



Athens - Sports Art with Refugees



Athens has welcomed many refugees over the last few years due to the disruption of peace in neighboring countries. Also, the capital of Greece has welcomed diverse and unique individuals into its society. Many families have been separated during their movement and many organizations have created various host centers where the beneficiaries are placed until they are reunited with their families.

Your role

In this program, you will go to the local host center for the refugee teenagers and youngsters and engage with them in an informal way. Your role will be to offer them access to express themselves through sports and arts, to connect with each other and with you, and to spend their free time in a meaningful valuable way.

Your tasks in sports activities will be daily training, playing in outdoor fields, and teaching them healthy eating habits. As for the arts activities, this can include musical instruments, photography, drawing, drama classes, whatever you have to offer and you are good at.

This specific program seeks the socialization of this group of people through a common interest with the volunteers. Volunteers will join and support the local host center in its daily tasks and offer the youngsters living there the chance to interact with people from various nationalities, build bonds, and to get another perspective of the world. The refugees are between **12-18 years old**.

For this project, due to daily interaction with vulnerable groups, volunteers must respect safety restrictions and privacy measurements. They are also required to have an educational background in sports science and arts or years of experience in the field, but of course, you will have the support of our local team and placement staff.

Your Accommodation

In Athens, volunteers are housed in hostels with a social or environmental impact — rooms are shared, with female, male, or mixed dormitories available. It is also possible to request a single room, subject to availability and an additional fee.

Meals

3 meals per day are included throughout the duration of the project — vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and lactose-free options are available upon request.

Program Details

Upon arrival, you will be welcomed at Athens airport by our local coordinator and transferred to your accommodation. You will receive information about the volunteer locations, the schedule for the first day, etc. From that moment, you will be fully supported, and follow-up will be provided to ensure you are trained and ready to start your mission.

On the first day, the coordinator will accompany you to the volunteer site for your orientation and training. During winter, the kids attend school in the morning, so the shifts are in the afternoon, 3.30-7.30pm

Conditions

This program is available year-round for a minimum commitment of 4 weeks. Other social projects are available starting from 2 weeks in Athens, such as the food bank or assistance for the homeless. Contact us for more information.

Age: 18+

The transport includes: 1 bus. The trip takes up to 45 minutes depending on the traffic.

Location

Athens (Greece)

Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated in a stylish, centrally located hostel in the **Metaxourgeio neighborhood** — just a short walk or one metro stop from **Omonia Square**. With easy access to public transportation, you'll be perfectly positioned to explore ancient landmarks, authentic street life, and the city's dynamic cultural scene.

The accommodation offers **dormitory-style rooms** with separate spaces for male and female volunteers, ensuring a comfortable and respectful environment for all. Each room features :

- cozy beds
- individual lockers
- air conditioning
- free Wi-Fi throughout the building to keep you connected.

The hostel is designed to create a strong sense of community, with shared spaces including a welcoming lounge, a fully equipped **communal kitchen**, and a rooftop terrace offering panoramic views of Athens and the iconic Acropolis. It's a relaxed and social atmosphere where you can bond with fellow volunteers and travelers from around the world.