



## **YOUTH SUPPORT**



**LOCATION :** Split

### **AVAILABILITY:**

By helping young people to learn key life skills, you can help to heighten their expectations for themselves and open up new possibilities for their future. The Youth Support project in Croatia provides an important developmental platform for underprivileged young people who need educational support and assistance with important social and interpersonal skills.

As a volunteer, you'll work in after school centers and act largely as a positive role model for young people. More specifically, you can do anything from assisting with homework, supporting and encouraging studies, organizing activities, helping with arts and crafts activities, sports and assisting with any general work that needs to be done at the center. You will also have the opportunity to teach English in an informal way, mostly by interacting with the young people at the center to improve their verbal and written English language skills, which is often one of their biggest difficulties.

The main objective of the Youth Support project is to provide a much-needed safe place for young people to go after school, educational support, a social hub and a place where they are well

supported. International volunteers are seen as an important part of this education as those who use the centers often haven't encountered different cultures and values before. This is an opportunity for you to bring new perspectives and creativity to these centers and the lives of the young people who go there.

## **WHAT IS INCLUDED:**

- Pick up at the international airport in Split & transfer to the accommodation – Sunday  
On Sunday, the team will be at the airport waiting for you with a big sign and a smile on their face! If you arrive prior to Sunday, you will still be able to receive an airport pickup and our team can transport you to the accommodation, but you will need to pay an extra fee for this service. We will reach out to you by WhatsApp a few days before your start date to connect.
- Accommodation at a dormitory in a local hostel, female or mixed dormitory with private bathroom
- Three meals a day everyday: Breakfast, lunch and dinner (Local style. Vegetarian, gluten-free and meals for lactose-intolerant are also available upon request) – Shared use of a common room, and free WIFI
- Orientation event on arrival (including an introduction to Croatia and its culture, volunteer experience, overview of programs, practical information, safety guidelines)
- Guided city tour
- The best tips to discover the city!
- Allocation and coordination of a work placement in an impactful non-profit project – Introduction on the first day of volunteering
- Ongoing support throughout the stay
- 24h/7 emergency support

## **WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED :**

- Flights
- Pick-up at the airport on other dates
- Drop-off at the airport
- Transport between accommodation and project location
- Personal expenses
- Personal insurance (health or accidents)

**How is a typical day in this volunteer program?** After the initial orientation, you will join the morning or afternoon shift at your placement and will work for approximately 3 to 5 hours per day. Please note that the starting times and daily workload depend on the center that you are participating in.

A typical daily schedule for an afternoon shift will look as follows:

08:00 am – 10:00 am | Breakfast at the volunteer house

10:00 am – 12:30 pm | Take the morning to sleep in, learn the language or explore the city.

12:30 pm – 02:00 pm | Lunchtime at the accommodation

04:00 pm – 07:30 pm | Volunteer placement! Give your very best at your project! Usually, placements are within walking distance, but you might also have to take the bus, tram or train to get to your project.

07:30 pm – 09:00 pm | Dinner time at the volunteer accommodation, together with the other volunteers.

Please note this schedule can vary depending on the schedule of each specific project. It might be a morning shift or afternoon shift.

### **Do I need to speak the local language?**

No, you don't need to have any previous skills in the local language! All of our programs are run entirely in English and our guides and staff are all comfortable speaking English as well! But we always encourage our participants to get acquainted with some of the most basic terms and expressions, as even just a simple "Good morning!" in the local language can be a great icebreaker to start interacting with the locals!

There are also language lessons available for volunteers. The language lessons can be booked before or on the arrival. Lessons are taught by a professional teacher and tailored to each volunteer's current language level.

### **Will I have time for some sight-seeing as well?**

Of course! We want you to really get to know your natural and cultural surroundings and will provide you with useful tips and tricks that will help you discover the location of your stay like a local!

Your shifts will generally last between 3 and 5 hours per day and will take place either in the morning, in the afternoon or in the evening, which will leave you with plenty of free time to go explore, take a stroll around your surroundings, catch the most important sites, interact with the locals or simply go and relax! And of course, you will have your weekends off as well!