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New Marine And Teach Internships Abroad, Plus Volunteer Programmes In Venezuela And Borneo, Boost Gap Opportunities With BUNAC ***Book Teach Internships by 31st March And Save £150***

London, March 2014: Work and volunteer abroad specialist, BUNAC, has incorporated a new programme of six-month [Marine Conservation and PADI Divemaster internships](#). Perfect for anyone with a keen interest in exploring and preserving the underwater world, looking to gain hands-on work experience in marine research, develop their dive skills and earn valuable diving qualifications, the internships are set in enticing destinations of outstanding ecological interest, from the Indian Ocean, including the Seychelles, to Mexico and Fiji.

BUNAC has also expanded its [Teach Internship](#) programme, which was first introduced in September 2013 and has proved an extremely popular and affordable way to gain a TEFL (Teach English as a Foreign Language) qualification plus CV-boosting overseas teaching experience. Cambodia, Colombia and South Africa have been added for 2014 with programme durations of one, two or three months, perfect as a mini gap experience for school leavers, new graduates, trainee teachers and more mature career breakers. **BUNAC is currently offering savings of £150 per programme for all Teach Internship bookings made before 31st March.**

Also new for 2014, BUNAC has added carefully selected, [multi-project volunteering opportunities in Venezuela and Borneo](#) to its existing portfolio, which covers Nepal, South Africa and the USA. The new, 6 and 10-week programmes are specifically aimed to help 18-to-27-year-olds get off the backpacker trail and get under the skin of their chosen destination, while enjoying a varied and rewarding volunteer experience on community projects, in eco-tourism and conservation.

New Marine Internships: Indian Ocean, Seychelles, Mexico and Fiji

Marine Internships offer participants aged 18 and over, with a passion for marine life, the chance to gain valuable conservation and work experience, while earning advanced diving skills and qualifications and helping to preserve some of the world's richest and most fascinating, yet constantly threatened underwater ecosystems.

BUNAC's alluring Marine Internship destinations include the Seychelles, Yasawa Island in Fiji, Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, home to the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef, and the Indian Ocean, which combines three months in the Seychelles with three months in Thailand.

All participants spend a total of six months in their chosen destination, conducting vital marine research in a range of areas from Whale Shark migration to Sea Turtle nesting, and from monitoring coral reefs and fish species to raising environmental awareness in local communities. In parallel to this, they undergo 12 weeks' dive training, and 12 weeks' work experience in a local dive school.

Prices start from £5,095 for six months, including pre-departure orientation and field guide, flight booking service, airport pick-up, comprehensive arrival training and local area orientation, 12-week dive training and 12-week work placement, shared

accommodation, meals (except during work placement), 24-hour in-country support, all technical materials, dive equipment, weekly evaluation with a personal mentor and professional reference if needed. Participants can expect to achieve their PADI Coral Reef Research Diver Distinctive Specialty, Advanced Open Water, Rescue Diver and Divemaster qualifications, plus Emergency First Response Certification and a Biological Survey Techniques qualification. The first departure is on 5 April 2014.

New Teach Internship Destinations: Cambodia, Colombia and South Africa

In addition to BUNAC's original Teach Internship programmes in China and Thailand, applicants can now choose from one month in the North of Colombia, close to the Caribbean coastal area, two months in the suburbs of Cape Town, South Africa and three months in the Phnom Penh area of Cambodia, helping local pupils to gain valuable English language skills.

Over 18s interested in applying for a BUNAC Teach Internship should complete an application form, available online. Successful applicants will be enrolled onto a pre-departure 120-hour online TEFL course with a dedicated tutor, leading to an accredited qualification.

An early booking discount of £150 is currently on offer for Teach Internship programmes to all destinations booked by 31st March. **Prices start from just £545** (South Africa programme), including the TEFL course, support with visas and flight booking, airport pickup and transfers, in-country training and orientation, professional teaching experience, shared volunteer accommodation and weekday meals throughout the internship. The first departure is on 10 April 2014.

Additional costs to be taken in to consideration include flights, insurance, visa and admin fee, police check and optional excursions.

New, Multi-Project Volunteer Destinations: Borneo and Venezuela

Perfect for school leavers and those taking a post-university gap year, these 6 and 10-week programmes are designed to offer a varied and stimulating experience of different types of volunteer work, ranging from community projects to eco-tourism and conservation.

Volunteers in Borneo take part in a variety of initiatives from teaching indigenous jungle tribes, to conducting beach patrols and protecting turtle eggs on the tropical Mathanani Island. They also enjoy the chance to get up close and personal with the remarkable inhabitants of the Sepilok Orangutan Centre, while learning survival skills and spotting indigenous wildlife during a five-day rainforest camp and trek. The first departure is on 1st July 2014.

Volunteers in Eastern Venezuela have the chance to learn Spanish, help renovate a run-down local school, organise lessons in a local community group and work with National Park Rangers on reforestation work near the Guacharo Caves. Those on the 10-week project also enjoy a two-week expedition to La Gran Sabana, with its natural springs and gushing waterfalls, plus the chance to climb Mount Roraima, the

country's highest tepui or table-top mountain, with its extraordinary stone formations, barren rocky landscape and unique flora. The first departure is on 1st April 2014.

Prices start from £2,090 for Venezuela and from £2,140 for Borneo for the six-week programme, including a briefing day in the UK, flight booking service, airport pickup, shared accommodation with all meals, safety and induction course on arrival, 24-hour in-country support and donation to the project communities.

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