PHILOSOPHY: Every friendship formed across the barriers of nationality, language, religion or politics makes the world a better place.


WHAT: A non-profit cultural organization focused on promoting understanding, cultural education and citizen diplomacy through homestay Journeys and personal friendships. Through these exciting personal encounters, strangers become friends – and we know that by experiencing different views, you can discover common ground.

Friendship Force International conducts over 300 programs every year, in over 350 communities throughout more than 60 countries. Our programs bring diverse people together into each other's cultures and homes to share one-of-a-kind experiences not available to regular tourists. When you travel or host with the Friendship Force, you get to know real people by sharing real life. Friendships are formed that often last a lifetime.

HOW: Our unique Friendship Force Journeys provide international travelers with opportunities to be hosted by local people, and to be treated to a local experience in places around the world, seeing the world through other people's eyes.

WHO: Friendship Force members are ordinary people like you, living all over the world, who are eager to welcome you into their culture and their life, sharing insights and experiences that are not available to tourists. By sharing experiences, a home, meals, and conversations, we believe we can reach a new level of understanding among the human family.

Friendship Force travel programs are called “Journeys.” These are a few types of Journeys we offer:

- **Homestay**
  - Be hosted by a local family for an immersive cultural experience.

- **Professional**
  - Join or host a professional development program in or from another country, such as our Open World Leadership Program.

- **Language-Learning**
  - Take language classes along with your international homestay.

- **Humanitarian & Environmental**
  - Learn about the environment or participate in volunteer projects as you travel the world.

- **Active & Outdoors**
  - Enjoy a travel program themed around hiking, cycling, rowing and more.

- **Teachers & Students**
  - Participate in learning and development trips designed for youth, students, and educators.

- **Food & Drink**
  - Experience a travel program themed around winemaking, cooking, pubs, and more.