

Volunteering in A.C.T.O.R. - Information pack - VT17

Welcome to Bucharest!



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Bucharest information: <http://www.inyourpocket.com/country/romania.html>

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Dear candidates VT17,

please full fill the form following this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDXy0ebe48NuQ4QNZ2TF1S1wlfA57OJ34zuiFJVhU87eENAw/viewform>

We will contact you for interview stage and if you will be selected:

Once that you will be selected you will arrive in Bucharest. As you know your project will be 6 months long. Therefore, we would like to give you more information for your EVS period. You will have the possibility to meet many other EVS volunteers from all over Europe. They are in Bucharest supported by your own project and some of them by other parallel projects. But we will consider you all ACTOR's EVS team.



Now, we would like to tell you more about the activities you are going to have during your project here in A.C.T.O.R.

A.C.T.O.R. is using a large spectrum of art tools in young generation education and for social changes. Origami, but also puppetry, shadow theatre...etc are always methods in our volunteer toolbox. In the same time we are aware that there are kids and youngsters with few opportunities who do not have access to any kind of artistic or cultural event.

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Activities:

- Performances and events for disadvantaged kids and youth
- Clinical animation for ill and disadvantaged kids
- Socio-cultural animation for kids in schools and kindergartens
- Promotion of volunteering for youth and teenagers
- Artistic events for social causes.



During the first weeks you will receive some trainings to be prepared for the following activities. A.C.T.O.R. staff will assist you in this initial phase. You will also receive Romanian lessons by a very good teacher trained to work with youngsters with non-formal methods.



Since your selection you will be added to a Facebook group specially created by A.C.T.O.R. for internal communications among all volunteers.

Every Friday you will receive the next weekly agenda (about 6 hours per day from Monday to Friday).

Every Thursday evening we will ask you to answer to some questions on a Google form specially created for your project. This will help us to monitor your learning process. Together we will have evaluation meetings the following day. These two tasks are compulsory, not optional.

Accommodation & equipment

You will live in a flat (2-3 or 4 rooms) especially rented for volunteers. The apartments have 2 bathrooms and one kitchen. The flats are provided with everything you need for cooking facilities (pots, pans, cutlery). In the flats there will be some towels, but you are free to bring your personal ones. We don't have computers in flats, but wireless internet access is provided, so if you have a portable computer that you want to bring you can have access, too.

Maintenance

Normally cleaning the house is your job, but we reserve our right to call a cleaning company once a month in your flat, which will be paid from your allowance, if you don't keep the rooms clean. A cleaning company's service for your apartment could cost around 15/20€ per person, if you will divide the cost between you. Each one of you will receive a key from the apartment. Please take care of it. If you will lose it we must change the all door mechanism. The one who loses the key must pay for this operation.

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Boarding

Every volunteer will receive 120€ per month for food. In the common kitchen you can prepare the food by yourself or you can decide together the best solution to cook. Another 60€ per month will be your pocket money. Also more extra money 30€ will come at the end of every month. In total you will receive 180€ per month.

Documents

All volunteers in A.C.T.O.R. need to provide a criminal record and medical analyses in order to prove to be suitable to work with vulnerable target groups, mainly kids in hospitals. These documents should be provided before the departure by scan copies and in original copy once here in Bucharest. So, please, don't forget your criminal records and medical analyses! Pay attention to all your travel tickets and boarding passes. Also check if you have the signed agreement with you.

Holidays

Of course everybody has vacations. Every EVS working month will give you 2 days of holiday. You can decide yourself when is the best time for you, but will be good to inform A.C.T.O.R. in advance.

Weather

Summer months can be very warm, 40°-45°C and winter can be very cold -25°C. Romania can be a very surprising country. World times gateway: <http://www.greenwichmeantime.com/time-zone/europe/european-union/romania/weather.htm>

Arrival and the first days

Your arrival will be arranged some days in advance. One of our volunteers will come to pick you up from the airport, that is why we need to know in advance your arrival time and details about your flight. At the beginning the other EVS volunteers in A.C.T.O.R. will try to help you to find your way around in Bucharest, showing you how to use the bus and where the grocery stores are. Of course you will also receive a mentor, who will assist you for the entire length of your project and support you in your learning experience.

Other payments

You will receive a bus-ticket per month for the whole town of Bucharest, metro ticket and a phone card for Orange company (10€). So, please bring your mobile phones with you.

Anyway, below there are some basic information about life in Romania.

Currency

LEU (1€ = 4,4 lei);

Here are some prices:

<i>Object</i>	<i>Price (lei)</i>	<i>Price (€)</i>
Bread	1,60 lei	<0,5€
Coca Cola 0.5l	3,5 lei	aprox. 0.75€
Movie ticket	from 15 to 40 lei	maximum 10€
T-shirt	minimum 50 lei	around 7/15€ or higher

For Romanian usual expressions and their pronunciation, please visit

Romanian Language Translations: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZK9sCeagNc>;

Language tool: <http://www.internetpolyglot.com/romanian/lesson-2104201130> (English-Romanian).

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So, if you have any further questions really don't hesitate to call us, or to send us an email!

Hoping for a good start!

Until then, best wishes and see you soon!

A.C.T.O.R.'s team