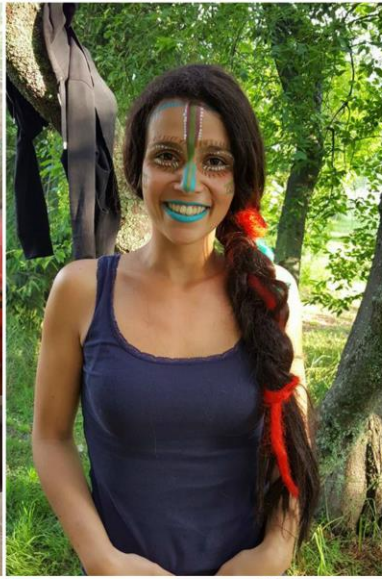


Villa Elba – Joyful activities!

Magic forest of Trolls!

Kokkola, Finland 2 - 31.8.2020

This project gathers 10 young people from different European countries to design and build a fairytale path for children in the forest close to Villa Elba.



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Tips for travelling to Kokkola:

The best way to travel to Kokkola from Helsinki is the train. Timetables and prices can be found here: www.vr.fi/en. There is also one very cheap bus connection <http://www.onnibus.com/en/index.htm>, but this runs only once a day and the ride is very long (approx. 7 hours). Villa Elba organizes transportation from Kokkola train station to Villa Elba. This transport cost is covered from your travel grant.

What to bring with you:

- Clothes for warmer and chillier weather
- European health insurance card (EHIC) (very important, you will need it if you need to go to health center/hospital!)
- Personal medication and hygiene products
- Swimming suit (also to be used in sauna)
- Something typical from your country to present your culture (music, songs, dances, something to eat etc.)

On-arrival training:

First week of the project will be on-arrival training in Youth Centre Villa Elba. The aim of the training is to get to know the other participants and understand more about the ECS program. We will also tell about the aim of the project, intercultural learning and about the volunteer's rights and responsibilities. There will be Finnish language lessons to learn basic words and sentences.

Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and evening snack is served during on arrival training. Inform about your special diets and allergies in the registration form. The kitchen in Elba makes special food only for those who order it, and that is why it is not possible to choose between vegetarian and other dishes (because then there might not be enough food for those with special diets).



Tasks:

The work includes creating trolls from different nature materials and creating stories and activities around trolls.

A specific theme for this year is trolls testing different sport activities, aiming to encourage children to move and exercise more. We will therefore create possibilities to try different sport activities along the troll path.

The work is done partly inside, but also outside in the forest, and volunteers should be prepared to work outdoors in all kind of weather.

Besides the work the group will do cultural visits, learn household activities and learn to live together in a multicultural environment. The volunteers will be encouraged to try different kind of activities (sport, culture etc.) on their free time. The volunteers will be responsible for taking care of the house where they live and to prepare their daily meals except lunch.



Working hours and holidays:

Volunteers work 5 days a week, approximately 35 hours / week. The working hours are usually from 9-16 including lunch break, but sometimes **work times can vary if we decide to organise public events.**

Volunteers have holidays 24-25.8.2020.

Pocket money:

Volunteers get pocket money 150 € / person. Pocket money is paid in cash in 3 parts during the project.

Accommodation and meals:



Accommodation is organised in beautiful summer house Villa Marina, located 1 km from Villa Elba. It is a simple house with no modern comforts: there are not indoor toilets, no showers (showers are available in Villa Elba or outdoor shower at Marina) or running water in the house, water is available from the well outside.



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House is heated with the help of the fireplace and electric radiators. Therefore, it requires patience and flexibility, as volunteers must adapt to a modest living environment. On the other hand, the Villa has a beautiful environment and offers participants a unique chance to try out traditional Finnish summer cottage lifestyle.

Meals:

After the on-arrival training, volunteers get lunch on working days, and food money to buy food to prepare other meals of the day. The food money is paid as a lump sum to the whole group, and the volunteers plan and budget the shopping together.

Internet and tel.:

We have wireless Internet connection in the area. We do not have a public phone, but in the centre of Kokkola it is possible to buy pre-paid SIM card for your mobile phone.

Alcohol & smoking:

In Villa Elba smoking is allowed only in the smoking area. By the Finnish law it is forbidden to smoke in any yards where children and young people visit. During working hours, smoking is allowed only during breaks.

Use of alcohol is forbidden in Villa Elba in youth projects.

Free time:

From Villa Elba you will get a bike that you can use as long as you take good care of it. Biking to the city center takes about 15-20 minutes and there you can find many second-hand shops, gyms, cinema, cafes, sports hall, swimming hall etc.

In Villa Elba you find nature trails and you will also have the possibility to go for sup boarding and canoeing together with an instructor.



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Support measures:

Extra support is available for volunteers 24/ 7 during the whole project. The support persons help with everyday issues (living together, cleaning, shopping if needed). They also assist in getting to know the local community, culture and help in difficult situations as well as support the volunteers to reflect on their learning outcomes. There will be organized mentor meetings weekly and volunteers are entitled to take part in the mentoring meetings.

Each support organization can send a person to escort the volunteers to Kokkola 2-5.8.2020. We provide board and lodging for the support persons and travel costs are reimbursed according to the distance band.

Support organisations can apply for 250 € / volunteer to cover costs for reinforced mentorship. For reimbursement purposes Villa Elba requires to send a report of support measures and an invoice.

Financial issues:

Travel grants are issued according to the funding rules of Erasmus+:

10 – 99 km	20 €
100 – 499 km	180 €
500 –1999 km	275 €
2000 – 2999 km	360 €
3000 – 3999 km	530 €
4000 – 7999 km	820 €
8000 -> km	1500 €

Sending costs:

We pay support organisations 30 € / volunteer for sending costs. We ask support organisations to send an invoice for sending costs along with travel- and support costs.



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