

DESCRIPTION

LOCAL COMMUNITY

Gaziantep is a province in south-central Turkey with nearly 2 million inhabitants. Hundreds of EVS volunteers were in service in Gaziantep from different organisations and many are still in. Gaziantep is the food capital of Turkey, it has more than 700 meals which are totally unique for this city. City of Gaziantep is an original Anatolian city with unique culture and traditions which differentiates it from known cities of Turkey (Ankara, İstanbul). City has 3 universities currently and there are considerable amount of university students and their community. Apart from being conservative city Gaziantep also includes many youngsters with different life styles. Adaptation to the city might be a challenge for a volunteer from less densely populated regions, since city is dynamic and crowded. From experiments adaptation is managed within some weeks easily without problems.

We organize trips, camping, picnics, parties, movie nights for our volunteers. We would like intensify our activities both on two levels: local social support and sociality of our volunteers. There are also big malls, swimming pools; sport centres parks for jogging, horse riding.

In the city of Gaziantep there are many foreigners from EVS, Erasmus, University, internship and for many other purposes.

FOOD

During activity days lunch will be provided by organisation in the office on the activity place. Food needs will be provided by organisation staff regarding to demands of volunteer. The total cost of monthly food material should not exceed approximately 100 euros. Spendings are done by organisation's staff not by volunteer but for sure volunteer's needs will be met.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be near a middle aged Turkish lady, volunteer will share the flat with that lady. That lady doesn't know English much. Area of the flat is approximately 150 square meters. Volunteer will have her own private room and this room will not be shared with anyone else. Volunteer will be allowed to use facilities of flat in proper way, kitchen, living room, showers and etc. Volunteer will be responsible to keep area of her/his living and the dishes clean and other stuff he/she used. Volunteer is going to have internet connection at home and at office. We will provide mobile phone and sim card to our volunteer. Sim card will include 250 mins to any direction domestic calls in Turkey.

THE VOLUNTEER undertakes to:

- a) be actively involved in the project process,
- b) give all administrative and pedagogical information necessary for the realisation of the project,
- c) be on time for the meeting with coordinating/sending/hosting organisations,
- d) prepare himself/herself with the support of the sending organisation,
- e) realize the project on a given period, and respect the internal rules imposed by the host organisation,
- f) respect rules regarding accommodation,
- g) fill and sign all documents required for the final report (pocket money declaration, mid-term and final evaluations...),
- h) be in contact by mail, telephone or meeting with the involved partners organisations,
- i) stay in regular contact with sending organisation (send back contact sheet once a month),
- j) give back to the coordinating organisation the original travel tickets (boarding pass, train ticket...),
- k) help sending and hosting organisations to valorise the project,
- l) participate in pre-departure, on-arrival, mid-term and evaluation seminar,
- m) take holidays (equivalent of 2 days per each month of EVS) with the accordance of hosting organisation.

The volunteers will take part of a preparation meeting with the other volunteers who are involved the same activity to discuss on their activity. They will take part of orientation training after they arrive in the project environment at the beginning of the activity. Sending organisation will support the volunteers for Pre-departure training. Sending organisation will support the volunteers for integration to the regular life after EVS experience in a different environment.

The objectives of the activity are:

- To reduce discrimination and raise voluntarism awareness in local community by performing a multinational project for orphans and

children-teenagers living in difficult geographies rural areas and neglected areas.

- To give a framework for personal development and intercultural learning-by working and living within a team of different EVS volunteers
- To give the volunteers a chance of initiative, creativity, and taking responsibilities in a multinational team
- To learn to live together with other volunteers in the same apartment, with respect and tolerance towards the others and responsibility and autonomy for the common duties (cleaning, cooking etc.)
- To get new personal skills (art, language, organisation etc...)