

Cambodia Guest Artists FAQ

What is the shortest amount of time I can volunteer in Cambodia?

Our minimum requirement is three weeks but we prefer four weeks. Anything less is not effective for the students or the Guest Artist. Four weeks or more gives you an opportunity to connect, build trust, and actually teach the students. It also allows time for you to see Cambodia and truly experience the "why" behind what you are doing.

How much will it cost to be a Guest Artist?

The biggest expense is airfare, which can be as low as \$800 though the average is around \$1,200 depending where you are flying from. Once you arrive in Cambodia, your lodging can be as low as \$450 for the month (at an AirBnB home which includes your own room with attached bathroom, wifi, maid service, and shared kitchen access). Guest Houses and hotels tend to be more expensive with a monthly cost closer to \$1000 depending on where you choose to stay. Food is inexpensive, especially if you stay at an AirBnB with a shared kitchen. Most Guest Artists spend around \$2500 to \$3000, but a few have gotten by for even less.

How could I possibly pay for this since I will be missing work too?

Many of our participants use "GoFundMe.com" or various other crowd sourcing websites to get family and friends involved and help raise money. Some Guest Artists have raised over \$4000 in less than six weeks. Most clients are happy to schedule around your time away, especially when they find out the "why" behind your absence. Past Guest Artists have also had family and friends donate frequent flyer miles to get over, leaving all the funds raised to be used for accommodations and monthly expenses at home while they are away.

What will I be doing at the salon and academy while I am there?

Guest Artists play a vital role in keeping the program costs down and adding variety to the students educational experience. Our students also assist, giving them a complete "apprenticeship" experience. Guest Artists will provide services for clients and assist the education team with student classes. Our goal is to make sure we have a three-to-one student/teacher ratio, giving our students a greater opportunity for success.

OK, I'm in - what do I do next?

Just complete the online application and we will contact you for an informational interview. Once we have had a chance to find out more about you (and you about us), we'll need before and after pictures, a small video of you actually doing a cut and color, and a few professional references. After that, if we all agree it is a good fit, we'll pick a month and get you scheduled. Don't delay, just do it - we promise you won't regret it.

