

Info pack

SPIRIT OF THE CARNIVAL

Erasmus +
Ruse, Bulgaria (01 – 30 June 2017)

Hello everybody! It's time for a journey!

Who? – Association "Inspiration"

When? – From 01 to 30 June 2017

Where? – Ruse, Bulgaria

What? – EVS (short term) 1 month project

For who? – 25 young people from Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece and Germany who are interested in music, arts, street arts, open to new cultures.

5 people per organization

Please keep the gender balance if it's possible

"Spirit of the Carnival" is the third edition of the short-term EVS project that involves 25 young people from 5 countries - Italy, Portugal, Spain, Greece and Germany. Adventure for young people immersed in the world of art who will be involved in the preparation and implementation of the most massive cultural event in Rouse, namely Ruse Carnival, which is traditionally held in June each year. Participants will be directly involved in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the Carnival

and the events related by acquiring knowledge in the field of cultural management and organization of large-scale cultural events. By participating in the project, they will improve their language skills and improve their ability to work in a team and in a multicultural environment. The methods that will be used are non-formal education and practical work in the thematic areas of the project.

The presence of volunteers in the local community helps promote the concept of volunteering and its benefits and promote EVS and the opportunities the EU offers young people to improve their skills and fulfill their potential. And the presence of foreign youths in the Carnival completes this festive event for the city.

About Bulgaria:

Capital: Sofia (2 mil. Inhabitants)

Official language: Bulgarian, alphabet – Cyrillic

Religion: Orthodox (85%), Muslim (8%), others (7%)

Time zone: GMT (London) + 2 hours, East-European time (Germany) + 1 hour

Climate: Continental to Mediterranean in the South parts of the country. Average temperatures during January vary from -2 to 2 degrees centigrade in the valleys to – 10 degrees centigrade in the mountains. Average temperatures for June vary from 19-25 degrees centigrade in the valleys to 10 degrees centigrade in the high mountains. Rainfalls are 450-600 mm in the valleys to 1300 mm in the mountains.

You can see the Ruse's weather forecast in next 10 days in this web -

www.foreca.com/Bulgaria/Ruse

Electricity: 220 V, 50 Hz

Entrance in the country: Most of the foreign citizens entering Bulgaria don't need visa but they must carry their valid international passport. The list of the countries which citizens need visa, when entering Bulgaria, can be found at www.mfa.government.bg

Custom's formalities and limitations:

Upon crossing the state border of the Republic of Bulgaria passengers may import

and export duty free commodities that in type, quantities, and value are not of a commercial nature and personal belongings. Common custom declarations and restrictions are applied for import and export of currency, food, alcohol and goods. There is a special custom regime for antiquarian objects, historic and cultural treasures, medicines, narcotics, weapons, ammunitions.

Money exchange: The Bulgarian Lev is pegged to the Euro. 1 EUR = 1.955 BGN. You may exchange money in banks and in any of the numerous exchange offices. Some of those offices are opened during the holidays. Euro-checks may be cashed on a lot of banks.

Approximate Exchange Rates for 1 BGN:

1 USD 1.56 LEVA

1 EURO 1.96 LEVA

1 CHF 1.39 LEVA

1 GBP 2.28 LEVA

Credit cards: Most of the hotels work with VISA, Master Card or American Express.

Taxi-cabs: In towns and resorts there are taxi-cabs situated in the respective taxi ranks. People can take a taxi by calling a taxi company or in the street.

Urban transport: In towns there is urban transport: buses and mini-buses. In Rousse there are busses and trolley buses. Tickets are usually bought before getting on the vehicle.

Car rental: You can rent a car from international rent-a-car companies such as AVIS, Hertz, Budget, Eurocar, etc. Many of the hotels in Bulgaria offer this service through a licensed Bulgarian rent a car companies.

Post offices and telecommunication: Working time of post offices is from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Postage stamps and postcards may be bought from the desks in the post office or from pavilions selling newspapers. There are a lot of internet-cafes from which you may talk cheap or send e-mails (most of them work 24 hours).

Local and international telephone services are covered through automatic street telephones operating with tokens and calling cards. Tokens for local calls (0.20 leva)

and calling cards are available for purchase from any post office or places where newspapers are sold.

Important phones:

Dialing code for Bulgaria from abroad +359

Fire-brigade 112

First aid 112

Police 112

Emergency call number 112

Telephone information 11 800

Some examples of prices in the bars of Bulgaria:

coffee - between 1,00 and 2,00 BGN

beer - between 1,60 and 2,50 BGN

mineral water - 1,00 BGN

soft drink - 2.00 BGN

whiskey 0,50 ml - between 4,00 and 5,00 BGN

bottle of wine - between 10,00 and 20,00 BGN

Taxi - around 0,90 BGN per kilometer

Accommodation:

The volunteers will be accommodated in apartments in Ruse in absolutely new building in “Yantra” Street, near to University of Ruse.







This is the important information. Please contact us if you need to know something else which is not written here. See you in Ruse! 😊

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