

Make Yourself at Home... Anywhere in the World.

The hallmark of any Friendship Force exchange is the hospitality provided by local Hosts to visiting Ambassadors. Doors are opened and you are invited into a home as a welcomed guest. Your Host Family becomes a personal guide to a new community and culture. Wander the neighborhoods. Visit historic sites. Share everyday activities. Or simply enjoy the hospitality of your Hosts. Whatever your interests, you will quickly recognize that this is an exciting new way to see and experience the world! And when you depart a few days later, you'll return home with a deeper understanding of your Host's culture – along with new friends to last a lifetime.



"I rarely travel as a tourist anymore because I feel that when you travel with the Friendship Force you get a picture of the country that a tourist never gets. I've been in a vet shop in Costa Rica, a school in Moscow, a grocery store in Slovakia. As a tourist you wouldn't have any of those opportunities"

–Wilma Gray, Friendship Force of Atlanta

Join the Friendship Force Worldwide Network Today!

Friendship Force exchanges are conducted through a global network of 345 volunteer-led clubs in 60 countries. Clubs are administered and governed by volunteer members within your community, while the worldwide network is supported by a staff at the headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, USA and overseen by an international Board of Directors. Friendship Force International is financed by participant fees and charitable donations, which support the development of new programs worldwide.

Please visit our website and register online at

www.friendshipforce.org

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Welcome to Our World



Making Connections Makes a Difference.

Friendship Force International is a non-profit exchange organization dedicated to the principle that each person can make a contribution to global goodwill. Home hospitality – the heart of each exchange – provides the opportunity for people of different countries and cultures to connect at a personal level. More than half a million participants have experienced the personal enrichment and cross-cultural understanding that result from Friendship Force exchanges. The ever-widening Friendship Force global network represents a powerful and growing force that can overcome differences between people and nations.

Since its establishment in 1977, with the support and endorsement of President Jimmy Carter, Friendship Force International has actively sought to foster positive relations between diverse people and cultures in more than 60 countries. The organization was recognized for its achievements in 1992 by being nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Friendship Force Experience

A Warm Welcome Wherever You Go!

Traveling on a Friendship Force exchange is a different way to see the world – up close and personal. You travel with a small group led by an experienced volunteer Exchange Director. Upon arrival, your Friendship Force host family welcomes you into their home, usually for five to seven days. This is the core of the Friendship Force experience. Enjoy getting to know your Hosts and their community as an insider and personal guest, not as a tourist. Then, following the Friendship Force program in the host community, you can explore the region with additional travel or return home.

Friendship Force International also offers a growing number of exchanges based on specific themes:

Professional Exchanges link teachers, farmers, doctors and others according to their occupation.

Youth and Family Exchanges offer every member of the family the opportunity to share a Friendship Force experience.

Hobby Exchanges allow Ambassadors to travel together around common interests such as gardening, sports, antiquing, music, dancing or trekking.

Humanitarian Exchanges link people who are motivated by helping others through service and the sharing of resources and expertise.

Friendship Force International is active in the following countries and regions:

Australia	Germany	Norway
Austria	Ghana	Peru
Belarus	Hungary	Philippines
Belgium	India	Poland
Bosnia	Indonesia	Romania
Brazil	Ireland	Russia
Bulgaria	Israel	Singapore
Canada	Japan	Slovakia
Chile	Jordan	Slovenia
China	Kenya	South Africa
Colombia	Korea	Sweden
Costa Rica	Latvia	Taiwan
Croatia	Mexico	Tanzania
Cuba	Moldova	Thailand
Cyprus	Mongolia	Turkey
Czech Republic	Morocco	Ukraine
Egypt	Nepal	United Kingdom
Estonia	Netherlands	United States
France	New Caledonia	Uzbekistan
Georgia	New Zealand	Vietnam

Open Your Door to the World.

Friendship Force members love to travel. But they also enjoy hosting visitors from other countries. As a Host, you will welcome Friendship Force Ambassadors into your home for five to seven days, sharing your community and everyday life. Your guests will want to explore on their own as well, but you will be their guide, introducing your culture and lifestyle in a setting that builds personal connections between both of your countries.

