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WELCOME INTRODUCTION

Why don't you go on a big and beautiful adventure for your own life?



This information package contains all the information about the European Solidarity Corps volunteering project in Turkey, Yozgat, Sorgun. You have the chance to work with young people and children in this project. You can change the local community by promoting solidarity, multiculturalism, tolerance and European values. You can improve yourself in many areas, build good relationships with people and discover different cultures. Of course, all these opportunities are up to you. Throughout your volunteering experience, you will find many positive things. However, sometimes you may face some difficulties. But we will always be there for you and we will always support you. If you think you can handle it, we'd be happy to have you here with us!

SORGED-Sorgun Youth Association Volunteer Team

WHO ARE WE?

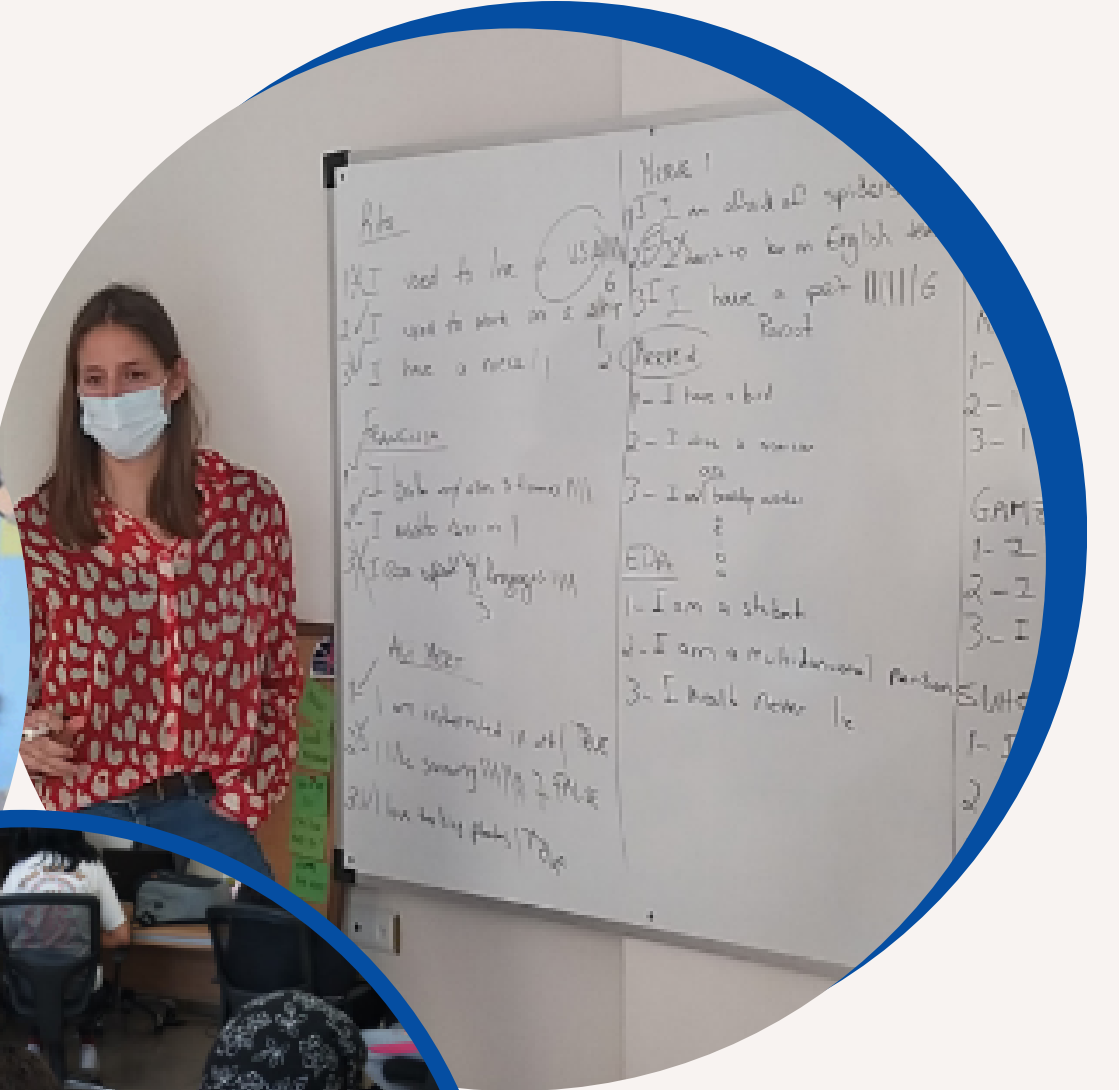


Sorgun Youth Association; It is an independent youth organization founded in 2012 under the name of Sorgun Youth Group. The group of four young people who have volunteered to develop the awareness of volunteerism in our society continues to develop and grow day by day. Based on our consciousness of creating lasting and radical changes with our activities involving our youth and youth values, we have accomplished many successful works in cooperation with various organizations and made rapid progress towards becoming a big team. With the expansion of our field of activity, our association gained its legal personality in 28.11.2014 and took the name **SORGED Sorgun Youth Association. Today, our association achieves to reach a large mass of youth by making more comprehensive and effective programs with a strong team in terms of quality and quantity.**



SORGED; was founded to carry out activities in social, cultural, education, health and sports areas, to be beneficial for young people, to contribute to the improvement of youth policies, to provide assistance and solidarity among our young people, to encourage entrepreneurial spirit, to help them gain competence in subjects such as knowledge and skills, to support the efforts to contribute to the adaptation of all disadvantaged young people to society

Our association is composed of volunteer individuals, people with different qualities and abilities, students, teachers, employees who have high energy with the spirit of youth. Our association accepts a life style based on human rights and to develop common cultural elements and aims to raise awareness about this, without neglecting our national identity and values. The whole world needs to live in unity and therefore there are goals that all individuals in the country can achieve in harmony.



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VOLUNTEERING

Most opportunities through the European Solidarity Corps are cross-border volunteering activities.

These projects are an excellent opportunity to help where needed, learn new skills, spend time abroad, maybe learn a language – and definitely come back with unforgettable memories.

With the wide range of issues covered by the projects (such as environment, health, inclusion, digital technologies, culture, sport), you're sure to find something to match your interests and background.



VOLUNTEERING

European Solidarity Corps (ESC)

The European Solidarity Corps (ESC) is a new European Union initiative that aims to meet societal needs by creating opportunities for young people to volunteer, work or network in projects that benefit society in their home country or abroad, while promoting their personal, educational, social, civic and professional development.

It brings young people together to build a more inclusive society, support vulnerable people and respond to societal challenges. The program offers an inspiring and empowering experience for young people who want to help, learn and develop themselves.

The program adds value to the Volunteering program, formerly known as European Voluntary Service and now under Erasmus+ and other EU funding programs.



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Principles of the European Solidarity Corps

European Solidarity Corps participants carry with them ideas, convictions and expectations. The participating organisations have to be mindful of these needs as they are responsible for providing a respectful and trusting hosting environment. At the same time, the organisations participating in the initiative devote a great deal of time, energy and resources to set up a high-quality activity; they should therefore expect that European Solidarity Corps participants show a similar level of respect for the local communities and the people that are directly concerned by the activities.

These general principles of conduct take into account the great variety of potential participants, organisations and environments in which activities may be performed. They should be adapted to the specific circumstances of each activity.

- **joining the European Solidarity Corps must always be the voluntary choice of a young person, and they are free to resign from the initiative. They have the right to refuse to accept any offer of a Corps placement without affecting their chance to receive other offers in the future;**
- **the participation in the European Solidarity Corps does not involve the payment of any fee;**
- **at the end of their placement, European Solidarity Corps participants are entitled to receive a European Solidarity Corps certificate, confirming their participation in the activity;**
- **when accepting a placement for a volunteering activity, European Solidarity Corps participants will sign a Solidarity Contract with the participating organisation, detailing the conditions of their activity, in line with the principles of the European Solidarity Corps Charter. For an occupational activity, the employment contract will serve a similar purpose;**
- **prior to the start of the activity and during their deployment, European Solidarity Corps participants will receive clear information about the tasks they will carry out and, where appropriate, adequate training and linguistic support.**



VOLUNTEERING PROJECTS WHAT IS NOT?

- ⊗ Not an Internship Program.**
- ⊗ Not Paid Work.**
- ⊗ Not a Language Course.**
- ⊗ It is not a touristic trip.**



ABOUT PROJECT

In late 2019, the pandemic process that started in Wuhan, China and spread all over the world, causing a long-term and multifaceted chaos, deeply affected the social, cultural, sport and economic lives of countries, especially health. The measures taken by countries and the restrictions made within this scope have concerned young people as well as every age group. It has caused young people, who have a critical importance in the future and development of society, to move away from socialization channels (education, sport, social activities, friendship relations, professional experiences, etc.). In this context, the pandemic process had a great impact on the physical and mental health of young people.

Our project will enable young people in disadvantaged conditions to realize their own strengths through sports, not to limit their thoughts and not to lose their belief in change. Sport will empower young people to transform their lives in the face of existing unfavorable living conditions.



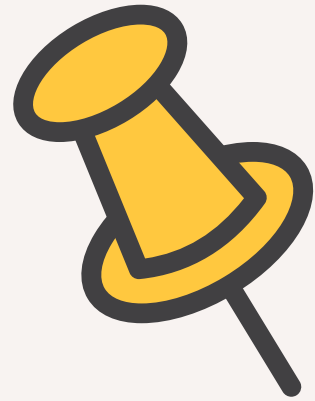
ABOUT VOLUNTEERING

Within the scope of the project, the volunteer will take part in various activities on sports, healthy life, art and environment and the volunteer will organise various activities on his/her own competencies and skills. The volunteer will also volunteer in the office. Volunteers will both contribute to their personal development and contribute to the local community and the development of young people. They will involve them in activities with their own interests and abilities, raise awareness and engage in various activities. Volunteers will also use their organisational and creative skills to support the preparation and organisation of international events for young people organised by the association.



ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

In Sorgun you will share an apartment with double rooms, bathrooms and an eat-in kitchen. Accommodation is provided by the coordinating organization SORGED. You will live in the apartment together with other ESC volunteers. Volunteers will have kitchen utensils and internet in their home. In accordance with the rules of the Türkiye National Agency, 6 euro per day will be paid for pocket money for volunteers.



TRAINING DURING THE ACTIVITY

The main activities to be carried out by volunteers are as follows:

- SORGED administrative and office work;**
- Organisation of sports, healthy living, environmental and cultural activities;**
- Outdoor activities (sports and environmental activities involving local people)**
- Trainings to support the personal development of volunteers (such as teamwork, leadership)**
- Participate in Turkish lessons;**
- Organise activities with young people locally;**
- prepare and present presentations on Erasmus+ and ESC;**
- Organise intercultural activities;**
- English speaking clubs**



TIMETABLE

Volunteers will work from Monday to Friday with one hour lunch break, for maximum 35 working hours per week.

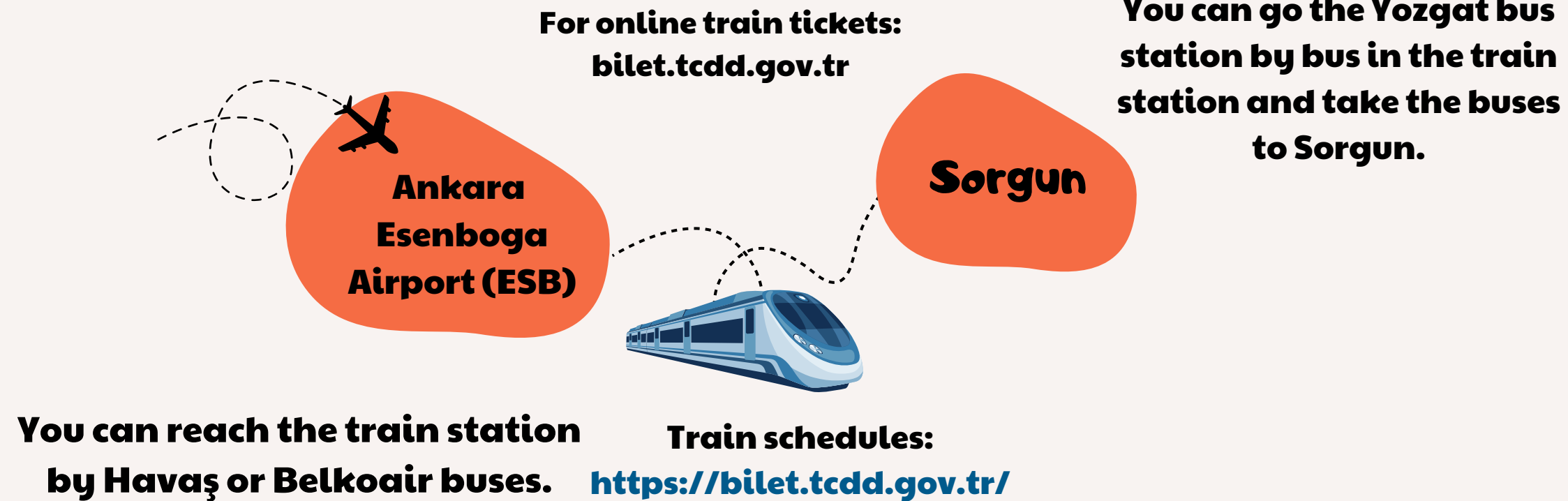
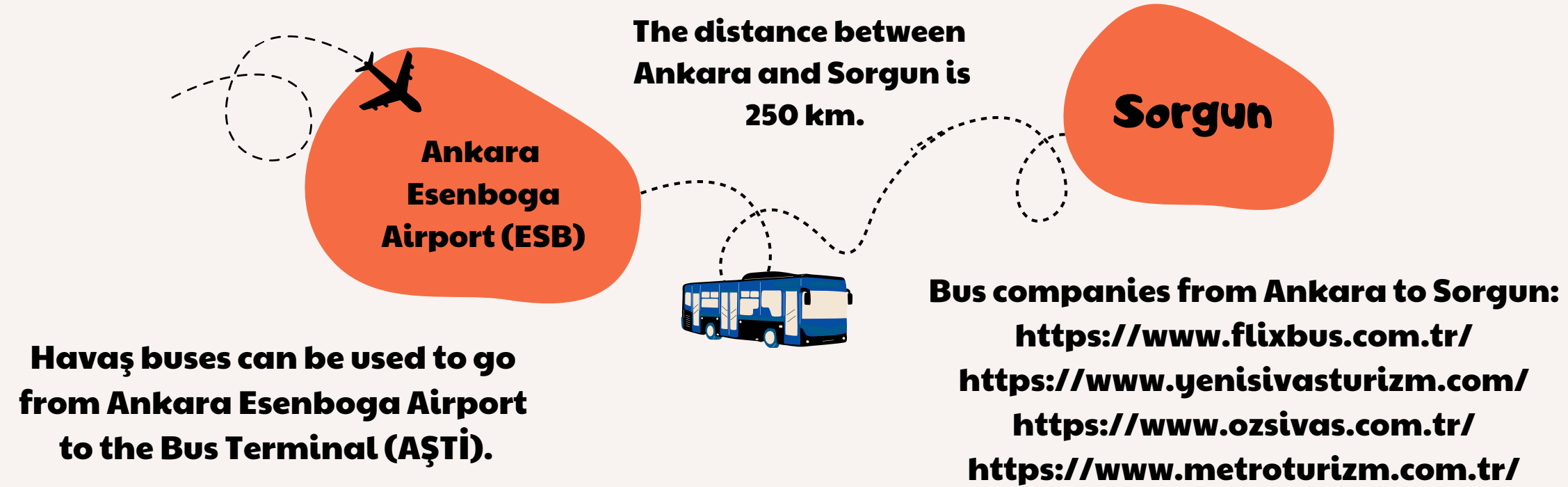
Availability to work during Saturday and Sunday in case of activities and events. Volunteers will work for 5 days per week, with 2 consecutive days off (normally Saturday and Sunday). In Summer, due to school holidays the timetable can change a little. Volunteers will get 2 days of holiday per month.



VOLUNTEER'S PROFILE

To be interested in the project topic, to be motivated to do sports, to be sensitive to the environment and to work on issues, to be interested in different cultures, to be creative, active, open-minded and open to teamwork, to be able to work as a volunteer and to be ready to take responsibility, to be open to education and innovations, to be able to represent the home country and the sending organisation in the best way, to be able to speak English at least to express themselves, to be solution-oriented and tolerant, to work in a planned manner and to accept all the rules of Erasmus+ and ESC programmes and to be between the ages of 18-30.

LOCATION/VENUE



WHERE AND WHEN?

The project will take place in Sorgun district of Yozgat. Total population of Sorghum 80 thousand. Yozgat, also known as Bozok Plateau and has been inhabited since ancient times, is a city known for its unspoilt nature, hospitable warm people, natural beauties, promenade places, high plains, historical, cultural, touristic values and hot springs. Çamlık National Park is Turkey's first national park is located here. Bozok University established in 2006 and 23 thousand young people between the ages of 18-23 come to Yozgat to study. Yozgat is located in the middle of Turkey and Sorgun is the largest and most developed district of Yozgat. It has been home to many civilizations throughout its history. It is rich in hot water springs and there are many “Turkish Baths” in the city.



WHERE AND WHEN?

Çamlık National Park is
Turkey's first national Park



Kerkenes Ruins



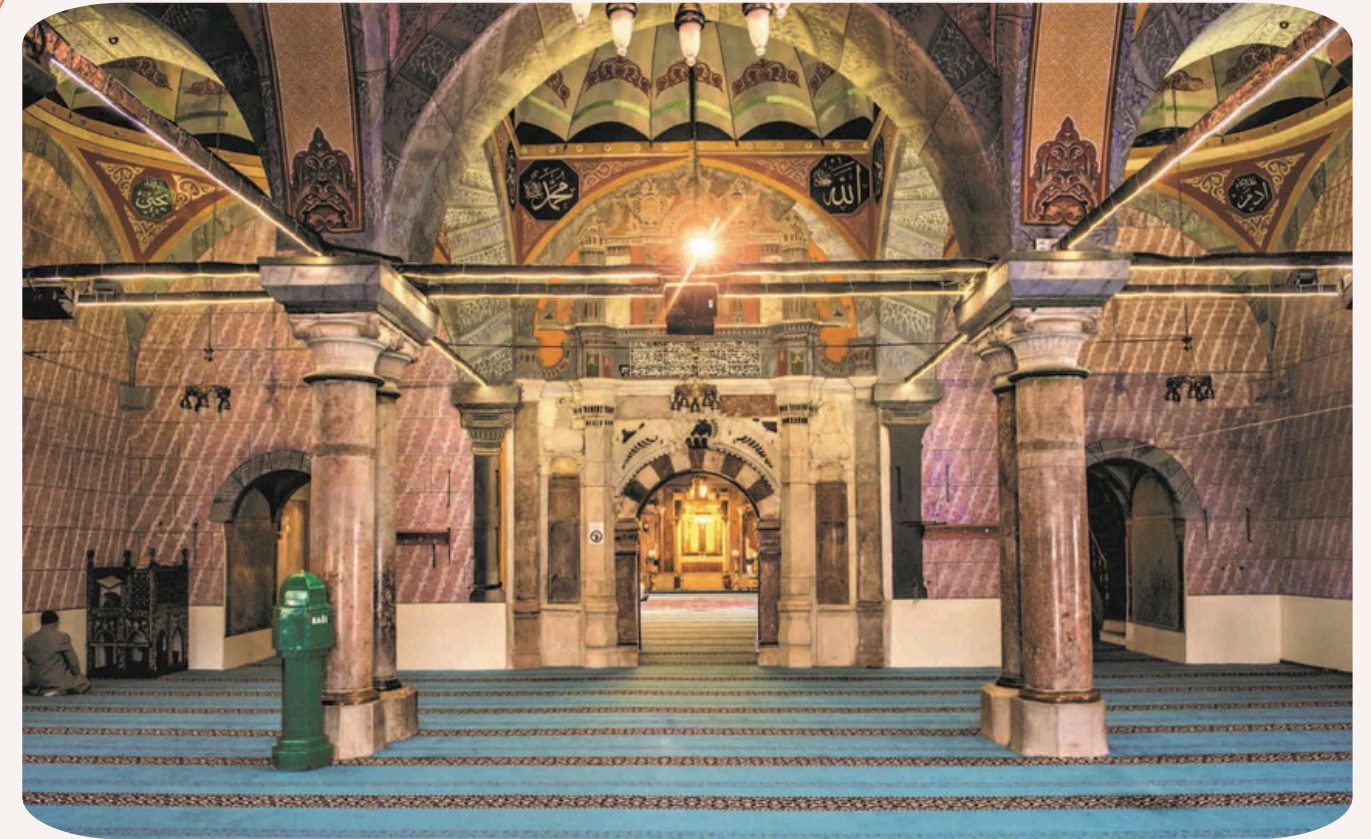
Roma Bath



Aydincik Kazankaya Canyon



Capanoglu Mosque



Sorgun Thermal



MEALS

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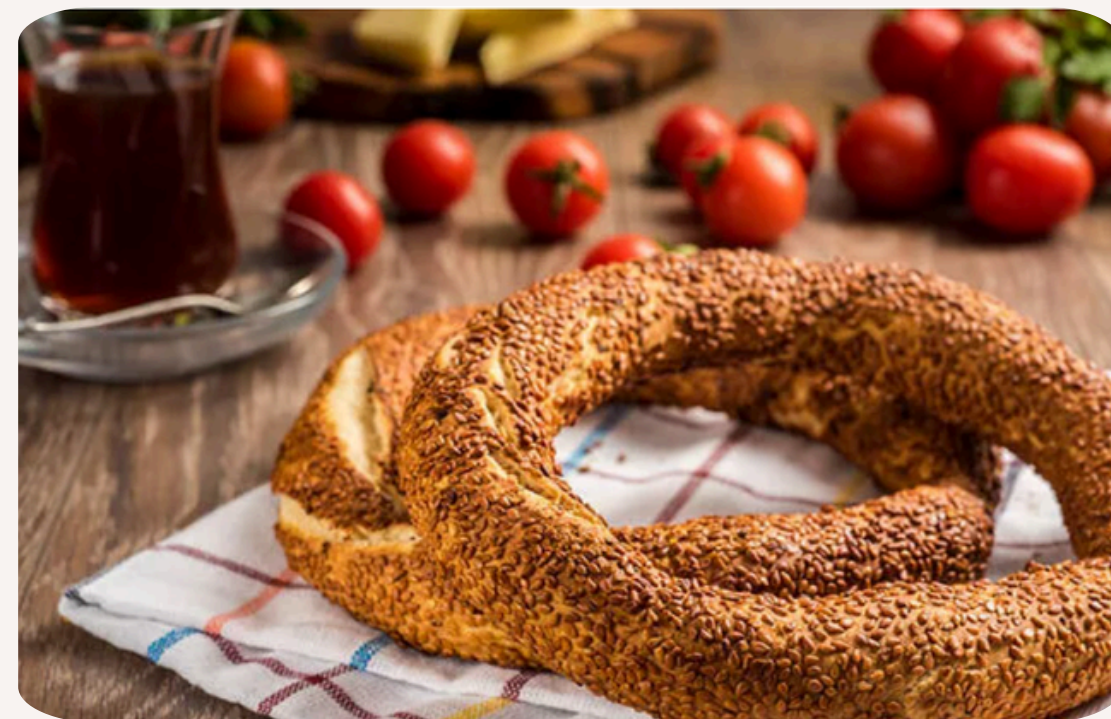
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WHERE AND WHEN?



Sorgun is in the middle of Turkey's full of important roads and is located close to many important cities. Ankara, Kayseri, Nevsehir (Cappadocia), Sivas, and Amasya can be given as examples. On weekends, volunteers will find many opportunities to visit the cities in Turkey. These cities are easily accessible by high-speed train and bus.





WHAT SHOULD YOUNG PEOPLE DO TO GET INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEERING?



YOU NEED TO REGISTER ON THE EUROPEAN YOUTH PORTAL.

Youthpass **CERTIFICATE**

Youthpass has been developed to provide recognition and certification of non-formal education under the Erasmus+ and ESC program.









Youthpass certificate is awarded to participants in Erasmus+ ESC projects. This certificate is awarded by the Erasmus+ and ESC funded projects. It shows what the participants of the projects did in the projects and is a tool to show what they have achieved.

The Youthpass certificate shows what young people have achieved in the project they participated in.

It defines the skills and competencies they have acquired during the project. It is an important document for their careers.

Youthpass CERTIFICATE

YOUTHPASS 8 KEY COMPETENCIES

-  **Literacy competence**
-  **Multilingual competence**
-  **Mathematical competence and competence in science, technology and engineering**
-  **Digital competence**
-  **Personal, social and learning to learn competence**
-  **Citizenship competence**
-  **Entrepreneurship competence**
-  **Cultural awareness and expressive competence**

PERSONAL PLEDGE

As a young participant, you will embody the following principles:



I embrace the values of solidarity, respect for human dignity and human rights, the promotion of a fair and equal society based on pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality



I want to enhance solidarity between people, while respecting their cultures and traditions; we aim to build a community of shared responsibilities and mutual support



I want to make a meaningful contribution to society and will show solidarity, cooperation and mutual understanding.



I will not act in any way that could put others or myself at risk of being harmed.



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