



Permaculture and Social Integration in Italy



In the surroundings of Rome, where no one would imagine, there are hidden little paradises where traffic and noise seem distant, and it is possible to experience a piece of the Roman countryside.

The main goal of this program is to protect local biodiversity while adopting a more social and creative approach.

All of this takes place in the green spaces and historic parks of Rome! You will help local NGOs to:

- Cultivate a vegetable garden
- Maintain a nursery with a wide variety of Mediterranean plants
- Beautify the urban garden
- Lead the craft and activity workshop
- And much more!

But what truly sets this program apart is its social aspect. While making an environmental difference, you will be in contact with migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, people with disabilities, and young people at risk of social exclusion.

You can also participate in their creative field: multicultural culinary events and handmade design projects!

Not only will you participate as an essential resource, but also as a tool for integration. You will play a key role in cultural activities, and if you feel comfortable, why not organize them yourself!

What is included:

- Registration fees, setup of the personalized project, administrative management
- Airport reception and private transfer
- Accommodation*
- 2 meals per day: breakfast and dinner - 24/7 assistance and supervision during the stay

* The group will be accommodated at HU Camping in Town Rome: Located just outside of Rome, it is a camping-village evolving towards environmentally-friendly practices.

Participants typically share a non-mixed room with 2 to 3 beds, a private bathroom, and air conditioning. Bed linens and bath towels are also provided by the hostel. The rooms are cleaned throughout the week.

What is not included:

- Weekend excursions, cultural activities, visits to museums/monuments/etc.
- Single room: additional 100 euros per night
- International transport to and from Rome.

Schedule

Yes, it is possible to enjoy your free time to take advantage of the pool and cultural activities!

Volunteers work 4 hours per day, either in the morning or in the afternoon (depending on the time of year and the group's preference). The same applies for the weekend.

We offer responsible travel experiences and relevant tours and workshops that we can share with you if you're interested. :)

Social Exchange

You will work with people from other nationalities on the project, as well as with asylum seekers, refugees, and locals! A truly intercultural environment.

The connection will be made by the project leader and our local coordinator.

Our coordinator will accompany the group on a daily basis, ensuring that connections are made and that the experience is as impactful and beneficial as possible.

You can lead some activities if you wish; just let us know in advance so we can organize everything on time.

You will also share in workshop activities and assist with various tasks assigned by the organization.

The tasks of the volunteers will include (but are not limited to):

- Assistance with the various stages of growing fruits and vegetables
- Help with harvesting
- Assistance in preparing the final products
- Help with organizing spaces and activities
- Watering the plants (especially in summer)

Accommodation, Meals, Transport

The fees do not include lunch, but if you wish, we can add it and offer a packed lunch option for the group.

Mixity is possible for couples. The bungalows can accommodate 3 or 2 people, and we can arrange them according to the accommodation needs.

For seniors, the program can be adapted. Just let us know in advance to organize activities according to the project.

For example, senior volunteers can go every other day, while minors can attend daily :)

Public transport is available and connects the campsite with the center of Rome. However, be aware that public transportation in Rome can be challenging (lots of traffic, transfers, etc.), and considering the age of the volunteers, we recommend renting a small van for the week (if possible, of course!).

There is a hospital 20 minutes away by car, and emergency transfers can be arranged from the reception.

Finally, for excursions, simply inform us in advance so we can organize the activities according to the project.