

Low-cost in Cambodia

The cost to the volunteer of some projects can be equal to a flashy holiday in the Maldives. But not all. AboutAsia Schools (aboutasiaschools.org) is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to provide an education for children throughout the Siem Reap area, near the temples of Angkor. The organisation does not charge volunteers, who help with English and other studies, including art and drama. This means that an eight-week volunteering stint would start at just £235 for basic accommodation, although you'll need to pay for your flights (about £680 from Heathrow to Phnom Penh with Thai Airways, via Bangkok) and your (cheap) meals. Schools are closed from the beginning of July until late September, but volunteers can do three weeks at the start of their travels in Southeast Asia, or fit in a stint at the end before university.