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Raleigh's programmes put youths in direct contact with local communities and the great outdoors



RALEIGH

Where Sabah and Sarawak
www.raleighinternational.org

Whether it is working alongside the local community to build a kindergarten, install a water feed system or working for the conservation of sun bears, this youth-oriented international organisation runs a tight ship. Their volunteer holiday programmes offer youths a great chance to develop new skills and friendships, and make a real difference to the community and environment while participating

in plenty of adventure-filled activities in the amazing wilderness. It doesn't exclude those above the age of 25 either, offering those on a career break a chance to be volunteer managers and work with young people.

Suitable for Anyone with a penchant for adventure and is interested in working for and with local communities

BLUE VENTURES TIOMAN EXPEDITION

Where Tioman Island, Pahang

<http://blueventure.org>

Tioman Island in Pahang is a world-class dive site and ecological hot spot boasting 75 per cent of known coral species, among which over 3,000 species of fish make their home. The purpose of the expedition is to work closely with scientists in monitoring the reefs and the rich interior forest of the island, and with local communities in developing and promoting the conservation efforts needed to manage this protected area in the long term. Over the course of a six-week expedition, volunteers will undergo dive training and learn marine survey and terrestrial research techniques through daily lectures, workshops and scuba 'point outs'. There will be plenty of hands-on work as well, with volunteers going on daily monitoring dive trips with the occasional reef clean-up.

Suitable for Those with a love for the sea; open to all ages and also non-divers

THE GREAT ORANG UTAN PROJECT

Where Across Malaysia
www.w-o-x.com

Help ensure the welfare of the 'Man of the Forest' through this project that ▶

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represents a collection of orangutan conservation programmes in Malaysia, spanning several locations including Zoo Negara (KL), Batang Ai National Park (Sarawak) and the Lower Kinabatangan River (Sabah). The flagship programme, the Sarawak Orangutan Volunteer Project at the Matang Wildlife Centre in Kubah National Park, is the perfect opportunity to work with orangutans, sun bears and monkeys alongside a dynamic and experienced conservation team. In the two to four weeks of the programme, volunteers will help with the rehabilitation, breeding and healthcare of the orangutans at the centre as well as interact and work with locals and researchers. Note that there

is a policy of absolutely no touching and no carrying of animals in the care of the centre, so if you're looking for a cuddle, this is not the place.

Suitable for Those on a career break, gap year or sabbatical and of course, animal lovers

JUARA TURTLE PROJECT

Where Tioman Island, Pahang
www.juaraturtleproject.com

Run by a small group of turtle lovers, it is aimed at rejuvenating the sea turtle population and habitats of Tioman Island, once a famous breeding ground for these reptiles. Their numbers have dropped drastically in the last 10 years due to poaching, fishing and

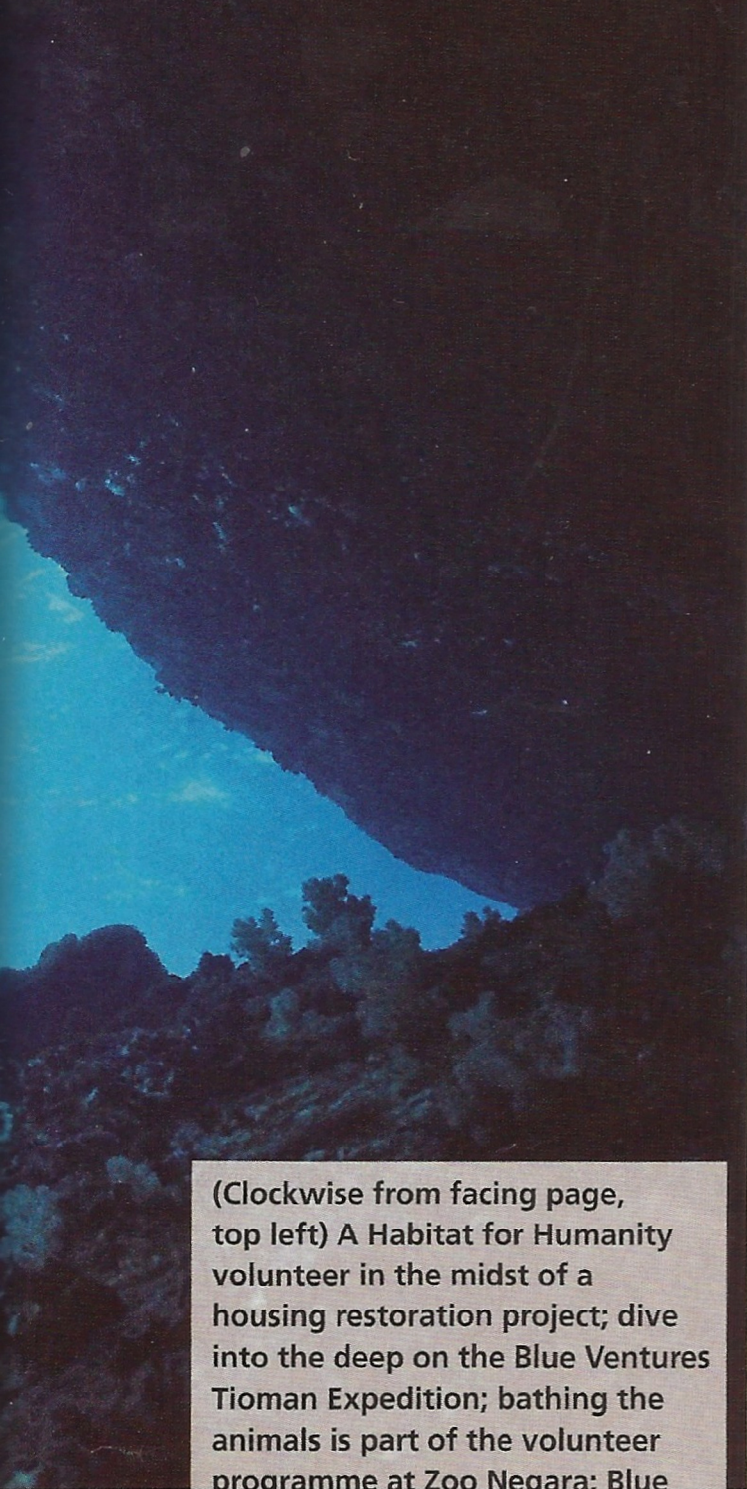
development, necessitating conservation efforts. Volunteers will be involved in sea turtle egg protection and hatching, explaining environmental responsibility and awareness and conservation of marine habitats, whilst living right by Juara's white, sandy beach surrounded by green, lush jungles. The volunteer programme is open-dated and flexible, *although the organisers recommend one week to gain real experience.* The duties include monitoring beaches, checking on the hatchery compounds, collecting data as well as general maintenance work.

Suitable for Turtle lovers who want a practical, hands-on experience in caring for these animals

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Where Across Malaysia
www.habitat.org

If you can handle a hammer, you can make a difference in the lives of families without proper homes. Established in 1976, Habitat for Humanity was set up in the belief that everyone has the right to a safe, decent and affordable home. Since then, it has been involved with several high-profile projects, most notably helping to restore housing to



(Clockwise from facing page, top left) A Habitat for Humanity volunteer in the midst of a housing restoration project; dive into the deep on the Blue Ventures Tioman Expedition; bathing the animals is part of the volunteer programme at Zoo Negara; Blue volunteers after a dive

areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and Rita. Volunteers on the Global Village Trip to Malaysia may work on house construction or renovations of simple, sturdy homes with partner families in semi-urban and rural areas. No technical skills are required but good health and the willingness to do strenuous manual labour are needed. Trip itineraries, which vary in length and programmes, are balanced out with plenty of work, rest and free time, as well as participation in local cultural activities and customs.

Suitable for Those who enjoy working with their hands

ZOO NEGARA 1-DAY VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

Where KL

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www.zoonegara.org.my

Get cosy with the furry, fuzzy, striped and more at KL's National Zoo. Volunteers will be involved in the daily activities of the zoo, whether it is helping the animal keepers with food preparation, cleaning

night dens or general maintenance work. Those with photography, teaching and public relation skills are also welcomed.

Suitable for Anyone above 18 years of age and visitors with limited time to spare

