

# Volunteering in Alfa Albona

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## Dear future volunteer!

We are always open to all volunteers without any prejudice, giving them opportunity to work in team and individual. All our volunteers have space to create workshops for young people and participate in youth activities for which they are getting support all the time. We want to ensure that anyone who joins our team is feeling good, motivated and to ensure all possible support and help. As for you, this project is going to be a challenge for us as well, we will try to give our best to be here for you, but the most important for us is that you are honest, communicate with us and respect our association and also the local community you will be part of. Motivation of young people to join EVS service is mostly to make new friends, acquire new skills, learn new things, learn more about our and other cultures and after all to have fun. Working together we can achieve all of this and much more, but we have to be open minded, ready for new challenges and not to be afraid of new things, asking for help or any questions that you may have. In the following pages you will find some information about our association, about our town, region and Croatia in general, as well as some additional things we thought it can be useful for you. We hope that you are going to enjoy working with us and that we will WELCOME YOU IN ASSOCIATION ALFA ALBONA!

Alfa Albona Team







# Project description

**Project** is focused on non formal education in the context of environmental and cultural education with a combination of different activities in order for participants to gain knowledge and to be able to share and express their views, experiences and opinions related to the project's theme, but also to deepen their understanding about the importance of environment, different cultures as a resource for enhancing social and personal skills.

Project is providing youngsters with fewer possibilities an opportunity for participating in an interesting project in another country by involving them in various activities which have the goal to make positive impact on volunteers, as well as to give them possibility to work in multicultural environment, to foster social cohesion, be aware of European citizenship and their rights, foster their creativity and different skills, in order to prepare them for the future life and labour market. All activities and tasks will be in agreement with volunteers. Our aim is to establish good contact with volunteers, in order to understand better volunteers own needs. They will be treated equally as our own members and local volunteers. Volunteers are welcomed to suggest their own project, activity or workshop to implement it alone or with our members or local volunteers. They will be involved from Monday to Friday in the activities for a maximum of 35 weekly hours. Usually weekends will be free. Sometimes, anyway, there will be events that will take place during the weekends, in these cases, volunteers will have day-off during the week.





# ≡ Main role and tasks

Volunteers tasks will be organized by months. In May and June the volunteers will be helping with local activities, with cleaning Alfa Albona summer camp area (cutting the grass, making more places for the tents), maintaining the field (preparing the field for the camp), putting up the tents (we need to put around 40 tents), building the outdoor facilities and outdoor activities place,... In the months of July and August volunteers will be helping with animation of the groups, organizing activities, animation, preparing the meals (cooking) and serving, cleaning, help with hiking trips, water activities, etc. in the summer camp and by the end of the camp help to clean the camp and deconstruct everything. In the months of September and October volunteers will be helping with creative workshops for kids, organizing and implementing Time to move campaign, writing articles, do the promotion of ESC while the month of November will be dedicated to the personal projects of the volunteers. ↓







# The town of Labin

The city of Labin has 12 000 citizens with surroundings. However, the old town Labin that is situated in the hill has only 350 inhabitants. It's a nice and small community, with friendly people and warm hearts that you will simply fell in love right away. The volunteers house and also the office of Alfa Albona is situated there. Is a picturesque town situated on a 320 meters high hill and only three kilometers from the seaside, surrounded with beautiful nature.





# ≡ Accomodation and Working place

Alfa Albona will provide an appropriate accommodation in Labin during the months of May, September, October and November that has everything for comfortable living. Please notice that you may be sharing also the slepping room, depends on the flat we rent for the volunteers.

During the summer camp in June, July and August the accommodation will be in sigle tents in the campsite. Alfa Albona owns the 2000m2 outdoor area next to the sea which it's used for the summer camp and hosting different projects during the summer. It's consist of different areas: sport area, activities area, toilets and showers area, kitchen area, chill out area, bonfire area...





# ≡ Volunteers recruitment



Volunteers should be:

- \*age 18 – 30
- \*mature to work and to relate to other young people with fewer opportunities and willing to develop activities with sense of responsibility
- \*willing to share his/her experience and culture
- \*have good knowledge of english language
- \*be ready to accept challenges
- \*autonomus but also willing to work in the group
- \*be ready for the harder manual work in the summer camp
- \*willing to share the space of living with other volunteers
- \*able to organize his/her own free time
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# ≡ Project costs



This project is funded by Erasmus + programme, which means that there are covered expenses for volunteers. Alfa Albona will be in charge for the accommodation and utilities, food costs as well as for the croatian language course, local transport and materials for the activities.

## Currency

Croatian currency is croatian kuna (HRK or KN). Volunteers will get pocket money and money for food on the beggining of each month for that month. One fun fact about kuna is that it's actually croatian word for indigenous weasel-like animal (English: marten).

# Food and pocket money

The volunteers will have all the meals organized by Alfa Albona while we host the groups: so served breakfast, cooked lunch and dinner, snacks, fruits... In the time we don't have groups then the volunteers will get food to prepare it by themselves. Sending organisation will be in charge for pocket money.



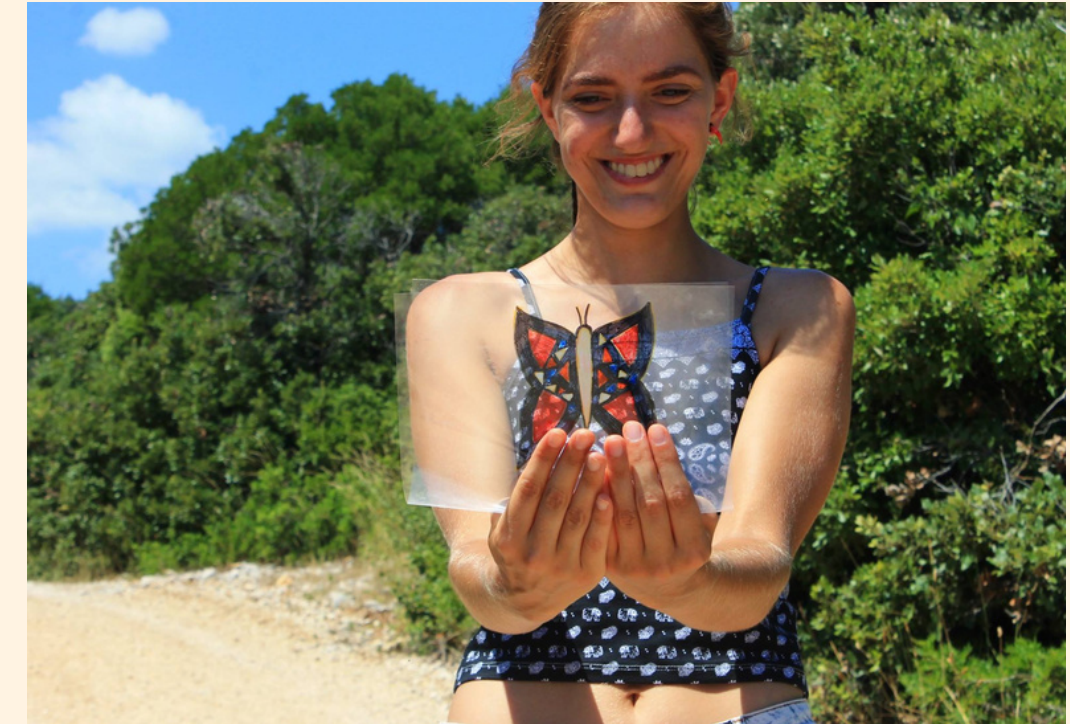


# Insurance

All volunteers within the project are from EU countries and therefore may have or apply for the European Health Insurance Card. Instead of and/or in addition to the European Health Insurance Card the volunteers are medically insured – including third party and accidents - by the European Commission Erasmus+ European Solidarity Corps Insurance called Cigna insurance. Sending organizations will register you for this insurance and Alfa Albona will provide additional help if needed.

## Working language

Working language of the project is English language. Volunteers are expected to know English language in oral and written form because of the service, but also in order to understand us and to ensure good communication.







# Language course

Alfa Albona will provide OSL platform (online course) or Croatian language lessons for the volunteers that will be held by our local volunteers or Alfa Albona staff.



# Info about Croatia ↓

- \*Population: around 4 million
- \*Language: Croatian except Istrian region where we are bilingual Croatian + Italian
- \*We have 1244 islands, but only 50 inhabited.
- \*It is quite safe to travel all over Croatia as well as to drink tap water in Croatia.
- \*Electricity is 220V, 50Hz. Croatia uses the standard European 2 point plugs.
- \*Croatia is 1 hour ahead of GMT, the same time zone as the majority of Western Europe.
- \*The Croatian language uses the Latin alphabet.
- \*There are 30 characters in the Croatian alphabet.
- \*Games of Thrones Kings Landing is in fact Croatian town Dubrovnik
- \*Thanks to Croats you look so good in official suite - we invented the tie
- \*Almost 10% of Croatia is made up of 11 nature parks, eight national parks and two nature reserves.
- \*Croatia is home of the world's smallest town called "Hum"... and many more yet to find out!



# Internet and WI-FI



Internet in Croatia these days is widely available and broadband services are now very common place, as well as being pretty fast. Volunteers will have flat Internet in the summer camp.



## How to reach us?



### By Plane!

The main airport to come is Pula, 40 km from Labin. At the airport you have shuttle bus to the bus station in Pula where you can reach the bus to get to Labin. Bigger airport that is often used by our volunteers is the one in Italy, Trieste. There's around 140 km from Labin to Trieste, but you have bus every day from Rijeka that goes to Trieste.

### By Bus!

The bus station in Labin is situated in the northern part of town, 500 metres from the centre and 1,5 km from the old town of Labin, where is our office.





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