

Pays: Russie

Partenaire: Mir Tesen workcamps 2016

Introduction

Info about the Organisation – general and brief. Saint-Petersburg social organization of cultural, educational and exchange programs for youth «MIR TESEN» («IT'S a SMALL WORLD») was established in 1999. Supported by Committee of youth policy and relations with NGOs of Government of St Petersburg since in the some years since 2003.

“Mir Tesen”- the Partner of Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations since 2004, the associated member of CCIVS since 2012.

Our objectives

Our objectives are:

- ✓ to develop mutual understanding and solidarity between people,
- ✓ to promote tolerance and intercultural dialogue between young people all over the world;
- ✓ to encourage youth to find their own value in the world and to introduce Russian cultural Heritage in the world;
- ✓ Preservation of the cultural sites, which are the incomparable achievements of Russian art, and a key site to understand the mentality of the people of the epochs when the monuments were built;
- ✓ to raise awareness among the local population regarding world heritage and the importance their participation to preserving this site.

Our activities

- ✓ short terms volunteers work camps: sending and hosting;
- ✓ short terms volunteers work camps for Russian speaking volunteers, living in EU;

Our Work camps in St-Petersburg

Cultural Heritage Protection has been an important feature of the volunteer projects of “Mir Tesen”. *The UN General Assembly declares the following:* “ Governments should institute, in cooperation with non- governmental youth organizations, travel and exchange programs and youth camps to help youth understand cultural diversity at both the national and international levels, develop intercultural learning skills and participate in the preservation of the cultural heritage of their own and other societies and the world around them”.

The facts about work camps

- ☒ Work camp: all the camps that are offered by our organization are relocating. It gives volunteers a great opportunity to see various architectural styles, to learn about historical events, concerned sites of famous Russian artists and poets of the 18-19 centuries, to see the real life of Orthodox monasteries. The big advantage of our workcamps is a possibility to see both the imperial city St- Petersburg and the real Russian countryside. Participants of our camp are usually involved in the variety of exciting activities. The work is combined with a cultural program.
- ☒ Participants: our main target group young people 18+ years old. We accept to our work camps volunteers of all age, but preferably volunteers fewer than 30. The number of participants in camp is 7 international volunteers+1 camp-leader. We welcome volunteers, who have skills in sphere of

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restoration of cultural heritage monuments, as well historian, architect, and engineer.

- ☐ Duration: Our work camps last 12 days .
- ☐ Work: As a rule volunteers work about 5 hours a day for 5 days a week. Volunteers will help in restoration of Country Houses and in State open-air museums. The volunteers will be engaged in improving the parks: take care of plantation of trees, mow the meadows, cure the trees, clean the hollows, sweep the grounds, cleaning them from old grass, leaves, brunches, twigs, garbage etc. Cleaning the foundations of restoring building; restoration the paths; cleaning the park's ponds; garden's design by flowerbeds and decorative bushes.
- ☐ Accommodation/food: «Mir tesen» provides a basic condition accommodation and food in St- Petersburg and in Leningrad region. Due to the relocating status of the camps, volunteers will live in different places (wooden house/school/dormitory/rental flat). More information will be announced in Infosheet later.
- ☐ Camp leader: There is one leader at the camp, who is responsible for work coordination and link between participants and the host. We train our leaders during the special sessions and seminars. The leader participates in daily life equally with volunteers. We are interested to host Russian speaking camp leaders from the Post SU Region, Balt and other countries. Welcome Russian speaking camp leaders. «Mir tesen» does invite camp leaders from abroad. In some of the camps, the local host takes the leader's role and there is no other formal leader.
- ☐ Explanation about fees for incoming volunteers: all the previous years NGO «Mir tesen» hosted heritage workcamps for free. However, due to the difficult economic situation in Russia this year with no support available to the international voluntary projects neither from the state nor from the local authorities we have to charge small fee 40 euros in the work camps and 100 euro for language camps. This fee is for organizational expenses, not for contribution towards the running costs of camps. That is the only way to keep us going. Free volunteers, who apply by their own, pay 100 euros extra fee.

What to bring

For all the camps volunteers should bring sleeping bag, work clothes & gloves, summer clothes & swimming suit, but also warm clothes and rain-coat because weather in St. Petersburg is really unpredictable. Volunteers are also asked to bring information about their country, photos, music, songbooks, games, flags, musical instruments, etc to organize an intercultural evening.

Conditions for participation

The age of Volunteers should be 18+. The age of World Heritage work camps is 18-30 years. 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. For language camp, we kindly ask to send the motivation letter on Russian from the volunteer with the VEF and the copy of passport.

Transportation

Saint-Petersburg is a huge city and volunteer should be ready to travel long distances to work sites (about 80-200 km). As most of the camps are taking place in Leningrad region, the transportation time can take more than hour. Please notice that the transportation expenses to the workplaces are to be paid by volunteers themselves. However, due to the euro-ruble currency this year the journey will be rather cheap.

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.

Visa issues

To arrange the Invitation we need the following data: First name, Last name, Gender, Date of birth,

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Your Passport number, scan Passport copy, date of issue and expiry, Citizenship.

- For EU-citizens we can make an invitation letter ourselves for 1-2 days and send it quite quickly by fax or scan. Then we send it by post, it takes 1-2 weeks for delivery.
- Deadline for EU-citizen applications to camps is 1 month before the start of the camp.
- For non EU-citizens (the USA, Canada, Australia, Latin America) we provide tourist visa – it is enough for participating in any short-term project we organize (no more 30 days). Making invitation in tourist agency takes for 1-2 days, cost of invitation letter – 10 euro, should be paid by volunteers upon arrival. Post delivery takes about 3 weeks.
- Deadline for non EU-citizen applications to camps is 8-10 weeks before the start of the camp.
- Unfortunately, according to Russian laws we cannot make an invitation letter ourselves for countries of migration risk (countries of African and Asian continents). It should be formed by volunteers individually – the volunteer can apply to tourist agency in his/ her country.

Registration

As any foreigner arrived in Russian Federation for more than 7 days should have the registration, we will make this registration ourselves. The payment is required for state migration service.

Info sheets

Camp details, practical information and travel directions will be sent to the exchange partners 3 weeks before beginning of the camp. Please do not share our contacts with your volunteers. We would like communicate only with sending organizations.

Special Remark

The museums fees and local transport expenses aren't going to be covered, volunteers will have to pay on their own. However, due to the euro-ruble currency this year the journey will be rather cheap =)

Welcome to St-Petersburg!



Mir Tesen international workcamps - 2016

Nº	CAMP	WORKCAMP'S NAME	LOCATION	WORK CAMP DATES	TYPE	VOL.	AGE	COMMENTS
1	MT01/16	"Learning Dostoevsky's language"	St. Petersburg	30.04 – 12.05	Lang/Reno	6	18+	
2	MT02/16	"150 th anniversary of Dostoevsky's novel"	St. Petersburg	06.06 – 17.06	Lang/Envi/Reno	6	18+	
3	MT03/16	"Country Estates"	St. Petersburg/ Leningrad	04.07 – 15.07	Cult /Envi/ /Heritage	8	18+	
4	MT04/16	"Russian Country Estates"	St. Petersburg/ Leningrad	04.07 – 15.07	Cult /Envi/ /Heritage	8	18+	For Russian speaking
5	WHV-MT/16	"Country Estates in St-Petersburg Region – it's the World Heritage" sites"	St. Petersburg/ Leningrad Region	18.07 – 29.07	Heritage/ Cult/Envi	10	18-30	
6	MT05/16	"The royal hunting in the Country Estate near St-Petersburg"	St. Petersburg/ Leningrad Region	18.07 – 29.07	Heritage/ Cult/Envi	8	18+	For Russian speaking
7	MT06/16	"The spirit of Country Estates and Monasteries"	St. Petersburg/ Leningrad Region	01.08 - 12.08	Cult /Envi/ /Heritage	8	18+	
8	MT07/16	"The spirit of Russian Country Estates and Monasteries"	St. Petersburg/ Leningrad Region	01.08 - 12.08	Cult /Envi/ /Heritage	8	18+	For Russian speaking
9	MT08/16	"The Apple Spas and traditions"	St. Petersburg/ Leningrad Region	15.08 – 26.08	Cult /Envi/ /Heritage	8	18+	
10	MT09/16	"The Apple Spas and Russian traditions"	St. Petersburg/ Leningrad Region	15.08 – 26.08	Cult /Envi/ /Heritage	8	18+	For Russian speaking

11	MT10/16	"Autumn in Orthodox Monastery"	St. Petersburg/ Leningrad Region	29.08 - 09.09	Cult /Envi/ /Heritage	8	18+	
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MT01/16 "Learning Dostoevsky's language"

Dates: 30.04 – 12.05

Age: 18+

Type: Lang/Reno

Lang.: English/Russian

Volunteers: 6

Location: Saint Petersburg

PROJECT: St. Petersburg is considered to be the city of the great Russian writer and philosopher Feodor Dostoevsky. The most famous work were written in this city: "Crime and Punishment", "The Idiot", "Karamazov Brothers", etc. His characters walked along the streets of the city. The spirit of his novel soars in the air. So to define St.Petersburg is recognized through the novels of Dostoevsky or novels of Dostoevsky are recognized through the history of St.Petersburg is very challenging question. Dostoevsky grandson is currently living in St.Petersburg. Meeting with him is quite possible. So that's why we invite you to the wonderful city St.Petersburg to get a closer look at the world and the language of the great Dostoevsky.



The group of people from different countries will be formed as in ordinary work camp, including living and spending leisure time together, but the main idea of the project is to allow volunteers improve their Russian by taking lessons in informal study. The volunteers will have daily classes of Russian.

WORK: Study part will be joined with preparation host organization office for the summer work camps: the volunteers will be engaged in repairing work (outside and inside) of old historical building, where "Mir tesen" is situated. There are a lot of various work that don't require any special qualifications: decorating rooms, painting walls and windows frame, taking care about territory of building.

ACCOMMODATION: Host organization provides a basic condition accommodation and food in St-Petersburg in the dormitory for 6-8 persons . The shower with hot water, equipped kitchen and the common room are provided. Volunteers will cook by themselves.

LEISURE TIME: During the camp are a lot of holidays in Russia like Easter (the 1st of the May) and Victory Day (the 9th of the May). At night of the Victory Day volunteers can look at the big firework from the downtown. Don't forget that St-Petersburg is a cultural capital of Russia. Volunteers will have an opportunity to visit numerous museums, theatres, galleries and exhibitions, country residences of Emperors, Grand Princes and grandees: Peterhof – city of fountains (www.peterhofmuseum.ru), Lomonosov, Tsarskoye Selo (www.tzar.ru), Pavlovsk (www.pavlovskmuseum.ru) and just restored palace in Gatchina. Also at this time of the year, the city hosts a variety of festivals, concerts and folk events. Each year millions of tourists come to St.Petersburg for walking at night along the Neva River, watching the bridges raise. Volunteers will be able to rent bikes or boats to have little trips. Meeting with local people and evenings of international cuisine will be organized, so it would be great if volunteers bring their traditional recipes and food.

LOCATION: St. Petersburg city **TERMINAL:** Pulkovo International Airport is located about 17 km from the St. Petersburg center. We know that some of the volunteers have problems with the high cost of tickets to Saint Petersburg. We can recommend them to find economy flights not to St. Petersburg, but to Riga or Helsinki or other Finland city. It is a very short way from Riga or Helsinki to our city not only by plane, but also by bus or train.

SPECIAL REMARKS. We ask volunteers to send us their motivation letters. Please, specify your language level. The methodology of teaching based on using of linguistic-cultural component. The teacher of Russian has Bachelor's degree of speciality Russian as Foreign. But "Mir Tesen" doesn't provide any certificate. The museums fees and local transport

expenses aren't going to be covered, volunteers will have to pay on own. However, due to the euro-ruble currency this year the journey be rather cheap. Volunteers should bring working clothes, gloves sleeping bags.

EXTRA FEE: 100 Euro.



MTo2/16 "150th anniversary of Dostoevsky's novel"

Dates: 06.06 – 17.06

Lang.: English/Russian

Age: 18+

Volunteers: 6

Type: Lang/Envi/Reno

Location: Saint Petersburg

PROJECT: St. Petersburg is considered to be the city of the great Russian writer and philosopher Feodor Dostoevsky. The most famous work were written in this city: "Crime and Punishment", "The Idiot", "Karamazov Brothers", etc. His characters walked along the streets of the city. The spirit of his novel soars in the air. Dostoevsky grandson is currently living in St.Petersburg. Meeting with him is quite possible. And this 2016 year is 150th anniversary of novel "Crime and Punishment" that so important thing for world literature. So that's why we invite you to the wonderful city St.Petersburg to get a closer look at the world and the language of the great Dostoevsky.

The group of people from different countries will be formed as in ordinary work camp, including living and spending leisure time together, but the main idea of the project is to allow volunteers improve their Russian by taking lessons in informal study. The volunteers will have daily classes of Russian.

WORK: Study part will be joined with other physical works. At first during the camp there is garden festival: the volunteers will be engaged in planting flowers and bushes, care about plants etc. At second the volunteers will help with repair old historical building, where "Mir tesen" is situated.

ACCOMMODATION: Host organization provides a basic condition accommodation and food in St-Petersburg in the dormitory for 6-8 persons . The shower with hot water, equipped kitchen and the common room are provided. Volunteers will cook by themselves.

LEISURE TIME: During the camp are a lot of holidays in Russia like Easter (the 1st of the May) and Victory Day (the 9th of the May). At night of the Victory Day volunteers can look at the big firework from the downtown. Don't forget that St-Petersburg is a cultural capital of Russia. Volunteers will have an opportunity to visit numerous museums, theatres, galleries and exhibitions, country residences of Emperors, Grand Princes and grandees: Peterhof – city of fountains (www.peterhofmuseum.ru), Lomonosov, Tsarskoye Selo (www.tzar.ru), Pavlovsk (www.pavlovskmuseum.ru) and just restored palace in Gatchina. Also at this time of the year, the city hosts a variety of festivals, concerts and folk events. Each year millions of tourists come to St.Petersburg for walking at night along the Neva River, watching the bridges raise. Volunteers will be able to rent bikes or boats to have little trips. Meeting with local people and evenings of international cuisine will be organized, so it would be great if volunteers bring their traditional recipes and food.

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MT03/16 “Country Estates”

Dates: 04.07- 15.07

Lang.: English

Age: 18+

Volunteers: 8

Type: Cult/Envi/Heritage Location: Saint Petersburg/Leningrad Region

PROJECT: Work camp is relocating. Country Estates of the St-Petersburg region were built in 18-19 centuries. Among the owners, there were members of the royal family and famous public officials, military leaders, artists, composers, architects, writers, such as Vranghel, Repin, Nabokov, Rerikh. Many of country houses were damaged, especially the parks, landscapes and interiors. We want to bring the former meaning to the country estates as pieces of world heritage. Today the restoration of the country estates is an important deal together with the renewal of the unique parks. We expect our workcamp will help volunteers to achieve the following object: to raise awareness among the local population regarding heritage and the importance their participation to preserving this site . As the workcamp will be mobile, it gives volunteers a great opportunity to learn about historical events, concerned country estates of famous Russian artists and poets of the 18-19 centuries and to see both the imperial city St-Petersburg and the real Russian countryside.



WORK: The volunteers will be engaged in improving estates parks: take care of trees, mow the meadows, clean the hollows, sweep and clean the paths out of the garbage, etc. Volunteers will be working 5 hours per day 5 days a week under the supervision. During the workcamp volunteers will work on different sites: some days volunteers will live and work on one estate, other days volunteers will visit and work on other country estates located in St-Petersburg region. The work will be combined with a cultural program.

ACCOMMODATION: Host organization provides a basic condition accommodation and food in St-Petersburg and in Leningrad region. Due to the relocating status of the camps, volunteers will live in different places (wooden house/school/office/dormitory/rental flat). More information will be announced in Infosheet later.

LEISURE TIME: and grandees: Peterhof – city of fountains (www.peterhofmuseum.ru), Lomonosov, Tsarskoye Selo (www.tzar.ru), Pavlovsk (www.pavlovskmuseum.ru) and just restored palace in Gatchina. Also at this time of the year, the city hosts a variety of festivals, concerts and folk events. Each year millions of tourists come to St. Petersburg for walking at night along the Neva River, watching the bridges raise. Volunteers will have sport activities, meeting with local people, and evenings of international cuisine, so it would be great if volunteers bring their traditional recipes and food.

LOCATION: St. Petersburg/Leningrad region. **TERMINAL:** Pulkovo International Airport is located about 17 km from the St.Petersburg center. We know that some of the volunteers have problems with the high cost of tickets to Saint Petersburg. We can recommend them to find economy flights not to St. Petersburg, but to Riga or Helsinki or other Finland city. It is a very short way from Riga or Helsinki to our city not only by plane, but also by bus or train.

SPECIAL REMARKS. Dates coincide with the camp for Russian speaking volunteers, living in EU. Volunteers from both camps will meet and undertake joint activities. The museums fees and local transport expenses aren't going to be covered, volunteers will have to pay on their own. However, due to the euro-ruble currency this year the journey will be rather cheap. Volunteers should bring working clothes, gloves and sleeping bags. Besides, it would be great to take something special from their countries (photos, food or small flags and souvenirs) for international party in the workcamp and demonstrate them as special features of home country. Volunteers

EXTRA FEE: 40 Euro.





MT04/16 “Russian Country Estates”

Dates: 04.07- 15.07

Lang.: Russian

Age: 18+

Volunteers: 8

Type: Cult/Envi/Heritage Location: Saint Petersburg/Leningrad Region

PROJECT: Work camp is relocating. Country Estates of the St-Petersburg region were built in 18-19 centuries. Among the owners, there were members of the royal family and famous public officials, military leaders, artists, composers, architects, writers, such as Vrangell, Repin, Nabokov, Rerikh. Many of country houses were damaged, especially the parks, landscapes and interiors. We want to bring the former meaning to the country estates as pieces of world heritage. Today the restoration of the country estates is an important deal together with the renewal of the unique parks. We expect our workcamp will help volunteers to achieve the following object: to raise awareness among the local population regarding heritage and the importance their participation to preserving this site . As the workcamp will be mobile, it gives volunteers a great opportunity to learn about historical events, concerned country estates of famous Russian artists and



poets of the 18-19 centuries and to see both the imperial city St-Petersburg and the real Russian countryside.

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SPECIAL REMARKS. Dates coincide with the camp for English speaking volunteers, living in EU. Volunteers from both camps will meet and undertake joint activities. The museums fees and local transport expenses aren't going to be covered, volunteers will have to pay on their own. However, due to the euro-ruble currency this year the journey will be rather cheap. Volunteers should bring working clothes, gloves and sleeping bags. Besides, it would be great to take something special from their countries (photos, food or small flags and souvenirs) for international party in the workcamp and demonstrate them as special features of home country.

EXTRA FEE: 40 Euro.



WHV-MT/16 “Country Estates in St-Petersburg Region – it’s the World Heritage sites”

Dates: 18.07- 29.07
Age: 18-30
Type: WHV/Cult/Envi

Lang.: English
Volunteers: 10
Location: Saint Petersburg/Leningrad Region



PROJECT: The host organization NGO “Mir tesen” is the associated member of Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS)/UNESCO <http://www.ccivs.org/> since 2012. World Heritage of St- Petersburg (“Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups Monuments”) consists not only of well- known historical center of St. Petersburg, palaces and park ensembles of its suburbs , but also a little known historical part Imperial country estates and other historical and cultural monuments (link <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/540>). Country Estates of the St-Petersburg region were built in 18- 19 centuries. Among the owners there were members of the royal family and famous statesmen, military leaders, artists, composers, architects, writers.



International volunteers will work in the WH site “Palace and Park Ensemble” (18-19 centuries) in the village Gostilitsy, situated 67 km far from St-Petersburg (Lomonosov District, Leningrad region). One side, the WH monument is under serious threat of destruction. On the other hand, it has a very long and rich history. Empress Elizabeth is often visited this place for royal hunting. The Country Estate in the village Gostilitsy has a unique park of 85 hectares.

WORK: Under supervision of local experts the volunteers will be engaged in improving the park: take care of plantation of trees, mow the meadows, cure the trees, clean the hollows, sweep the grounds, cleaning them out of the garbage, create information panels about the WH site; improve the paths around the Palace. Part-time volunteers to help set up and equip a special house for the volunteers in close proximity to the palace (to paint the walls and windows, install equipment bed, hang posters of the cultural heritage), will help build an outdoor kitchen and other.

Few days volunteers will visit and work in some other World Heritage sites near St-Petersburg: Tsarskoye Selo , Gatchina, I. Repin Estate "The Penates", Ensemble of the Orthodox Monastery of St. Sergius and others.

ACCOMMODATION: Host organisation provides a basic condition accommodation and food in St-Petersburg and in Leningrad region. Volunteers will live in wooden house or in the local school in the village Gostilitsy. Weekend volunteers will live in St- Petersburg.

LEISURE TIME: St-Petersburg is a cultural capital of Russia. Volunteers will have an opportunity to visit

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SPECIAL REMARKS: The project will have a study part. Volunteers are supposed to prepare presentations for local community about the ways (model) of preservations World Heritage sites in their home countries. Also volunteers will discuss about importance of preserving the flora and fauna of the parks as green heritage in the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity. The workshop will be organized devoted to the World Heritage. Volunteers are supposed to prepare presentations about World Heritage sites in their home countries. Volunteers should bring working clothes, gloves and sleeping bags. The museums fees and local transport expenses aren't going to be covered, volunteers will have to pay on their own. However, due to the euro-ruble currency this year the journey will be rather cheap. We ask volunteers to send us motivation letters.

EXTRA FEE: 40 Euro.





MT05/16 “The royal hunting in the Russian Country Estate near St-Petersburg”

Dates: 18.07- 29.07

Lang.: Russian

Age: 18+

Volunteers: 8

Type: Manu/Envi/Cult

Location: Saint Petersburg/Leningrad Region

PROJECT: World Heritage of St-Petersburg (“Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups Monuments”) consists not only of well-known historical center of St. Petersburg, palaces and park ensembles of its suburbs, but also a little known historical part Imperial country estates and other historical and cultural monuments (link <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/540>).

Country Estates of the St-Petersburg region were built in 18-19 centuries. Among the owners there were members of the royal family and famous statesmen, military leaders, artists, composers, architects, writers. International volunteers will work in the WH site “Palace and Park Ensemble” (18-19 centuries) in the village Gostilitsy, situated 67 km far from St-Petersburg (Lomonosov District, Leningrad region). One side, the WH monument is under serious threat of destruction. On the other hand, it has a very long and rich history. Empress Elizabeth is often visited this place for royal hunting. The Country Estate in the village Gostilitsy has a unique park of 85 hectares.



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SPECIAL REMARKS: The project will have a study part. Volunteers are supposed to prepare presentations for local community about the ways (model) of preservations World Heritage sites in their home countries. In addition, volunteers will discuss about importance of preserving the flora and fauna of the parks as green heritage in the United Nations Decade on

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Biodiversity. The workshop will be organized devoted to the World Heritage. Volunteers are supposed to prepare presentations about World Heritage sites in their home countries. Volunteers should bring working clothes, gloves and sleeping bags. The museums fees and local transport expenses are not going to be covered; volunteers will have to pay on their own. However, due to the euro-ruble currency this year the journey will be rather cheap.

EXTRA FEE: 40 Euro

MT06/16 “The spirit of Country Estates and Monasteries”

Dates: 01.08- 12.08

Lang.: English

Age: 18+

Volunteers: 8

Type: Manu/Envi/Cult

Location: Saint Petersburg/Leningrad Region



PROJECT: Work camp is relocating and it is the third year NGO Mir Tesen will organize it. There are many historical and cultural heritage sites of the St- Petersburg region, which were built in 12-19 centuries. Orthodox Monasteries are the great part of them. Many of the Monasteries are damaged; especially the landscapes and interiors and now they are being restored. These objects are located in the beautiful landscapes and untouched nature near the lakes. Therefore, it is a unique workcamp for volunteers, who want to get in touch with the spirit of history and mystic of Orthodox Monasteries. The big advantage of this workcamp is an opportunity to see both the imperial city St. Petersburg and the real Orthodox Monasteries. During this workcamp the volunteers can visit and work in several the most famous Monasteries. For example, Saint Alexander Nevsky Lavra in St. Petersburg that was founded by one of the most outstanding tsar of Russia Peter the First in 1710, Coastal Monastery of St. Sergius located in the suburb of St. Petersburg, in Strelna and the other famous Cheremenetsky Monastery. It is placed in Leningrad region near the top of the island on a leveled hill, surrounded by Cheremenetsky Lake. It takes 1 hour by train to get there.



WORK: Volunteers will be involved in the variety of activities. They will collect vegetables, help priors, and restore monasteries. Besides, volunteers will be engaged in improving gardens: take care of trees, flowers and harvest, mow the meadows, cure the trees, and clean the paths.

ACCOMMODATION: Because of the camp mobility, participants will live in several places during the camp: for 2-3 days in each monastery in St.-Petersburg and in Leningrad region. Host organisation provides a basic condition accommodation (wooden house/school/office/dormitory/rental flat) and food. More information will be announced in Infosheet later.

LEISURE TIME: St-Petersburg is a cultural capital of Russia. Volunteers will have an opportunity during the weekend to visit numerous museums, theatres, galleries and exhibitions, country residences of Emperors, Grand Princes and grandees: Peterhof – city of fountains (www.peterhofmuseum.ru), Lomonosov, Tsarskoye Selo (www.tzar.ru), Pavlovsk (www.pavlovskmuseum.ru) and just restored palace in Gatchina. Also at this time of the year, the city hosts a variety of festivals, concerts and folk events. At the monastery sites, volunteers will be able to take boats for little trips, swim in the lake, go fishing or pick different berries, drink tea from samovar and even go to the banya. In addition, there will be organized sport activities, meeting with local people and evenings of international cuisine will be organized, so it would be great if volunteers bring their traditional recipes and food.



LOCATION: St. Petersburg region/Leningrad Region. **TERMINAL:** Pulkovo International Airport is located about 17 km from the St-Petersburg center. We know that some of the volunteers have problems with the high cost of tickets to Saint Petersburg. We can recommend them to find economy flights not to St. Petersburg, but to Riga or Helsinki or other Finland city. It is a very short way from

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Riga or Helsinki to our city not only by plane, but also by bus or train.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Dates coincide with the camp for Russian speaking volunteers, living in EU. Volunteers from both camps will meet and undertake joint activities. Volunteers should bring working clothes, gloves and sleeping bags. Besides, it would be good to take something special from their country (photos, food and small flags) for international party in the workcamp and demonstrate others characteristic features of home country. Volunteers and local youth will create a video – a visual memory - of works and activities done during the workcamp. The museums fees and local transport expenses aren't going to be covered, volunteers will have to pay on their own. However, due to the euro-ruble currency this year the journey will be rather cheap.

EXTRA FEE: 40 Euro.



MT07/16 “The spirit of Russian Country Estates and Monasteries”

Dates: 01.08- 12.08

Lang.: Russian

Age: 18+

Volunteers: 8

Type: Manu/Envi/Cult

Location: Saint Petersburg/Leningrad Region

PROJECT: Work camp is relocating and it is the third year NGO Mir Tesen will organize it. There are many historical and cultural heritage sites of the St- Petersburg region, which were built in 12-19 centuries. Orthodox Monasteries are the great part of them. Many of the Monasteries are damaged; especially the landscapes and interiors and now they are being restored. These objects are located in the beautiful landscapes and untouched nature near the lakes. Therefore, it is a unique workcamp for volunteers, who want to get in touch with the spirit of history and mystic of Orthodox Monasteries. The big advantage of this workcamp is an opportunity to see both the imperial city St. Petersburg and the real Orthodox Monasteries. During this workcamp the volunteers can visit and work in several the most famous Monasteries. For example, Saint Alexander Nevsky Lavra in St. Petersburg that was founded by one of the most outstanding tsar of Russia Peter the First in 1710, Coastal Monastery of St. Sergius located in the suburb of St. Petersburg, in Strelna and the other famous Cherepenetsky Monastery. It is placed in Leningrad region near the top of the island on a leveled hill, surrounded by Cherepenetsky Lake. It takes 1 hour by train to get there.



WORK: Volunteers will be involved in the variety of activities. They will collect vegetables, help priors, and restore monasteries. Besides, volunteers will be engaged in improving gardens: take care of trees, flowers and harvest, mow the meadows, cure the trees, and clean the paths.

ACCOMMODATION: Because of the camp mobility, participants will live in several places during the camp: for 2-3 days in each monastery in St.-Petersburg and in Leningrad region. Host organisation provides a basic condition accommodation (wooden house/school/office/dormitory/rental flat) and food. More information will be announced in Infosheet later.

LEISURE TIME: St-Petersburg is a cultural capital of Russia. Volunteers will have an opportunity during the weekend to visit numerous museums, theatres, galleries and exhibitions, country residences of Emperors, Grand Princes and grandees: Peterhof – city of fountains (www.peterhofmuseum.ru), Lomonosov, Tsarskoye Selo (www.tzar.ru), Pavlovsk (www.pavlovskmuseum.ru) and just restored palace in Gatchina. Also at this time of the year, the city hosts a variety of festivals, concerts and folk events. At the monastery sites, volunteers will be able to take boats for little trips, swim in the lake, go fishing or pick different berries, drink tea from samovar and even go to the banya. In addition, there will be organized sport activities, meeting with local people and evenings of international cuisine will be organized, so it would be great if volunteers bring their traditional recipes and food.

LOCATION: St. Petersburg region/Leningrad Region. **TERMINAL:** Pulkovo International Airport is located about 17 km from the St- Petersburg center. We know that some of the volunteers have problems with the high cost of tickets to Saint

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Petersburg. We can recommend them to find economy flights not to St. Petersburg, but to Riga or Helsinki or other Finland city. It is a very short way from Riga or Helsinki to our city not only by plane, but also by bus or train.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Dates coincide with the camp for English speaking volunteers, living in EU. Volunteers from both camps will meet and undertake joint activities. Volunteers should bring working clothes, gloves and sleeping bags. Besides, it would be good to take something special from their country (photos, food and small flags) for international party in the workcamp and demonstrate others characteristic features of home country. Volunteers and local youth will create a video – a visual memory - of works and activities done during the workcamp. The museums fees and local transport expenses aren't going to be covered, volunteers will have to pay on their own. However, due to the euro-ruble currency this year the journey will be rather cheap.

EXTRA FEE: 40 Euro.



MT08/16 “The Apple Spas and Traditions”



Dates: 15.08- 26.08

Lang.: English

Age: 18+

Volunteers: 8

Type: Cult/Manu/Envi

Location: Saint Petersburg/Leningrad Region

PROJECT: Work camp is relocating. There are lot of Heritage sites in St-Petersburg and Leningrad region. For example, Country Estates and Orthodox Monasteries of were built in 12-19 centuries. Among the owners of Country Estates were members of the royal family and famous public officials, military leaders, artists, composers, architects, writers. Nowadays a lot of Country Estates and Orthodox Monasteries are damaged, especially parks, landscapes and interiors. The restoration and renewal of them are very important for saving cultural heritage of Russia. That is why we want to bring the former meaning of country estates and orthodox monasteries as pieces of culture Heritage. These objects are located in the beautiful landscapes and untouched nature near the lakes. It is a unique workcamp for volunteers, who want to get in touch with the spirit of the history of the Estates and mystic of Orthodox Monasteries. Volunteers will have an opportunity to see different parts of the Russian Culture Heritage, learn architectural styles. Participants will have an opportunity to face ancient traditions of Old Rus', get to know with rites, signs, games and learn how to cook Russian traditional dishes.



WORK: Some days volunteers will visit some palaces and parks, which situated in St-Petersburg and Leningrad regions. Volunteers will help in picking up apples (if the apples will ripe) at orthodox monasteries, in gardens and parks. Some days volunteers will be engaged in improving parks: take care of harvest and trees, cure the trees, clean the hollows, clean the paths out of the garbage, etc. Volunteers will be working 5-6 hours per day 5 days a week under the supervision. The work will be combined with a cultural program. The big advantage of this workcamp is an opportunity to see both the imperial city St. Petersburg and the real Orthodox Monasteries.

ACCOMMODATION: Basic condition accommodation and food in St-Petersburg and in Leningrad region. Due to the relocating status of the camps, volunteers will live in different places (wooden house/school/office/dormitory/rental flat). More information will be announced in Infosheet later.



LEISURE TIME: St-Petersburg is a cultural capital of Russia. Volunteers will have an opportunity during the weekend to visit numerous museums, theatres, galleries and exhibitions, country residences of Emperors, Grand Princes and grandees: Peterhof – city of fountains (www.peterhofmuseum.ru); Lomonosov, Tsarskoye Selo (www.tzar.ru), Pavlovsk (www.pavlovskmuseum.ru) and just restored palace in Gatchina. Also at this time of the year, the city hosts a variety of festivals, concerts and folk events. At the monastery sites, volunteers will be able to take boats for little trips, swim in the

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lake, go fishing or pick different berries, drink tea from samovar and even go to the banya. In addition, there will be organized sport activities, meeting with local people and evenings of international cuisine will be organized, so it would be great if volunteers bring their traditional recipes and food.

LOCATION: St. Petersburg/Leningrad Region. **TERMINAL:** Pulkovo International Airport is located about 17 km from the St- Petersburg center. We know that some of the volunteers have problems with the high cost of tickets to Saint Petersburg. We can recommend them to find economy flights not to St. Petersburg, but to Riga or Helsinki or other Finland city. It is a very short way from Riga or Helsinki to our city not only by plane, but also by bus or train.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Dates coincide with the camp for Russian speaking volunteers, living in EU. Volunteers from both camps will meet and undertake joint activities. Volunteers should bring working clothes, gloves and sleeping bags. Besides, it would be great to take something special from their countries (photos, food or small flags and souvenirs) for international party in the workcamp and demonstrate as special features of home country. The museums fees and local transport expenses are not going to be covered, volunteers will have to pay on their own. Due to the euro- ruble, currency this year the journey will be rather cheap.

EXTRA FEE: 40 Euro.



MT09/16 “The Apple Spas and Russian Traditions”



Dates: 15.08- 26.08

Lang.: English

Age: 18+

Volunteers: 8

Type: Cult/Manu/Envi

Location: Saint Petersburg/Leningrad Region

PROJECT: Work camp is relocating.

There are a lot of Heritage sites in St-Petersburg and Leningrad region. For example, Country Estates and Orthodox Monasteries were built in 12-19 centuries. Among the owners of Country Estates were members of the royal family and famous public officials, military leaders, artists, composers, architects, writers. Nowadays a lot of Country Estates and Orthodox Monasteries are damaged, especially parks, landscapes and interiors. The restoration and renewal of them are very important for saving cultural heritage of Russia. That is why we want to bring the former meaning of country estates and orthodox monasteries as pieces of culture Heritage. These objects are located in the beautiful landscapes and untouched nature near the lakes. It is a unique workcamp for volunteers, who want to get in touch with the spirit of the history of the Estates and mystic of Orthodox Monasteries. Volunteers will have an opportunity to see different parts of the Russian Culture Heritage, learn architectural styles. Participants will have an opportunity to face ancient traditions of Old Rus', get to know with rites, signs, games and learn how to cook Russian traditional dishes.



WORK: Some days volunteers will visit some palaces and parks, which are situated in St-Petersburg and Leningrad regions. Volunteers will help in picking up apples (if the apples will ripe) at orthodox monasteries, in gardens and parks. Some days volunteers will be engaged in improving parks: take care of harvest and trees, cure the trees, clean the hollows, clean the paths out of the garbage, etc. Volunteers will be working 5-6 hours per day 5 days a week under the supervision. The work will be combined with a cultural program. The big advantage of this workcamp is an opportunity to see both the imperial city St. Petersburg and the real Orthodox Monasteries.

ACCOMMODATION: Basic condition accommodation and food in St-Petersburg and in Leningrad region. Due to the relocating status of the camps, volunteers will live in different places (wooden house/school/office/dormitory/rental flat). More information will be announced in Infosheet later.



LEISURE TIME: St-Petersburg is a cultural capital of Russia. Volunteers will have an opportunity during the weekend to visit numerous museums, theatres, galleries and exhibitions, country residences of Emperors, Grand Princes and grandees: Peterhof – city of fountains (www.peterhofmuseum.ru); Lomonosov, Tsarskoye Selo (www.tzar.ru), Pavlovsk (www.pavlovskmuseum.ru) and just restored palace in Gatchina. Also at this time of the year, the city hosts a variety of festivals, concerts and folk events. At the monastery sites, volunteers will be able to take boats for little trips, swim in the lake, go fishing or pick different berries, drink tea from

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samovar and even go to the banya. In addition, there will be organized sport activities, meeting with local people and evenings of international cuisine will be organized, so it would be great if volunteers bring their traditional recipes and food.

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SPECIAL REMARKS: Dates coincide with the camp for Russian speaking volunteers, living in EU. Volunteers from both camps will meet and undertake joint activities. Volunteers should bring working clothes, gloves and sleeping bags. Besides, it would be great to take something special from their countries (photos, food or small flags and souvenirs) for international party in the workcamp and demonstrate as special features of home country. The museums fees and local transport expenses are not going to be covered, volunteers will have to pay on their own. Due to the euro- ruble, currency this year the journey will be rather cheap.

EXTRA FEE: 40 Euro.





MT10/16 “Autumn in the Orthodox monastery”

Dates: 29.08-09.09

Lang.: English

Age: 18+

Volunteers: 8

Type: Cult/Manu/Envi

Location: Saint Petersburg/Leningrad Region

PROJECT: Work camp is relocating and it is the third year NGO Mir Tesen will organize it. There are many historical and cultural heritage sites, which were built in 12-19 centuries. Orthodox Monasteries are the great part of them. Many of the Monasteries are damaged; especially the landscapes and interiors and now they are being restored. These objects are located in the beautiful landscapes and untouched nature near the lakes. Therefore, it is a unique workcamp for volunteers, who want to get in touch with the spirit of history and mystic of Orthodox Monasteries. So, it will be possible to discuss different religions with monks. The big advantage of this workcamp is an opportunity to see both the imperial city St. Petersburg and the real Orthodox Monasteries. During this workcamp the volunteers can visit and work in several the most famous Monasteries. For example, Saint Alexander Nevsky Lavra in St. Petersburg that was



founded by one of the most outstanding tsar of Russia Peter the First in 1710, Coastal Monastery of St. Sergius located in the suburb of St. Petersburg, in Strelna and the other famous Chermenetsky Monastery. It is placed in Leningrad region near the top of the island on a leveled hill, surrounded by Chermenetsky Lake. It takes 1 hour by train to get there.

WORK: Volunteers will be involved in the variety of activities. They will collect vegetables and fruits (potatoes, apples), help priors, and restore monasteries. Besides, volunteers will be engaged in improving gardens: take care of harvest and clean the paths. The work will be combined with a cultural program.

ACCOMMODATION: Because of the camp mobility, participants will live in several places during the camp: for 2-3 days in each monastery in St.-Petersburg and in Leningrad region. Host organization provides a basic condition accommodation (wooden house/school/office/dormitory/rental flat) and food. More information will be announced in Infosheet later.

LEISURE TIME: St-Petersburg is a cultural capital of Russia. Volunteers will have an opportunity during the weekend to visit numerous museums, theatres, galleries and exhibitions, country residences of Emperors, Grand Princes and grandees: Peterhof – city of fountains (www.peterhofmuseum.ru), Lomonosov, Tsarskoye Selo (www.tzar.ru), Pavlovsk (www.pavlovskmuseum.ru) and just restored palace in Gatchina. Also at this time of the year, the city hosts a variety of festivals, concerts and folk events. At the monastery sites, volunteers will be able to take boats for little trips, swim in the lake, go fishing or pick different berries, drink tea from samovar and even go to the banya. Sometimes it will be also possible to discuss different religions with monks of the Monasteries. In addition, there will be organized sport activities, meeting with local people and evenings of international cuisine will be organized, so it would be great if volunteers bring their traditional recipes and food.

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by bus or train.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Volunteers should bring working clothes, gloves and sleeping bags. Besides, it would be great to take something special from their countries (photos, food or small flags and souvenirs) for international party in the workcamp and demonstrate as special features of home country. The museums fees and local transport expenses are not going to be covered, volunteers will have to pay on their own. Due to the euro- ruble, currency this year the journey will be rather cheap.

EXTRA FEE: 40 Euro



