



# Volunteer work



Our volunteer program opens the reserve to anyone wanting to live in the Misiones rainforest for two weeks. The program aims to spread the experience of agroecological farming and regenerative systems and expand our own learning through the experiences of volunteers.



Raulot Julie: volunteer

## Our purpose

Share mutual experiences of collaboration with people interested in on-the-ground learning with FAI. ●

Provided learning opportunities in regenerative agroecological systems over the course of their volunteer period. ●

Inspire people who participate in this program to take what they've learned at FAI back home with them. ●

### Raulot Julie (France) 2018

*What did you learn?*  
More information about yerba mate plantations.

*What surprised you?*  
All the biodiversity that exists inside the shade grown yerba mate plantations.

*What inspired you to live this experience?*  
I desire to have a farm and cultivate yerba mate.

*Any knowledge you were able to share?*  
My experience in organic vegetable production.

## Our actions

We have developed a volunteer program and invite volunteers to join us for an immersive experience at the reserve. Volunteers participate actively in daily activities and experience living in the Misiones rainforest for two weeks.

## Volunteers

### Activities

- Agroecological gardens
- Native species tree nursery
- Shade grown Yerba Mate plantations
- Biodynamic activities
- Wildlife monitoring
- Trail maintenance
- Environmental education

### Conditions

- Minimum stay of 2 weeks
- Adult
- Environmental commitment
- Teamwork
- Schedule of activities: 8 hours a week

### We provide

- Organic food
- Accommodation in the *refugio*
- Work apparel

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## Our edge

### Immersion in the rainforest

Our priority is to provide an experience of interconnection with nature and strengthen thoughtful observation of life in the rainforest. The volunteer experience is about inhabiting a unique and transformative environment.

### Mutual learning

Our volunteers get the opportunity to gain experience by helping, sharing and learning in the activities we carry out at FAI, with support from our on-the-ground team. At the same time, they have much to teach us, meaning mutual learning for all.

### Time for reflection

The jungle provides time to stop, think and feel. We take any questions that arise from volunteers' experiences as an opportunity for reflection and self-knowledge.



DANIELA MILANO: VOLUNTEER

### Daniela Milano (Argentina, Chubut) 2022

*"I leave here feeling happy to have discovered this wonderful place, where I had encounters with wildlife I had never seen, discovered shade grown yerba mate and walked through places where yaguararé and tapir walk."*

*"I feel like I have left my mark on each project I participated in. That matters most to me. I also planted native trees that I'd like to come back to someday and see how much they've grown. I thought it was a beautiful experience."*

## Our data

# 42 volunteers

came to the reserve between 2016 and 2022.

### Countries where our volunteers come from

- 61,1% Argentina
- 11,1% USA
- 14 % Europe (France, Germany, Switzerland)
- 8,3% Paraguay
- 5,6% Brazil
- 2,8% Chile



Where do they come from?