



## Nature Reserve Island

There is a wide variety of wildlife in Mexico and Experience Mexico offers you the unique opportunity to see many species in their natural habitat. The Marietas Islands are a 40-minute boat trip from Punta de Mita, located at the northern tip of the Bay of Banderas. These two islands are uninhabited and a special permit is needed to visit the islands. These beautiful islands are unspoilt and offer a wonderful opportunity to nature and outdoors lovers.

The project offers:

- \* A beautiful setting just off the Pacific coast
- \* A percentage of your money will go directly into the project
- \* You will get the opportunity to suggest how your financial contribution is spent
- \* The opportunity to enjoy a unique experience and make a real difference

The project involves:

- \* Taking care of the wildlife on the islands
- \* Keeping records of wildlife and visitor numbers
- \* Taking pictures of the wildlife

Work on the islands will be from Friday afternoon to Monday morning, with the rest of the week dedicated to maintaining records of nesting sites and helping with visitors and applications for visitors. You will be expected to keep the island clean, take photos and make sure the birds are not disturbed.

Volunteers will be staying in Hotel Peñamar in Rincon de Guayabitos with other Experience Mexico volunteers during the week but the only sheltered accommodation on the island is a cave. Volunteers will have to be independent on the island as there is no electricity and knowledge of medical skills would be a great advantage due to the geographical isolation.

The island does not have a telephone or any modern means of communication as it is uninhabited. Volunteers will be accompanied by visit on their first visit to the island by Vicente and we hope to provide a mobile phone in case of emergencies. All means of communication are available in Rincon de Guayabitos and the next town of La Penita during the week.

Experience Mexico will provide transportation to the island and there is money allocated for other expenses such as photography equipment.

You will be working with the office responsible for the island, which is run by locals, and communicating with visitors so knowledge of Spanish would be an advantage in this project, though it is not essential.

Volunteers are likely to be placed in a pair, due to the remoteness of the project, and will be expected to exercise extreme caution while on the island.

The island accepts visitors all year round so volunteers are accepted at all times of the year and Experience Mexico prefers volunteers to commit for at least three months to this project.

Cost:

Dependant on the number of months, for an individual quote please contact us.