



OUTWARD BOUND CROATIA  
EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

# NAVIGATING TRADITION - BUILDING EXPERIENCES

call for short-term volunteers  
25.3. - 14.4.2019



# **EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS VOLUNTEERING TEAM PROJECT**

25th March 2019 - 14th April  
2019

20 youngsters aged 18 - 30 from Spain,  
Greece, Italy, Poland and Croatia

3 weeks volunteering in Outward Bound  
Croatia

**1 unforgettable adventure!**



# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

## What is it all about?

Navigating tradition – building experiences is a three-week volunteering project funded by the European Solidarity Corps program. It will include **20 youngsters 18-30 years** old from Spain, Italy, Greece, Poland and Croatia.

The project consists of **two phases**: the first two weeks volunteers will stay in the Outward Bound Croatia educational center in **Veliki Žitnik** in the rural and mountainous Lika region, where they will learn about basics of woodwork and create furniture for the educational centre, have an environmental action in the village and meet local stakeholders who are working on the sustainable development of the community.

In the third week they will move to Brač island to volunteer with the Maritime Education Association in **Sumartin**, learn about maritime heritage and the challenges that this island community faces, they'll work in the shipyard to restore a wooden vessel which will be used for educational purposes by MEA and also have environmental actions on different locations of the island.

# OUTWARD BOUND CROATIA

## The hosting organisation



Outward Bound Croatia is a member of the Outward Bound International network– a leading organization providing **outdoor experiential learning programs**. The main field of activity is organization and implementation of innovative outdoor programs for school children and youth, with special concern to youth with fewer opportunities.

We've also been active within the Erasmus+ program for 5 years and have implemented more than 40 projects in the youth sector - youth exchanges, training courses and EVS volunteering projects. Now we've decided to embark on a new adventure called European Solidarity Corps.

Special attention in our work is given to social and environmental responsibility and the impact of one's actions on the group and society as a whole. Our values are: **compassion, integrity, courage, trust and cooperation**.



**A SHIP IN HARBOR IS SAFE – BUT THAT IS NOT WHAT SHIPS ARE BUILT FOR**

**JOHN A. SHEDD**



# PROFILE OF VOLUNTEERS

## Who are we looking for?



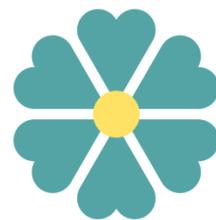
1. Youngsters aged 18-30 from **Spain, Italy, Greece, Poland** and **Croatia**. We're also open for volunteers from other **EU countries!**



2. Motivated to actively participate in all the activities during the whole project duration, **interested to learn and develop their skills**, open towards new experiences. Open towards working in a group and living together with 20 other people. Also not afraid of physical work!



3. No qualifications or previous experience is required



4. Candidates with **fewer opportunities** will be given advantage



# VOLUNTEERS' TASKS

## What are you going to do?

Volunteers will have diverse tasks during the three weeks and we are open to their suggestions and interests.

In Veliki Žitnik volunteers will be mainly working with hand-tools to create different pieces of furnishing for the educational centre (shelves, cupboards etc.). They'll also have time for creative personal projects. We'll also have an environmental action in the village and possible further actions that help members of the community or grass-root organisations who are working to protect the environment in Lika.

Volunteers will also be divided in teams which will have their daily responsibilities: cooking, maintaining the center, taking pictures and videos, leading a morning workout, taking care of the tools and material.

In Sumartin volunteers will be working on the restoration of a traditional wooden vessel which will be used for educational purposes by MEA. They'll also clean beaches and bays from plastic pollution.

# LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR THE VOLUNTEERS

**What are you going to take away from this project?**



- you will raise your awareness about the importance of **solidarity** and **active citizenship** for building a more inclusive and just European society.
- you'll learn about the importance of **protection of the natural environment** and the sustainable development of small, secluded communities.
- you will gain some basic skills and practice in **handicraft, woodworking**, building furniture and decorative wooden objects and methods of restoration of wooden vessels
- living and working together with an international team in a different country will develop your **intercultural and social skills**
- **you will improve your** communication skills and ability to **express yourself in English**, which is the main working language
- you will learn about and experience **Croatian culture and customs**
- You will learn about and experience the benefits of the **European Solidarity Corps** program and gain insights into other EU and European Commission programs.



# SCHEDULE

- **Duration of the project:** 21 days
- **25.3.-9.4. in Veliki Žitnik**
- **10.4.-14.4. in Sumartin (Brač island)**
- **Working days:** 15 days
- **Working hours:** 6 h per day
- **Free time:** 6 free days (30.&31.3. and 6.-9.4.)
- In your free time, accommodation in the educational centre in Veliki Žitnik will be provided, but we suggest you to use it to explore the beautiful nature and culture of Croatia!

# VENUE OF WEEK 1&2

## Veliki Žitnik - Outward Bound educational center



Veliki Žitnik is a small village in the rural and mountainous region of Lika, Croatia. It is 6 km away from the nearest bigger town of Gospić. Be aware that the nearest supermarket is in Gospić. The venue of the project is the OBC Educational Centre.

The OBC Educational Centre is fully equipped with two big dormitory-type bedrooms (male and female), bathrooms, a kitchen, a common room and a big yard, surrounded by endless forests of this beautiful area.

# HOW DO I GET THERE??

(get to Gospić, we'll pick you up)



- arrival day is **Sunday, 24.3.** after 17h in Gospić
- nearest airports: Zagreb, Zadar, Split, Budapest (HU), Ljubljana (SLO)
- from the airports you can take a shuttle bus to the town and a bus or train to **Gospić**
- **let us know about your planned arrival time in Gospić so we can come pick you up by car!**
- please do not buy your tickets until you get our confirmation

# VENUE OF WEEK 3

## Sumartin on Brač island



Volunteers will be accommodated in a private house in shared bedrooms. We will have a kitchen to use where we will prepare dinner for everyone. Lunch will be prepared in the shipyard and shared with the locals

# HOW DO I GET THERE??

get to Makarska and hop on the ferry



- Accomodation in Sumartin will be available from 9.4. (last free day)
- after the free days you have to get to **Makarska**, from where you take a ferry to **Sumartin** on Brač island
- ferries are not driving to often - make sure to get the **last one at 18:30!**
- again we'll wait for you in the port (we'll arrive earlier to prepare the venue)
- Keep the ferry schedule in mind to organise your travel back home!
- **Departure day is 15.4. from Sumartin**



# PRACTICALITIES

## What about...?

- **Travel costs?** Real travel costs will be refunded to the volunteers **after** the volunteering period up to 275 euros for participants from Spain, Greece, Italy and Poland and up to 180 euros for participants from Croatia
- **Insurance?** Make sure to issue and bring your **European Health Insurance Card**. All volunteers will additionally be enrolled in the **Cigna** complementary insurance system
- **Allowance money?** You will get 115 Euros in Croatian kuna in the first week at the venue
- **Food?** Food will be prepared by the volunteers themselves in the common kitchen, groceries will be provided by OBC according to your meal plan. You will cook in a team of 4 volunteers and every day a different team will be in charge



# PRACTICALITIES

## What to pack?

- **passport or ID**
- **travel tickets & invoices** (keep all boarding passes!)
- **European Health Insurance Card**
- currency here is Croatian kuna 1€ = aprox. 7,45HRK
- warm, comfortable & waterproof clothes & shoes (make sure to bring older clothes that can get dirty during work)
- personal toiletries
- towel & slippers
- swimming suit - for the brave ones ;)
- personal medicine - if you're taking any please let us know in advance!
- **something to represent your country at the intercultural dinner (food, snacks, flag, music, dance, etc. - be creative)**



**INTERESTED?**



## APPLY UNTIL 4TH MARCH 2019

Send us the filled application form! We'll reply to you within 2 working days and help you find a supporting organisation in your country.



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