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# 5 Reasons Not to Miss Out on GSC's Summer Programs

Summer will be here sooner than you think! Past GSC volunteers weigh in on the five reasons why you should spend your summer on one of GSC's service-learning programs in [Cambodia](#) or [Tanzania](#).



GSC offers 2-12 week service-learning opportunities for students and non-students alike. With start dates every month, GSC has a range of programs to fit every age group, interest and skill set.

Here are 5 reasons you shouldn't miss out on GSC's Summer Programs:

**1. Serving alongside local professionals will give you perspective.**



A GSC volunteer farming alongside Maasai women in Tanzania.

GSC's programs are designed for serious volunteers who are up for the challenge of meeting great needs amidst the realities of a developing country. On one

**2. You'll grow in ways you'd never expect.**



GSC volunteer Shawn becoming ordained as a Buddhist monk in Cambodia.

**3. It will challenge you - in a good way!**



Local Tanzanian women transporting goods with incredible balance.

Serving as a volunteer in a developing country can make even the heartiest of volunteers question what they know. Your exposure to the realities

of GSC's service-learning programs, you'll be immersed in another culture while working with local professionals to deliver lasting impact. Here's what it will feel like after completing your project:

"I will always remember those eight weeks as being full. They were educational, gratifying, and most importantly humbling. I am proud of myself for choosing a service-learning program for my time abroad because I now realize more than ever how lucky I am. It is my responsibility to use my privilege to do good things that help other people."  
- Naomi M., Semester Program, Tanzania

"I think I learned a simple truth: that there is dignity in forgiving the past, living a day at a time, eking out an honest existence, and enjoying each other's company along the way. I think this is the genius of the Cambodian people and will serve them well for many years to come."  
- Doug H., International Health Program, Cambodia

## LEARN MORE

Volunteers can check our [Cambodia](#) and our [Tanzania](#) projects for more information about our short and long-term service-learning programs.

Students who wish to earn credits can enroll in GSC's 9-credit Study Abroad Summer Programs. Check out our [Cambodia program flyer](#) and our [Tanzania program flyer](#).

As a GSC volunteer, you'll live, work and learn among local professionals and community members. You'll experience new traditions, a new language and new ways of life. Being immersed in another culture will truly change the way you see the world.

"I came to Cambodia recovering from a rough time. I barely knew who I was, and was starting to lose sight of what I wanted. Maybe it was the Buddhism and meditation, maybe it was the new friends, or maybe it was just waking up everyday in a foreign place but after a while, I started to rediscover the things that make me passionate."  
- Francine W., Semester Program, Cambodia

experience that deepens your understanding of life around the world.

"Tanzania is a country of contrasts. There are some of the most beautiful people, animals and places that our world has to offer. But there are also terrible aspects of the country including the pandemics of HIV/AIDS, poverty, malaria, crime and trafficking/rape. I found the profound battle between good and evil were at odds each other to me every day...This program offers real world experience."  
- Matthew P., Semester Program, Tanzania

### 4. You'll make deep, lasting connections - on many levels.



GSC volunteer Laureen with a new friend at a Cambodian monastery.

### 5. There's always room for fun - in fact, laughing isn't optional!



GSC volunteers Dillon, Lisa and Toneth enjoying the beach with GSC-Cambodia Coordinator, Sophak.



Volunteer Lilah bonding with long-time GSC-Tanzania staff member, Joyce.



Volunteers Naomi and Katlyn at the top of Uhuru Peak, Mt. Kilimanjaro.

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As a volunteer, you'll form connections with GSC staff, other volunteers, local professionals and villagers. For many volunteers, these connections keep the GSC experience alive years after they return home.

"The weeks in rural villages were the most memorable parts of my time in Africa. Camping in these villages allowed us to connect with community members in a meaningful way. I felt so fortunate to spend time in rural villages that were not easily accessible to travelers."

- Lilah T., Sustainable Agriculture Program, Tanzania



GSC volunteers Matt and Naomi on a Tanzanian safari.

GSC offers weekend excursions for volunteers on programs of three weeks or longer. You'll also have room to try an adventure of your own – whether it be climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro, riding on the back of an elephant or scuba diving in the Gulf of Thailand!

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