

Infopack

Inter(national) Volunteering

Youth Exchange

10th (arrival day) - 16th (departure day) of
November

Modra, Slovakia



Dear participants,

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the city of Modra.

The info pack should help you prepare for the Youth Exchange, which will take place in Modra, Slovakia, between 10th and 16th of November. Please read it carefully and if you have any additional questions do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to meet you soon,

Mladiinfo Slovensko Team.

Overview

Project Title

Inter(national) Volunteering

Project Type

Erasmus + Programme
Youth Exchange

Project Date and Location

10th – 16th of November 2017
Modra, Slovakia

Organization in charge of the Project
Mladiinfo Slovensko

Partner Countries:

Spain – Asociacion Projuven
Lithuania – Inceptus
Estonia – Seiklejate Vennaskond
Czech Republic – Mladiinfo CR. Z.S
Greece – United Societies of Balkans
Astiki Etaireia
Romania – Centrul Regional de
Economie Sociala (CRES)



Discovering Slovakia

Slovakia is a landlocked country in Central Europe. Slovakia's territory spans about 49,000 square km and is mostly mountainous. The population is over 5 million and comprises mostly ethnic Slovaks. The capital and largest city is Bratislava. The official language is Slovak.

Bratislava is the political, economic and cultural center of Slovakia. It is the seat of the Slovak president, the parliament and the Slovak Executive. It is home to several universities, museums, theatres, galleries and other important cultural and educational institutions. Many of Slovakia's large businesses and financial institutions also have headquarters there.

Modra is a city in the region of Bratislava, area of Male Karpaty. Modra is famous for its pottery industry. Its blue-and-white porcelain is famous throughout Slovakia.

Modra's landmarks

The Astronomical Observatory of Modra also known as Modra Observatory or the Astronomical and Geophysical observatory in Modra, is an astronomical observatory located in Modra, Slovakia. It is owned and operated by the Comenius University in Bratislava.

A grave memorial museum (with an external exhibition "Štúrova izba" and a statue of Ľudovít Štúr, who died here in 1856. A country castle just behind the upper gate; seat of the vineyard school.

Remains of the former fortifications: a bastion (with a gallery of Ignác Bizmayer, pottery master) and the "Upper Gate", the only one of three original town gates to be preserved. A Renaissance building from the end of the 17th century



Weather

In the region of Bratislava, the month of November is characterized by rapidly falling daily high temperatures, from 11C to 5C over the course of the month, and rarely exceeding 16C or dropping below the 0.

Currency

The official currency in Slovakia is Euro. Local transport ticket for a bus or a tram: 90 cents

Language

English	Slovak
Hello	Ahoj
Good morning	Dobré rano
Do you speak English?	Hovoríte po anglicky?
Where is?	Kde je?
My name is	Volám sa
Excuse me/Sorry	Prepáč
Please	Prosím
Thank you	Ďakujem
You are welcome	Nich sa pači
Goodbye	Dovidenia
I want	Chcem
Water	Voda
Beer	Pivo
Coffee	Káva

About Mladiinfo Slovensko



Mladiinfo Slovensko was established by former EVS volunteers in 2010 in Bratislava as a non-profit organization promoting education and youth mobility. Mladiinfo supports young people with information about various educational and mobility programs, internships, trainings, conferences, volunteering, Erasmus+ program and other opportunities abroad and in Slovakia. Internet, consultations with young people and various info events are used as the main tool to spread success stories, to motivate for participation and to promote active citizenship. Mladiinfo mission is "Helping to inform young people about the educational opportunities around them." Mladiinfo office is located in Bratislava Mlynska dolina, which is the largest complex of student dormitories in Slovakia with around 8 000 students. Mladiinfo is an active EVS sending organization in Slovakia and active EVS hosting and coordinating organization in Bratislava. Mladiinfo Slovensko is member of Eurodesk Slovensko, an observer member at Youth Council of Slovakia and a member of registered European network Mladiinfo which is a co-operating organisations of European Youth Information and Counselling Agency (ERYICA).



About the Youth Exchange

Slovakia is one of the European countries where there is not tendency to volunteer and volunteering is undervalued and perceived more like low-class activity, especially among teenagers, students at grammar schools.

Very important is to inform perspective young people about advantages of volunteering, what skills they can gain through it, how they can improve their language by participation on international programmes and how they can discover different environments, not only international ones but also local ones. Fundamental is age of the young people which needed to be reached by project. Intern(national) volunteering youth exchange emphasizes these issues with an idea to empower youth to be part of European international environment.

Objectives of the project

- **Sense of initiative**
- **Be active citizens and take an opportunity to participate on different volunteering programmes**
- **Discover abilities and skills of youth**
- **Professional development**
- **Communication in foreign languages and inter-cultural skills.**

Practicalities

Accommodation

During this Exchange we will stay in a nice, cozy [Pension Na lúke](#), in Modra. The activities will be also held there as well, in the training room.



Transport

BY PLANE

Arriving to Bratislava

There are a few companies that fly to Bratislava. The tickets could be a bit more expensive than Vienna airport, or cheaper. For example Wizz Air and Ryanair are flying to Bratislava from several European airports.

You also have the possibility to arrive in the cities near by, like Vienna, Prague or Budapest.

Arriving in Vienna

The airport is international so you can easily reach Vienna from most European countries and also from other parts of the world. The airport has a direct connection with Bratislava. There are two bus companies (Blaguss Slovak lines and regioJet) going from Vienna Airport to Bratislava. The journey takes approx. 50 minutes and costs around 6 EUR.

Arriving to Prague

The airport is also international and it's not far from Bratislava. There is no direct connection from the Prague airport to Bratislava so you first have to travel to Prague's Main Train Station "Praha, hlavní nádraží" or to the Main bus station "Florenc" via public transport.

Arriving to Budapest

This airport is international as well and not too far from Bratislava. Again there is no direct connection from Budapest airport to Bratislava so you first have to travel to the Main Train Station "Keleti pályaudvar" or the Bus station "Nepligét" by public transport. The train journey takes approx. 3 hours, and the bus journey takes almost the same time but the bus connections don't go very often.

You can find more information on the following pages:

www.cp.sk

www.blaquuss.sk

www.slovaklines.sk

BY BUS

There are several connections between various European cities and Bratislava. The biggest bus station in Slovakia is in Bratislava. You can check these companies: ww.cp.sk, www.slovaklines.sk,

BY TRAIN

There are several connections with different cities. For information you can check:

www.slovakrail.sk or www.cp.sk

Travel Reimbursement

The travel reimbursement will be done after the exchange by the bank transfer!

When traveling to Slovakia and going back to your own countries make sure you keep all of your tickets, invoices, receipts, and boarding passes.

The travel costs will be reimbursed in EURO. Please contact us before buying the ticket.

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