

INFO-SHEET

Welcome or “Bari Galoust” as we say in Armenia!

MEETING POINT

Armenian volunteers of your camp will meet you at the airport in case your arrival time is between 8:00-24:00 and will take you to the camp. Please note that if you arrive before the starting date of the camp, the Armenian volunteers may not be available to pick you up.

If your arrival time is after midnight, you will have to look for a bus to the center of Yerevan or take a taxi to the work camp.

After sending your application and being accepted to the work camp, you will soon receive an email from your camp leader, please reply promptly.

VISA

Visa-free regime for EU and CIS citizens. The updated list of countries not needing visa to enter Armenia is available here: <http://mfa.am/en/visa>

WORK

Our camps have become traditional. Types of the works are renovation, ecological, cultural, aesthetic work with children. The work is expected to be interesting and varied.

The participants will get certificates by the end of the work camps.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

Do not worry about sleeping bags, as you will stay in buildings/cottages of the hosting organizations where you will be provided with beds/mattresses and bedding packs.

In Armenian camps you should be disciplined and organized. Making beds and keeping the rooms neat and clean every day is obligatory.

Volunteers will prepare the food by themselves on the principle of duty. You will taste all kinds of Armenian traditional food, such as dolma, khorovats (barbecue), kiabab, khashlama, incomparable fruits of Ararat Valley - apricots, grapes, peaches, apples, berries etc. and vegetables.

LEISURE TIME

Armenia is called an open-air museum. You will have lots of interesting excursions and visits to historical monuments and museums, which will be organized during the work camp.

The excursions to the following sights will be organized upon the decision of the camp and all the visits will be **free**. The proposed list of the excursions is the following: Echmiadzin Mother Cathedral, Zvartnots Cathedral ruins, Garni Pagan Temple, Geghard Monastery Complex with a program of World Heritage Initiative, Lake Sevan (with a barbecue on the beach). Volunteers will visit Matenadaran-storehouse of ancient manuscripts, Historical Museum of Armenia or National Gallery of Armenia, museum of famous film director S. Parajanov, Vernissage-Armenian big souvenirs market under the open sky.

Different games, Armenian dancing and language lessons will be organized in the workcamps.

Leisure time for joint workcamps are individual.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

It is very important to bring with you different board games, songbooks, and children's songs to work with children and for using in the performances/concerts which will be organized on the last day of the work camp.

During the workcamp volunteers will organize the Intercultural days when each volunteer will present his/her country, so please bring photos and booklets describing your country, recipes of national dishes, products and spices and national songs.

You can bring your musical instruments, CDs with your favorite national songs and music and, of course, your high spirit and creativity.

PARTICIPATION FEE

For volunteers from organizations with bilateral exchange with HUI: no fee

For volunteers from organizations without bilateral exchange with HUI: 100€

Representation of HUI

Voluntary Service of Armenia-Republican Headquarters of Student Brigades (HUI) was founded in 1965. HUI is a member of the Coordinating Committee of International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) at UNESCO and the Alliance of European Voluntary Service organizations.

HUI organizes volunteer exchanges with partner organizations abroad and holds a database of 3000 volunteers registered in HUI as of today.

The main activities run by HUI are for and with volunteers, mainly the young people and students. The regular activities of organization include exchange of volunteers with different organizations, opening international work camps in Armenia, preparation and sending volunteers to different trainings, seminars and work camps abroad, as well as ESC long-term programs.

The essential aims of the organization are to raise the social competences and employability of the youth by organizing activities for national and foreign volunteers in various programs in Armenia (workcamps, training courses, medium and long-term projects) as well as facilitating the participation of local and national volunteers in similar projects abroad; to take care of orphans, children with special needs and socially indigent people by proposing activities to and for them and making them more visible for local, national and international communities.

ARMENIA

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| Area | 29.743 sq.km |
| Population | 2,7 mln: Armenians, Ukrainians, Greeks, Kurds, Assyrians, Ezids, Jewish, Georgians, Russians, Polish, etc. |
| Religion | Christianity. Armenia was the first country that adopted Christianity as a state religion in 301 |
| Language | Armenian belongs to Indo-European language family. The alphabet was invented in 405 |
| Time | CET + 3 hours |
| Climate, temperature | Continental, average temperature in summer +25°- +35°C |
| Capital | Yerevan, founded 2800 years ago |
| Lake Sevan | Mountainous sweet water lake is the pearl of Armenia and miracle of nature changes its colors 5 times a day. The altitude of the Sevan is 1,950 m above sea level. |
| Ararat Mountain | Symbol of Armenia - the legendary Bible Mountain Ararat, where Noah's Ark has moored, is the highest top of Armenian Highlands. |
| Currency | The Armenian currency is Dram (AMD) Currency exchange rate on the moment of printing the booklet 1 Euro ≈ 440 Dram 1 USD ≈ 400 Dram |
| INFORMATION | To get more information about Armenia, we recommend you to visit the following websites: www.armeniainfo.am www.armenia.com www.armeniapedia.org |

We are looking forward to meeting you soon!

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Workcamps Programme Overview

| INTERNATIONAL AND JOINT WORKCAMPS | | |
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| NAME | DATE | TYPE |
| HUJ 1 ZVARTNOTS CATHEDRAL | 31 July- 13 August | World Heritage/CULT |
| HUJ 2 SMILE TO TREAT I | 1 August - 14 August | KIDS/DISA/ENVI |
| HUJ 3 HOPESHINE | 6 August – 19 August | RENO/ENVI |
| HUJ 4 SMILE TO TREAT II | 15 August – 28 August | KIDS/DISA/ENVI |

| JOINT PROJECTS TO CHOOSE BY PARTNERS | | |
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| HUJ 5 SMILE TO TREAT | September 10 days | KIDS/DISA/ENVI |
| HUJ 6 ZVARTNOTS CATHEDRAL | May-June 10 days | World Heritage/CULT |
| HUJ 7 HOPESHINE | June 10 days | RENO/ENVI |