

WORKCAMPS SELECTION FOR ADULTS +50

1- Turkey:

GEN-45 SENIOR CAMP YENI SAKRAN 01.11 – 08.11 AGRI-MANU 4 VOLS, Age: +35

This work camp is a special one for people over 35 years old. Afacan Youth House www.afacan.de is a place where GENCTUR runs voluntary work camps for disadvantaged youth and children, disabled people, teenagers and kids. In order to supply annual olive and olive oil stocks, the center will host volunteers to pick up and process olives from a municipal field. W: Volunteers will collect olives from the trees, separate according to quality, pack, make stripes on olives, etc. There is a chance to see olive oil making process in a factory. As the youth center will be shut after this camp the volunteers will be asked to help to carry goods and some cleaning work as well as part of their daily work. A: In the youth center, in double rooms with toilet and shower. F: Will be supplied at the center. LA: English. LO: Yenisakran is by the Aegean Sea, in west of Turkey. The next city is Izmir. T: Izmir. Volunteers should arrange their arrivals to Izmir Airport. Further details about arrival will be given on the info sheet.

2- Iceland:

SEEDS 071. BOTANIC GARDEN IN REYKJAVÍK (6:10), 03.07 – 16.07, ENVI / NATU, 6-8 Vols. Age: 50+

WORK/PROJECT: This is the sixth year in a row SEEDS offers projects in the Botanic Garden in Reykjavík. The Botanic Garden is an outdoor collection of living plants, founded in 1961 and will celebrate its 55th anniversary in 2016. The garden's main role is to conserve plants for education, research and delight. It conserves some 5000 plant species in eight plant collections. The collections give an idea of the enormous diversity of vegetation in the northern temperate zone.

SEEDS volunteers will be doing general garden work, attending the flowers, trees and other plants. Volunteers will assist in organizing and carrying out special events that might be planned with a short notice but they will all be related to the general aim and work of the garden.

The work may be repetitive as general gardening tasks tend to be. The project starts early every week day, working hours are from 8:00 - 15:30, so volunteers have to be motivated to work early in the morning.

ACCOMMODATION: SEEDS volunteers will stay in a well-equipped house, in a beautiful setting inside the Botanical Gardens of the city of Reykjavík, which are located about 4 kilometers from the center of the city.

Volunteers will be sleeping in shared rooms/dorms in a sleeping bag accommodation. Please bring your own sleeping bag. Please note that volunteers from other projects will also be staying in the same house.

Volunteers will receive food supplies and be in charge of the cooking and cleaning activities. Do not forget some traditional/typical food from your home country for the international evening.

LOCATION: Reykjavik is a dynamic, modern city which lives in harmony with beautiful nature,

using renewable energy sources such as geothermal power. About two thirds of the population of Iceland live in Reykjavik including the metropolitan area, or over 200,000 people.

The world's northernmost capital bridges the Atlantic, between Europe and North America. Reykjavík is spread across a peninsula with a panoramic view of the mountains and the Atlantic Ocean on almost all sides.

Reykjavik is often called "the nightlife capital of the North". But there is more to Reykjavík than pubs and clubs. Reykjavík also gathers the most interesting of Icelandic culture. It is an incubator of new ideas and styles which often indicates new global trends.

In the summer, you can sit by the harbor at midnight and watch the sun dip slightly below the horizon before it makes its way up again.

In the area closer than 100 km from Reykjavík, there are several spectacular waterfalls, geysers, impressive coastline and the well-known geothermal Blue Lagoon spa to visit.

LANGUAGE: English will be the official language in the camp; high proficiency is not a requirement.

TERMINAL: Closest International Airport: Keflavík/Reykjavík (KEF).

EXTRAS / SPECIAL REMARKS: Participation fee EUR 220, - (Euros). Please note that these fees are to be paid to SEEDS on arrival in either Euros or Icelandic krónas.

Volunteers will have free access to one of the largest swimming pools in Iceland, which is only a few minutes' walk from the house.

Volunteers have to bring good working shoes and clothes, even though summer is coming, it might still be cold and hats and gloves might be necessary.

Excursions (Blue Lagoon, Golden Circle, South shore, etc) can be arranged for SEEDS volunteers at discount fares.

SEEDS 095. BOTANIC GARDEN IN REYKJAVÍK (8:10), 01.08 – 13.08, ENVI / NATU, 6-8 Vols., Age: 40+

WORK/PROJECT: This is the sixth year in a row SEEDS offers projects in the Botanic Garden in Reykjavík. The Botanic Garden is an outdoor collection of living plants, founded in 1961 and will celebrate its 55th anniversary in 2016. The garden's main role is to conserve plants for education, research and delight. It conserves some 5000 plant species in eight plant collections. The collections give an idea of the enormous diversity of vegetation in the northern temperate zone.

SEEDS volunteers will be doing general garden work, attending the flowers, trees and other plants. Volunteers will assist in organizing and carrying out special events that might be planned with a short notice but they will all be related to the general aim and work of the garden.

The work may be repetitive as general gardening tasks tend to be. The project starts early every week day, working hours are from 8:00 - 15:30, so volunteers have to be motivated to work early in the morning.

ACCOMMODATION: SEEDS volunteers will stay in a well-equipped house, in a beautiful setting inside the Botanical Gardens of the city of Reykjavík, which are located about 4 kilometers from

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3- Switzerland:

WS16H, KPILGRIMS TRAIL , 19/06/16 – 02/07/16 , ENVI/RENO :

PROJECT : The Volunteers live and work in a natural park known for an extensive network of hiking trails. Back in time pilgrims walked up to the chapel situated next to the guest house. Back in the 17th century mining has been practiced for more than a century. Ovens, tunnels and other buildings have been covered by vegetation. The aim of the project is to give access to this old infrastructure by clearing off. It's in the interest of the natural park to make historical treasures accessible for tourists.

WORK : The main work is making a hiking trail. Therefore de-bushing has to be done as well as

minor ground shifts. In order to prevent flooding it's necessary to build channels as well. Work will be done principally by using shovels and will be accompanied by a professional at all times.

LOCATION: Binn, a wild valley is situated in the south of Switzerland close to the Italian border. From Binn it's less than one hour to reach Brig, a small city with excellent connections to Bern and Geneva. Touristic hot-spots as Zermatt and Interlaken are nearby; but there is way more to see of the beaten track; in between larch forests you will find crystal clear alpine lakes. Also discover the hidden mineral treasures of the Binn valley or simply enjoy the beauty of nature.

ACCOMMODATION : A hand full of volunteers will stay together in two rooms of a charming and recently refurbished guest house. The kitchen of the guest house prepares the meals for the volunteers. The accommodation is perfect for real nature lovers who want to spend some time in the mountains.

SPECIAL REMARKS/ REQUIREMENTS : Volunteers are working outdoors what can be physically demanding especially when weather is harsh. Bring along robust working clothes, sun and rain protection and quality hiking shoes.

FREE TIME ACTIVITIES : In their leisure time volunteers can go for a walk in the nearby woods. The area is frequented by mountain-bikers as well as famous for hiking tourists. It's worth spending time in the natural park that surrounds you. On the weekend a two day hike is likely to be the best activity.

TERMINAL : Closest Airports: Geneva, Milano

LANGUAGE: English

Long-term project MTV:

WS16SB , 28/08/16 – 11/09/16 , PERMA-OASIS , ENVI

PROJECT : Above the city of Zurich, situated on top of the house mountain "Uetliberg", the guest-house and seminar centre "Im Sonnenbühl" offers the perfect ambiance for tranquility or lively exchange. Guests can experience a rich offer of various seminars, workshops and events. There is a yurt for interested people to rent for private events such as birthdays or weddings. The owner of the property has a vision to welcome different people and offer different events to bring people together. In this location there are also offered healing arts such as Yoga, Massage, Coaching or Meditation.

WORK : The aim of this Workcamp is to design a part of the big surrounding of the guest house with the methods of permaculture into a sustainable garden that fits into the landscape and the buildings and that will be open for guests and special groups. In the main concept of the recreation of a part of the old garden, following elements are planned to be included: - beetroot that are planted into a small hill, - fruit and walnut trees, - a spiral herbal garden, - recreation of the former pool into a nature pool, - vertical garden along the wall of the house (living houses). It's a long-term project and vision. The Volunteers will start with certain tasks.

ACCOMMODATION : Volunteers will sleep in the charming and very comfortable guesthouse with space for eight Volunteers. They will have their own kitchen to prepare the meals, a bath and toilet and a cosy living room. The group of Volunteers is responsible for preparing breakfast, lunch and dinner. There is a big outside area with swimming pool, fire place and green area where

Volunteers can relax after a working day.

LOCATION : Zurich is a lively business city close to Zurich airport. Although from Zurich main station it will only take you around 25 minutes to the house mountain “Uetliberg”, the guesthouse and seminar centre “Im Sonnenbühl” is like an oasis in the middle of nature. From Zurich main station you will take the train S10 to Uetliberg. At the terminal stop “Uetliberg” it just takes three minutes to the project place.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

The minimum age is 18+. Volunteers with garden work experiences are very welcome, who love to work outside and who are nature lovers. Volunteers will work six hours a day from Monday till Friday. There will be a professional gardener who will instruct the Volunteers.

AIRPORT : The next airport is Zurich.

LANGUAGES : English

4- Kyrgyzstan:

LSM-03, Public Union “Ravenstvo”, Karakol, 20+

About Public Union “Ravenstvo”: Ravenstvo (translated as “Equality”) is a non-governmental organization that works with disabled people of all age groups. The organization was founded in 2004 and unites 400 people with disabilities in 4 areas of the region. Ravenstvo has its own specialized school for 15 handicapped children and a library for blind people.

Volunteer’s Role: You will be able to work in the following sphere of activities:

- Participate in organization of various activities/programs (music, photography, art etc.) with handicapped people including children and the elderly
- Hold language and computer courses (upon request)
- Take part in meetings with disabled children’s parents

The organization has preferences to work with volunteers who are:

-IT specialists

-Contribute to organization’s development

-Have skills to work with mentally and disables kids

Accommodation: The volunteer will live with a local family, which will provide the volunteer with their own room and all the necessary conveniences. You will join your host-family for breakfast and dinner; lunch will be provided at the office together with other members of Ravenstvo.

Note: A volunteer is requested to have basic skills working with disabled people, as well as basic Russian or Kyrgyz language skills. New methods/approaches are always welcomed.

LSM-05 Public Associations " Baldar Omur Bulagy " Karakol 20+:

About PA "Baldar Omur Bulagy":

PA " Baldar Omur Bulagy " was established on May 6, 2006 on the initiative of the mothers of children with disabilities. The creation of a stable base to support children with disabilities and their families in all areas of life. In the organization are conducted classes in elementary school program individually with each child, as well as educational classes and clubs by interests (origami, sewing, painting, etc.). The organization has five employees and one volunteer from " JICA ".

21 children attend the center of the organization. Tup (Kirgh. Түп) - the administrative center of the district of Tup. Located in the eastern part of the Issyk-Kul, 27 km from the regional center - the city of Karakol.

Mission: Protecting the rights of children with disabilities and their mothers by providing material, moral social support, adaptation, integration of children into society. Assist in improving the lives of children with disabilities and their families.

Volunteer's Role: We need a volunteer in the direction of institutional development.

1. Knowledge of Russian or kyrgyz language.
2. Have the appropriate education or experience in this area.
3. Have the intention to serve and work as a volunteer at least 2 years
4. Age not younger than 20 years
5. Paul, Russ and religion does not matter.

Accommodation: The volunteer will live with a local family, which will provide the volunteer with their own room and all the necessary conveniences. You will join your host-family for breakfast and dinner; lunch will be provided at the office together with other members of PA "Baldar Omur Bulagy".

Note: A volunteer is requested to have basic skills working with disabled people, as well as basic Russian or Kyrgyz language skills. New methods/approaches are always welcomed.

5- Finland:

ALLI22 Wellness Punkaharju 10.07-23.07. ENVI/CULT, 10 vols, 25-99

P: The host organization Ikko is a modern, non-political and non-religious folk high school offering both general and vocational education for Finnish and international students and groups throughout the year. They also host special target groups such as students with special needs as well as young asylum seekers.

W: The school surroundings need maintaining so the volunteers will mainly work with garden work, berry picking, tidying the environment and other seasonal tasks. Please note that this project is not a traditional work camp, so the work tasks are less than in usual work camps and depending on the season there is also some work with the events and activities of other local organisations.

A: Accommodation will be in dormitory, all meals provided. There are possibilities for various creative and other activities. Sauna and swimming facilities are also available.

L: The camp language will be English.

L: Punkaharju is located in eastern Finland near Savonlinna and it takes about four hours by train from Helsinki. The school is situated in a location of superb natural beauty, right on the magnificent Punkaharju ridge. It is surrounded on both sides by lakes and magnificent scenery. The area offers excellent opportunities for a variety of nature and outdoor activities. The volunteers can also attend some Finnish language and culture lessons as well as join visits to local sights and events.

T: Punkaharju

SR: The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay

Extra fee: 150 euros due to program and facilities of the camp.

ALLI16 Aukusti Jalasjarvi, 07.08- 20.08. CULT, 8 vols, 20-99

P: The camp host is the local cultural association Mukula which organises various cultural events for children and young people. They also organise annually a small rock festival in Jalasjarvi, The festival attracts about 3000-4000 guests.

W: The work will be to assist in organizing a small local rock festival. The festival is being held for the 16th time on 12th-14th of August. The volunteers will assist in practical tasks (simple but sometimes heavy work) in arranging the event. The first week will mostly consist of building the fences and setting up and on the second week tidying up the area afterwards. So if you are interested in rock music and the Finnish countryside, and are ready to work hard in all weather conditions this is the camp for you!

A: The accommodation is at a local youth centre Wilhola within walking distance from the festival area. There is a shared sleeping area. Meals will be cooked together by the volunteers.

L: The camp language will be English.

L: Jalasjarvi. Jalasjarvi is located in Southern Ostrobothnia and has about 8000 inhabitants. The youth centre has a lot of activities (own movie theatre!) and pool table, games etc. Evenings are free and we will arrange some fun activities like sightseeing etc. for you to take part in if you want.

T: Seinajoki/Jalasjarvi

S.R: The volunteers need travel insurance for the duration of their stay.

Fee: 30 euros

6- Estonia:

EST 02 ERTO ECO FARM I, TARTU, 29.05 – 05.06, AGRI, 5 vols

EST 11 ERTO ECO FARM II, TARTU, 03.07 – 10.07, AGRI, 5 vols

Learning by doing at eco-farms in the beautiful Estonian countryside

Project: For years EstYES has been cooperating with farms all over Estonia for solidarity, respect and practical support to local people who work in agricultural sector keeping traditional life style and developing new eco-farming despite of all difficulties. Erto Farm is one of such projects. This is

an organic farm promoting sustainable lifestyle, and this camp is proposed for volunteers who appreciate and share its values, want to learn more about it and to help hard working people. Erto Farm located in the Jogeva County in the South of Estonia. The farm is one of the few organic farms in this area. It is specialized in growing vegetables and beef cattle.

Work: The main task for volunteers will be to weed and harvest (manually) vegetables and take care for animals (cows). Volunteers have to be motivated to work outdoors doing sometimes quite physical work under changing weather conditions. The volunteers will work during working days for 6-8 hours. Saturday and Sunday are free.

Accommodation: The 100 m away from the main farmhouse there is a small house with the kitchen, one bedroom (mattresses) and dry toilet. Volunteers will stay there. Shower and sauna is available in the main Farmhouse. Please bring your sleeping bag. Volunteers will share the duties of cooking meals and cleaning. Volunteers will be eating mainly local, organic food from the farm.

Location: Erto Farm is situated 35 km north of Tartu, second largest city in Estonia, famous university town <http://www.visittartu.com/> in the Vooremaa landscape region. More information on [http://stage.estonica.ee/en/Nature/Central Estonia/The large drumlins and lakes of Vooremaa](http://stage.estonica.ee/en/Nature/Central%20Estonia/The%20large%20drumlins%20and%20lakes%20of%20Vooremaa)

Terminal: Airport, harbour, bus or train station in Tallinn; bus or train to Tartu, pick up by hosts from Tartu.

Special requirements: The camp is open for young people who is interested in organic farming and is ready to get real experience of it. Please be prepared to the simple conditions of Estonian country side. Volunteers have to be motivated to work outdoors doing manual/ physical work under changing weather conditions. German, English, Russian are possible camp languages.

Leisure time: The camp takes place in the area of outstanding beauty. There are many possibilities for leisure time, especially for those who love nature: acquaintance with nature of the area, hiking, swimming, etc. Some free time activities will be organized for participants as a day trip and excursions in the area (for example: Tartu; 15 km away from Farm is located Ice Ace Center; close to farm there is a family play-land Vudila and Elistvere Animal Park). Some of them will be free of charge while others might require a modest financial contribution.

Participation fee: Due to lack of communal resources for this camp we ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

EST 03 ENGLISH IN THE CITY I, TALLINN, 05.06 – 12.06 KIDS/ TEACH, 2 vols

EST 24 ENGLISH IN THE CITY II, TALLINN, 31.07 - 06.08 KIDS/ TEACH, 2 vols

EST 34 ENGLISH IN THE CITY III, TALLINN, 14.08 - 25.08 KIDS/ TEACH, 2 vols

Teaching kids English in fun and interactive way staying in the heart of magic Tallinn

Project: The project partner is Tallinn based hobby school Optimum Semper which was established in 2011 with the aim to provide additional high quality education to local children using alternative teaching methods designed and developed by the school teachers. School gives children the opportunity to acquire extra-curricular skills and experience in areas of interest to them. Special emphasis is put on studies of languages, art, handicraft, acting and nature. The focus of the school is intercultural learning and integration of youngsters into rapidly changing globalizing world. The age of young people attending this school is 4 to 16+. Every year in summer the school runs short

English language camp aimed at providing additional studies and real practice to local young people. To help this international volunteers are warmly invited to join the project and contribute to the alternative learning process. Participation in this camp gives excellent opportunity to practice work with kids and English language teaching as well as to stay in the Estonian capital in summer enjoying numerous attractions it offers to the guests.

Work: The general camp program (themes, actions, social activities, fun games, excursions) is worked out by the supervisor of the camp. Volunteers together with a local project coordinator are responsible for the day activities in the camp. The teacher`s main task is to provide children with live communication, activate their vocabulary and encourage them to speak English. The volunteers` task is planning language activities and games (the vocabulary depends on the topic of the day and level of children knowledge), carrying out the planned activities, taking part in excursions (which are free for volunteers) assisting the teacher. The topics will vary from day to day. The last day of the camp is so called “Parents` day”, when children will make a performance in English which was prepared together with their teacher and the volunteers in advance. Volunteers will stay with children from 10.00 until 15.30 and spend another hour or two to prepare the next day activities. The total number of camp participants is about 20 kids aged 7-12. The volunteers will work in a smaller group of 10 children in each. In addition to the volunteers there are 2 teachers and one assistant. Most of the local children in the camp are Russian-speaking youngsters. The camp activities will take place in a learning centre situated in the center of the city.

This year our school offers several periods for taking part in our city camps:

05.06.16 – 12.06.16 - for kids 10-14 years old

31.07.16 – 06.08.16 - for kids 5-7 years old

14.08.16 – 25.08.16 - for kids 7-13 years old

Accommodation: On mattresses in the class rooms of the “Optimum Semper” school in the centre of Tallinn. Toilets are available, sauna and laundry room is very near to the accommodation place. Please bring a sleeping bag. You will have breakfasts at the place of accommodation; lunches will be organized for whole camp in the city center, dinner will be prepared by the volunteers themselves but paid by the school.

Location: Camp will take place in Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. More information on www.tallinn.ee

Special requirements: The volunteer has to be really motivated to work with children. The previous experience in working with preschoolers and teenagers is an advantage. Your ideas and actual preparation to do the activities for children are essential. A good level of English is required.

Leisure time: There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities as camp will take place in the Estonian capital Tallinn where one can find attractions for any taste. Summer period is especially reach with cultural events of all kinds.

Teaching local kids French in fun and interactive way staying in picturesque countryside

Project: Do you want to spend three weeks working with kids in the **village of Paris in Estonia**? Then this camp is for you! The camp is organized for kids and teenagers by the Association of Teachers of French in Estonia. The main aim of the camp is to provide intensive experience of learning and practicing French for kids and teenagers outside school curriculum using facilities of children camp Pariisi. The camp program includes games and activities, performances in the open air, hikes, excursions and visits, talks and discussions in the working groups. Naturally the language of this camp is **French** – what else would you speak in *Pariisi*?

Work: Activating kids and teenagers, providing cross-cultural learning experience for them as well as French language environment. It will be done through the games, drama, sport activities, excursions, discussions, etc. Volunteers along with local coordinators will be responsible for the whole program of the camp. **The work can be pretty hard involving long working hours some days, requiring high commitment and responsibility for the camp program. At the same time it is a good chance to practice different teaching methods and try out working in team starting with planning process to realizing real activities.** There will be two shifts during the period of camp. The first one will involve kids aged 8-10, the second one – teenagers aged 11-13. There is going to be around 40 participants in each shift. In addition to teachers there will be local young volunteer assistants in the camp.

Accommodation: Camp has two buildings with 2-5 bedded rooms. Volunteers will have their one room. Beds will be provided, sleeping bag is NOT needed. Toilets, showers and sauna are available. There is a hall for performances, open air stage, swimming pool, sport facilities for ball games, table tennis, bicycles, etc. Volunteers and participants will have their meals in the local café. See some photos on www.pariisi.ee

Location: Camp takes place in Pariisi village, about 100 km from Tallinn the capital of Estonia. Nearest towns are Rakvere (20km) and Tapa (15km). The picturesque area around the camp with many hills, streams, rivers and lakes is very suitable for hikes and bicycle tours. Famous Lahemaa National Park is about 20 km from the camp. More information on www.visitestonia.com , www.lahemaa.ee, www.rakvere.ee

Terminal: Airport, bus or train station, harbor in Tallinn; special car to transfer from Tallinn to the camp. It is advisable to come 1-2 days earlier to get acquainted with teachers, join Mid-summer festivities on 23.06 with them and travel together to the camp site.

Special requirements: Good level of French is required! You should be **really motivated** to work with children. Previous experience is an asset. All good ideas of activities for youngsters, games are welcomed. Please bring some materials, postcards, posters, music, etc. from your country and be ready to present it to kids.

Leisure time: There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities: swimming, hiking, sports, etc. Excursions to Lahemaa National Park and Rakvere are foreseen.

EST 17 PARIISI ENG, RAKVERE 15.07 - 07.08 KIDS/ TEACH 3 vols

Teaching kids English in fun and interactive way staying in picturesque countryside

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Work: Activating kids and teenagers, providing cross-cultural learning experience for them as well as English language environment. It will be done through the games, drama, sport activities, excursions, discussions, etc. Volunteers along with local coordinators will be responsible for the whole program of the camp. **The work can be pretty hard, involving long working hours some days, requiring high level of commitment and responsibility for the camp program.**

Age of kids is 10-15. There will be 3 shifts during 3 weeks: two first dedicated to English and Computers, the last one – English and Arts. And it is going to be around 50 teenage participants in the each shift of the camp.

Accommodation: Camp has two buildings with 2-3 bedded rooms. Volunteers will stay in their own room. Beds are provided, but please bring your sleeping bag. Toilets, showers and sauna are available. There is a hall for performances, open air stage, swimming pool, sport facilities for ball games, table tennis, bicycles, etc. Volunteers and participants will have their meals in the local canteen. See some photos on www.pariisi.ee

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Terminal: Airport, bus or train station, harbor in Tallinn; bus to Rakvere.

Special requirements: **The minimum age of volunteers is 19. A very good level of spoken English** is required. Please provide your **Motivation Letter** You should be really motivated to work with kids and teenagers. Previous experience is an asset. All ideas of activities for youngsters, games etc. are welcomed. It is highly desirable that you could share some of your skills and knowledge with children - e.g. teach them dancing or playing music, make a performance or do some handicrafts.

Leisure time: There are a lot of possibilities for leisure time activities: swimming, hiking, sports, horse riding, etc. Excursions to Lahemaa National Park and Rakvere are possible.

EST 19 LEPANIIDI FARM I, HIIUMAA 18.07 - 07.08 AGRI 4 vols

EST 36 LEPANIIDI FARM II HIIUMAA 29.08 – 18.09 AGRI 3 vols

Helping local farmers on the romantic island of Hiiumaa !

Project: Hiiumaa according to the Nordic sagas emerged from the Baltic Sea as a small islet more than 10 000 years ago. The island of Hiiumaa was first mentioned in historical documents as a deserted island called Dageida in 1228. The first inhabitants settled down at the end of the 13th century. Nowadays Hiiumaa is the second biggest island of Estonia with the area of 965 sq. km and the population around 10 000. It has many historical and nature sights, and there are kind people known for their hospitality and good sense of humor. The island is referred as a remote area of Europe, so EstYES feels particularly proud developing international voluntary projects for dozen of years there. Also, for years EstYES has been cooperating with farms all over Estonia for solidarity, respect and practical support to local people who work in agricultural sector keeping traditional life style and developing new eco-farming despite of all difficulties. Lepaniidi Farm is one of such projects. This is an organic farm promoting sustainable lifestyle, and this camp is proposed for volunteers who appreciate and share its values, want to learn more about it and to help hard working people.

Work: Lepaniidi Farm has currently 21 goats, 8 of them are for milk and goat cheese production. Volunteers will be helping grazing, feeding, milking the goats, processing the milk, but also picking berries and vegetables. Thus in the mornings and evenings there will be milking the goats. At day - picking the berries and fruits (raspberries and blackberries) and making a jam. Some days there will be work in vegetable garden, removing weeds, picking beetroots, etc. During the autumn shift volunteers will be mainly picking up and sorting vegetables (potatoes, carrots, beetroots). Participants will have a great chance to get familiar with various farm jobs and even to learn how to make goat cheese! The working day will be 5-7 hours, 5-6 days a week. Work will be done under supervision of local hosts.

Accommodation: The accommodation conditions at the farm will be simple - in old granary, however on beds. Please bring your sleeping bag. Toilets and showers are available; there is also traditional Estonian sauna in the farm. There is a kitchen with necessary equipment for cooking, which volunteers may use freely – just like at home. Usually volunteers will have breakfasts and lunch together with farmers cooked and served by the hosts, while dinners will be prepared on their own.

Location: Hiiumaa Island, Kaina parish, Ristivalja village, Lepaniidi farm. Hiiumaa Island is in the west of Estonia, 140 km from Tallinn. More information on www.hiiumaa.ee or www.visitestonia.com

Terminal: Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn. From the airport bus nr 2 going to the city centre stops by the Tallinn Bus Station. From there two times per day buses take you straight to Hiiumaa (including ferry transportation from the mainland). Timetables are available online at www.tpilet.ee

Special requirements: Motivation letter is required. You have to be ready to adapt to the simple conditions of the common life in the country side of Estonia and be willing to do farm work, which can be hard sometimes. Not suitable for lactose allergic participants since hosts offer a lot of milk products. NB! Smoking and drinking alcohol is not allowed in this camp!

Leisure time: There are lot of nice natural picturesque sights in the area. Sea coast is 7 km away from the working place and there are good possibility take the bicycles and go to swim. It is

possible to visit other parts of Hiiumaa Island on weekend. Hiiumaa offers a lot of events on weekends in summer. Hosts plan to arrange some tours around the island. This camp is absolutely suitable for people who enjoy nature and are interested in traditional ways of rural living.

Participation fee: Due to lack of communal resources for this camp we ask participants to contribute **30 Euro** towards the costs of the general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.

7- Haiti:

VFP HAITI03-16 TEACHING ENGLISH AT THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, DUCHITY JANUARY 1, 2016 – DECEMBER 16, 2016 PERMANENT EDU/CULT AGES 30+

PARTNER: Volunteers For Peace is supporting community development, cultural exchange and education at the Vocational School in Duchity, Haiti! Duchity is a village in the mountains of Grand'Anse about a 6 hour drive south east of Port au Prince. It is a rural agricultural region with 21 small villages creating a population of about 22,000. VFP has been sending volunteers to work on construction and education projects in Duchity for 4 years.

WORK: The volunteer will be teaching English at the Vocational School and in the community. There is a curriculum provided to help focus and advance the study although volunteers are encouraged to bring additional materials, teaching methods, and activities to share. Additional opportunities to provide extra-curricular activities in local primary schools. Art, music, sports, drama and other activities are particularly desired. Volunteers are also welcome to assist with computer education classes and other activities at the Vocational school which may be administrative, construction, gardening, cooking or other.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD: Volunteers will stay in the TCHAKA Inn in Port au Prince for the first two days. This inn is located in the home of the Duchity project organizers and is very comfortable. In Duchity volunteers will stay in the vocational school. Beds with mattresses are provided at both locations. All meals are provided but are typical Haitian and center around rice and beans as well as fruit and vegetables that are in season. In all locations Biosand Water Filters are provided so you will have access to clean drinking water

LOCATION AND LEISURE: Duchity is a beautiful and rural area. There is a local community which volunteers will easily become part of. You will have a lot of time to explore the natural beauty and culture with the new friends you make. Opportunity to visit some larger cities as well as the ocean will be possible.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Volunteers who can stay 2 3 months will be given priority. Volunteers must be self-motivated and eager to engage with the people of Duchity. Please include your motivation on the registration form.

Knowledge of French or Creole very helpful.

VFP does not provide insurance for this program.

REQUIREMENTS: Extra fee must be paid to VFP 1 month before your project begins. The fee is \$400 per month. This entire fee goes to Haiti to cover your expenses including in country transportation, leadership, meal, accommodation, and contribution to the vocational school.

7- In France:

SJ03 THE MERCANTOUR SILVER MINE 15/05/16 – 29/05/16 RENO 12 vols 18+

Project: The Vallauria Mine has been exploited between the Middle Ages and 1930 for his galena deposit (silver lead) and sphalerite (zinc mineral). Today, the site has a historical and geological preserved heritage. This is one of the largest mines in the Alps. Since 2011, volunteers have been working on the site to make it accessible above and underground. Archaeological excavations have been ongoing since 2009.

This project is about highlighting the geological and mining heritage. Your work will enable the association “Neige & Merveilles” and the town of Tende to create a new service of sustainable tourism and to develop an economic activity that will benefit the entire area. We aim to open the mine to the public and to implement public tours that will showcase this exceptional heritage.

Work: You will work inside the mine, in the medieval part of the site. You will clean and drain a gallery and move some stones in order to facilitate visitors' circulation. We will use a special technique to split and move the stones. We will use them to rebuild the existing walls (traditional dry-stone technique).

We will work 4 days a week (from 8.30- to 12 and 14 to 17.30). There will be a technical leader and an archaeological monitoring.

Leisure activities: Two full weekends and one day during the week will be dedicated to leisure activities. You will discover archaeological sites such as «La Vallée des Merveilles» (Valley of Marvels) and «La Vallée de Fontanalbe» but also the Mercantour National Park. You will be able to enjoy sport activities: hiking, climbing, ... You will decide and organize the activities all together.

Accommodation: in rooms of 2, 3 or 4 people. You will not cook the meals as there will be a kitchen team but you will be asked to help the team to cook sometimes and to clean the dining room and the dishes.

Location: Tende (2 hours from Nice by train). The site is isolated in the mountain (1500 meters above sea level), 10 km away from Tende and 50 km away from Vintimille (Italy).

Closest train station: Tende **Closest airport:** Nice

SJ20 FEELING INVINCIBLE NEAR LANGRES 09/07/16-30/0716 RENO 10 vols 18+

Project: This international project is organised by the “Groupement d’Acteurs Ruraux et Ecoactivites” in conjunction with the municipality of Val d’Esnoms which was formed after the union of 3 villages: Esnoms au-Val, Courcelles Val d’Esnoms, and Chatoillenet. This workcamp will host 10 young volunteers from all backgrounds and cultures, and it will take place in a municipality where conviviality and community life dominate everyday life. During 3 weeks, you will work in shaping the surrounding walls at the cemeteries of Esnoms-au-Val and Courvelles Val d’Egnom, immersed in the local fabric of this eventful society.

Work: The project’s main goal is to build a surrounding wall on the Esnoms-au-Val cemetery. This includes building a stonewall, and making and laying a coat of traditional whitewash made with natural ingredients. A second workcamp is also planned, but it’s start will depend on the progress made on the first one. It will consist of refurbishing the wall that surrounds the Courcelles cemetery using a dry stone method.

Leisure activities: This town has a rich associative networks comprised of over 30 organizations in the municipality alone. This network punctuates the life of this village community whose lifestyle and spirit punctuate the life in the countryside. You will have the opportunity to experience the sharing and human warmth of Val d'Esnoms with its inhabitants through several events and activities such as farmers' markets, national festivities, painting exhibits and more. In addition to this community life experience, you will be able to discover the fortified village of Langres and its summer activities (concerts, visits....), the "terroir" and the "savoir-faire" (craftsmanship, agricultural productions...), the local architecture and history (Auberive Abbey, Montsaugéon village...) Finally, you will be able to take advantage of the forest life and environment unique to the region through outdoors and sports activities.

Accommodation: In the old Esnoms-au-Val presbytery which consists of a kitchen, a large living room, a completely renovated bathroom, 3 bedrooms -each with a watering place. The presbytery opens up to a large grove.

Location: 24km from Langres

Closest train station: Langres (24 km) and Chalindrey (25 km)

SJ12 YOUR RENOVATION MISSION 04/07/16-18/07/16 RENO 12 vols 18+

Introduction: This project is part of a comprehensive effort to conserve and enhance the Vallauris silver mine, a medieval mine in the Valley of Marvels and a heritage site of the Alpes-Maritimes. After its restoration, this storage workshop, built during the mining exploitations at the end of the 19th century, will be used to store materials and safety equipment needed to visit the mine. It will also be used to store the artifacts found during the archeological excavations at the site. The advance during initial phase of the works in 2014 included disassembling the roof and frame, raising part of the wall, and creating a concrete wall tie. In 2015 the roof and frame were rebuilt conserving the shape of the original gable roof. In 2016, we will continue with these works.

Work: this project includes several technic goals: exterior work on all the facades to make the building (la poudriere) air-tight, rework of the whole of the cover of the adjoining outbuilding (10 m²), construction of a buttress on the East façade.

We will work on this project 4 days a week from 8.30am to 12pm and from 2pm to 5.30pm, and you will be supervised by a technical facilitator. The site will benefit from archeological follow up and monitoring.

Leisure time: recreational activities will be divided in two areas. The first one, in accordance with the goal of the project, is to carry out, since the beginning of the stay, a comprehensive visit of this heritage site to better understand the project. The second will focus on the exploration of the region, and sports activities. The schedule will be set collectively: Discovery of Historic and cultural heritage of the region (Valley of Marvels and National Park, Medieval villages, Mediterranean coast,) formal and informal meetings with people involved in mountain life (Shepherds, chaperons, guest speakers proposed by the organization) participation in local cultural events (feasts and traditional festivities) participation in one or several sports activities (hiking, climbing, tree-climbing course, via ferrate...)

Two entire weekends and one day during the week will be allocated to these activities.

Accommodation: 2,3 or 4 person room with toilets. A cooking team will prepare the meals, not the volunteers, but help will be needed with at kitchen, setting the dining rooms and washing the dishes.

Location: Tende, located 2 hours away from Nice by train. Very isolated in the mountain at 1500m

above sea level, the site is a 10 kms from Tende and 50 kms away from Vintimille.

Closest train station: Tende **Airport:** Nice

SJ44 THE MERCANTOUR SILVER MINE 2 24/07/16-08/08/16 RENO 12 vols 18+

Project: The mine at Vallauria was exploited from the Middle Age to 1930 for its galena (argentiferous lead) and zinc mineral reservoir. Today, the mine constitutes a site of great historic and geological heritage in a remarkably well preserved, and it's one of the most important mines in the Alps. Archeological excavations have been under way since 2009 and workcamps of volunteers have been rehabilitating the site's accessibility both in the surface as in the underground since 2011. This project aims to enhance the site's archeological and mining heritage; the works completed will allow Neige & Merveilles and the municipality of Tende to create a sustainable new tourism service and to develop an economic activity that will benefit the region as a whole. Our goal is to be able to open the mine to the public and showcase its exceptional heritage. We believe it is also very important to pass on the rich geological and mining history of to the local population so that they can take ownership of this heritage site dating from the 11th and 12th centuries.

Work: You will work on the access trails to the galleries of the mining site (in the exterior). You will build a ramp against the rock cliff from the site's entry (Santa Barbara gallery). It will be necessary to sort out and pile rocks near the construction site in order to build a stone support wall. We will also work on remaking a low wall. Finally, we will build a coltsfoot stairway whose low, wide tread steps will reduce the current slope.

We will work 4 days per week (8h30-12h) (14h-17h30). You will be under the supervision of a technical leader.

Leisure activities: The recreational program will be centered around the exploration of archeological sites (Merveille and Fontanalbe Valleys) and of the Mercantour national park. Sports activities such as accrobranche, hiking, climbing will be proposed to the participants as well as outings on bus to discover the valleys and the littoral. The activities are agreed upon and organized collectively. The technical supervisor of the project will familiarise you with the construction techniques and "savoir-faire" of today and the respect for heritage. He will accompany you in discovering the heritage richness of La Brigue et Saorge, villages that have earned the label of "Country of Art and History".

Two entire weekends as well as a day during every week will be dedicated to exploratory activities outside of the project site.

Accommodation: in 2, 3 or 4 person rooms with toilets. The meals will not be prepared by the volunteers, but by a cooking team. However, we do ask for help with the kitchen, setting the dining rooms and washing the dishes.

Location: Tende, 2 hours away from Nice by train. The site is isolated in a mountain at 1500m above sea level, 10km from Tende and 50km from Vintimille (Italy).

SJ68 A ROOF FOR "LES MERVEILLES" 15/08/16-29/08/16 12 vols 18+

Project: The buildings at Neige & Merveilles make up a hamlet that forms part of a beautiful mountain environment in which the buildings, with their matching natural stone facades, are perfectly integrated to the site. This project's objective is to completely renovate the roofing of the

“Le collectif” building, and to improve the energy performance (roof insulation, high performance double-glazed windows, wood-heating system) of the facilities with special attention to air tightness and the reduction of thermal bridges. The current roof is in very poor condition, affected by the weather, snow and ice. The site borders the area at the heart of the Mecantour National Park and the materials used will be selected in coherence and harmony with the environment and the whole of the hamlet at La Minière de Vallauria. The building is primarily used to welcome groups of children on discovery field-trips and it features classrooms, a library, offices and workshops.

Work: The project work consists of replacing the existing roofing, insulating the new one (15 cm of wood wool) and installing ventilation duct with a chimney. The surface of the roof is 270 Sq. meters. You will install provisional construction safety rails and fencing to secure the site, dismantle and drain old roofing cover, lay 15cm of wood wool in between the existing beams, install 25mm thick larch wooden boards (sheathing) and install battens and counter battens before the steel gutters. We will work 4 days a week (8h30-12h) (14h-17h30) and you will be supervised by a technical leader.

Leisure activities: Our goals in terms of recreational activities are that the youth adopt a program of discovery/exploratory activities, to encourage all initiatives, to motivate them to practice quality sports and cultural activities that allow them to discover their surroundings and themselves and to share. The recreation program will include raising awareness of and respect for nature, nocturnal observation of wildlife with a commentated walk, exploration of natural environment (hiking, streams. Exploration of the city, scenic villages, and the Mediterranean coast can also be part of the program that the volunteers and their leader will create. Two entire weekends and one day during every week will be dedicated to exploratory activities outside of the project site.

Accommodations: 2,3, and 4 Person rooms with toilets. The meals will be prepared by cooking team –not the volunteers- but help will be needed in the kitchen, setting up the dining rooms and washing the dishes.

Location: Tende, 2 hours away from Nice by train. The site is isolated in the mountain (1,500 m above sea level) 10km away from Tende and 50km away from Vintimille

Closest train station : Tende Airport : Nice

**SJ72 THE MERCANTOUR SILVER MINE 3 21/08/16-05/09/16 RENO 12 vols
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Project: The mine at Vallauria was exploited from the Middle Age to 1930 for its galena (argentiferous lead) and zinc mineral reservoir. Today, the mine constitutes a site of great historic and geological heritage in a remarkably well preserved, and it's one of the most important mines in the Alps. Archaeological excavations have been under way since 2009 and workcamps of volunteers have been rehabilitating the site's accessibility both in the surface and in the underground since 2011. This project aims to enhance the site's archaeological and mining heritage; the works completed will allow Neige & Merveilles and the municipality of Tende to create a sustainable new tourism service and to develop an economic activity that will benefit the region as a whole. Our goal is to be able to open the mine to the public and showcase its exceptional heritage. We believe it is also very important to pass on the rich geological and mining history of to the local population so that they can take ownership of this heritage site dating from the 11th and 12th centuries.

Work: The work, at the entrance of the Pozzetto Gallery in the underground, consists of the construction of a descending ramp to allow the construction of pathway (walls) and of prolonging

the stairs created last year of 12 supplementary steps. The materials –sand and limestone- are delivered by helicopter.

We will work 4 days per week (8h30-12h) (14h-17h30). You will be under the supervision of a technical leader.

Leisure activities: The recreational program will be centered around the exploration of archeological sites (Merveille and Fontanalbe Valleys) and of the Mecantour national park. Sports activities such as accrobranche, hiking, climbing will be proposed as well as outings on bus to discover the valleys and the littoral. Activities are agreed upon and organized collectively. The technical supervisor of the project will familiarise you with the construction techniques and “savoir-faire” of today and the respect for heritage. He will accompany you in discovering the heritage richness of La Brigue et Saorge, villages that have earned the label of “Country of Art and History”. Two entire weekends as well as a day during every week will be dedicated to exploratory activities outside of the project site.

Accommodation: in 2, 3 or 4 person rooms with toilets. The meals will not be prepared by the volunteers, but by a cooking team. However, we do ask for help with the kitchen, setting the dining rooms and washing the dishes.

Location: Tende, 2 hours away from Nice by train. The site is isolated in a mountain at 1500m above sea level, 10km from Tende and 50km from Vintimille.

Closest train station: Tende Airport: Nice

SJ76 LA MURAILLE DE CHANVRE 04/09/16-19/09/16 RENO 12 vols 18+

Project: Each year, the activities center Neige & Merveilles welcomes more than four hundred young people and children. For some children and teenagers, these visits represent the only opportunity to go "on vacation". It is in the Authion building, purpose of the workcamp, that young people are welcomed. We want to continue our improvement process of the quality of the hosting by starting an insulation program on the north side of the premises. Renovation and insulation of the facade will be made using environmentally friendly materials.

Work: The joints of the stone facade, at 1500m of altitude, are increasingly hollowed out and need to be consolidated. To address these issues, we opted for the realization of a lime plaster / hemp insulation material that is used as a thermal regulator. On this project we will work 4 days a week (8h30-12h) (14h-17h30). You will be taught by a technical leader.

Leisure activities: Sports outings, all sorts of activities that allow sensitization by a playful approach to the natural environment will be organized. Depending on your wishes, the visit to the Principality of Monaco may be part of these visits (Old City and Oceanographic Museum). Two full weekends and one day in the middle of each week will be devoted to discovery activities, off-site.

Accommodation: in rooms of 2, 3 or 4 people. You will not cook the meals as there will be a kitchen team but you will be asked to help the team to cook sometimes and to clean the dining room and the dishes.

Location: Tende (2 hours from Nice by train). The site is isolated in the mountain (1500 meters above sea level), 10 km away from Tende and 50 km away from Vintimille (Italy).

Closest train station: Tende Closest airport: Nice