



# AVENTURA

International  
voluntary agency

# INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMPS

# 2019

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## INTRODUCTION TO AVENTURA

Regional public organization Aventura international voluntary agency is non-profit non-political NGO established in 2017 with the purpose to promote youth and cultural exchanges for better understanding and fair world.

### Our objectives

- to increase international understanding and solidarity between countries and people;
- to promote continuous dialogue between young people all over the world;
- to enable young people by living and working together to learn from each other, discover the variety of cultures, broaden horizons - thus building bridges over differences;
- to promote international voluntary service in Russian Federation as a tool for local development and powerful method of non- formal education of the population;
- to help finding solutions to actual problems in Russian Federation by means of international voluntary service;
- to promote global education as one of the solutions for young people in the globalised world.

### Our activities

- organize voluntary camps in Russia and send Russian volunteers abroad;
- send Russian volunteers to mid- and long-term voluntary services abroad;
- take part in conferences, seminars, trainings abroad and organize those in Russia.

### Target groups AVENTURA works with

- AVENTURA works mainly with people 18 – 35, but not only with them. Actually AVENTURA voluntary projects are open to people of all ages without limits.

## Our partners

We have already implemented and sent some volunteers to Alliance/CCIIVS members, partners and guests: EstYes Estonia, RUCHI India, Foundation Proyecto Ecologico Chiriboga Ecuador, Solidarites Juenesse Vietnam, UVIKIUTA Tanzania. We also work with SCI partners and members as SCI Great Britain.

AVENTURA income consists of contributions and subscription fees from the participants of our programs. AVENTURA also receives grants for the projects from foundations like Fund of Russian Presidential grand, Russian fund of Gorchakov and Youth federal grands. AVENTURA does not receive any support from the state.

## GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO AVENTURA INTERNATIONAL WORKCAMP

Since 2016 we have been organizing 6 projects in different parts of Russia with the Russian participants. In the beginning 2018 we had a conclusion to change Russian volunteers into international and make projects more significant and interesting for foreigners and bring new ideas to Alliance networks. We plan to host 8 international volunteers in 2 different projects. And we plan to send around 100 Russian volunteers abroad.

## Work

Our workcamps last from 1 to almost 3 weeks and take place from June to August. The number of international volunteers in the camp varies from 3 to 10 on adult projects. We try to avoid having more than 2-3 people of the same nationality in the camp. Usually English is a camp language. As a rule volunteers have to work 5-7 hours a day 5-6 days a week for the benefit of local community. Hosts provide food and accommodation and cultural activities in return.

## Conditions for participation

Volunteers should be over 18 years old. There is no maximum age limit. Usually there are no special skills required from volunteers, except camps dealing with kids. Participants should be motivated to do voluntary work, be ready to meet realities of local life and have enough flexibility to accept it, be tolerant and open for the new experience. In some camps a motivation letter is required from the volunteer.

## Camp leaders

Usually, in the camp there is one leader, whose task is to be a coordinator and a link between the participants and the host. Leader participates in daily life equally with volunteers. AVENTURA does invite camp leaders from abroad. NB! In some of the camps the local host takes the leader's role and there is no other formal leader.

## Insurance

In Russian camps insurance is not provided, therefore volunteers have to bring their own

insurance against illness, accident and third party risk. Participants from EU countries should bring EU health insurance form.

#### Some practical matters

For the majority of camps volunteers have to bring sleeping bag, work clothes and gloves, summer clothes and swimming suit, but also warm clothes and rain-gear as weather in Russian is very changeable and really unpredictable. It is a very good idea to have a mosquito cream on project taking place in the country side! Volunteers are also asked to bring information about their country, photos, music, games, etc.

On request Aventura is happy to help booking inexpensive hostel to spend some days in Russia before/ after the camp.

#### Meeting point

Aventura collects volunteers in 2 different cities: Stavropol and Surgut. There they meet camp leader and travel together to the camp site.

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#### Infosheets

Information about our camps provided for TM is already quite detailed. More details like practical information, travel directions, etc. will be sent to partners 3-4 weeks before beginning of the camp as latest. However if accepted participants need any specific information to organise their travel, they are welcome to turn for the information to AVENTURA earlier.

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## Language-Workcamp in Surgut, Russia

### **PERIOD**

June (2 weeks)

### **AMOUNT OF VOLUNTEERS**

5 volunteers

### **PROJECT**

Khanty-Mansy autonomous district – Yugra is one of the richest regions of the Russian Federation. Surgut is the biggest city of the district, people used to call the city as the oil capital of Russia. Indeed, there are 3 biggest Russian oil-and-gas companies: Surgutneftegas, Gazprom and Tyumenenergo. But of course the life of people in this Siberian city is not focused just on the work. There are many places to see and lots of things to do in Surgut; art galleries, theatres, museums, cinemas, definitely one can find what he likes.

In 1992 in this oil capital of Russia was created Lingua centre. Now Lingua is an international network of innovative companies in education.

Throughout its 27-year history, Lingua has been providing its students with opportunities and tools to succeed offering educational programmes both from Russia and other countries in Russian, English, German and French. Lingua researches and develops the latest advanced technologies in education, chooses the best and implements the most effective ones in order to provide the best for its students. This approach aids them to apply their knowledge to the real world.

This results in a large number of Lingua alumni achieving success in their lives through received thinking skills, open-minded world view and ability to solve problems.

This year we invite foreigners to teach English our pupils using method of non-formal education. The goal is to build soft and hard skills of pupils by communicating with international volunteers: development, cognition, education, upbringing. On the other side pupils and work

team introduce Russian culture and tradition to international volunteers. The program is interesting and has different stages to learn Russian culture.

## **WORK**

Before 1 day of the beginning the Language camp we would like to see volunteers to prepare them to work with pupils. Volunteers need to understand their functions: teaching English through the non-formal education, educational activities, control and participation in the process of activities, understanding the characteristic of each pupil. Work time: 8:30-16:00

## **ACCOMMODATION/FOOD/FLIGHT**

Flights are covered (both ways). Volunteers will sleep in the youth centre with good conditions, 2 people in one room. Food is provided in cafe with children.

## **LOCATION**

628400 Surgut, Khanty-Mansyisk Autonomous region Ugra, Russia.

## **TERMINAL**

SGC airport, we take volunteers from the airport

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENT**

You have to be open-minded and be ready to adapt to the simple conditions of the common life. We are looking for the volunteers with the psychological skills for working with children, excellent English and have fun all the time!

## **LEISURE TIME**

Volunteers will have active and educated time: they will visit traditional Khanty and Mansy museum, live 2 days in a real life in khanty tribe which is still exist; get aquatinted with their lives. Ride Siberian husky dogs sled. Workshop handmade "Husky's wool". Visit different cities.

## **PARTICIPATION FEE**

None

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A certificate of participating in a project is provided.

We provide free trainings: Volunteers will get soft skills of team-building, interview skills, personal brand, program of non-formal education and workshop “musical instruments”

**We pay for flight tickets, visa, accommodation, food, entertainments.**

