations may be possible on application) week commencing 20th July 2015.

Please note that the successful applicant will be required to spend up to seven days with a member of World Challenge's Expedition Planning Team. This will provide the opportunity for the successful applicant and the Expedition Planning Manager (EPM) to visit key expedition locations in Myanmar (e.g. visit trek areas and project sites) and begin the In-Country Agent's on-the-job training.