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VOLUNTEER IN ROMANIA



- Help us in our Humanitarian voluntary community work.
- Enjoy the culture and friendliness of the Romanian People.
- Visit Palaces and monasteries, plus lots more to enjoy in your vacation including superb restaurants and shops.

Have a great holiday and give a little back to those in need of your help too.

Lend your heart and help bring joy and happiness to the poorest of children, families and senior citizens in Romania, bringing with you a spirit of universal love and care on a holiday adventure in our volunteer 2008 RCHF-UK program. The poorest of people appreciate the kindness of an adult. You can lift their spirits and give them hope for a better future plus make new friends in your vacation as a volunteer with RCHF-UK. There is also lots of Free time to explore the wonders of Romania and see the fabulous sights, learn the rich culture, join in with events and taste the superb natural traditional Romanian food and fine wine. By joining in one of our volunteer programs you will enjoy a great holiday and be able to put a bit back into society by giving friendly support to some of the poorest of people in Europe today.



There are lots of ways you can help whilst still enjoying your vacation. In the photo above you see a cart filled with wood to do repairs to a dwelling in a rural village and you can help in projects like this too, or organize a children's fun day for children who are too poor to have a holiday and in doing so bring them lasting joy to remember, plus a sense of belonging.

A great deal of the work of RCHF-UK is undertaken in rural areas where there is hard poverty and here a little help goes a long way, so why not join us in a volunteering holiday in Romania.

RCHF-UK is based in Iasi city the 2nd largest city in Romania in the North East of the country and there are flights from the UK to Iasi via Bucharest daily, plus you can also fly direct to Bucharest and then take the train to Iasi if you prefer, however we recommend a flight to Iasi airport where we will meet you, greet you and from there look after you throughout your stay.

How long can I go for?

You can go for from 2 to 6 weeks or longer by agreement with RCHF-UK.

Do I need a EU health insurance card UK version?

Yes you do need this and its free via the European health card system in your own country and safeguards you in case of illness or injury.

What qualifications do I need?

None! We prefer people who are interested in helping in a Christian manner in our humanitarian voluntary work. You must be of a good nature and be of a sensible nature.

How much will it cost?

This depends on air fares but if you get low cost flights you can save considerably. You will both book and pay for your flight to and from Romania.

RCHF-UK charges 210 Euro per week for each week you stay in our care. This covers accommodation, breakfast and transfer to and from Iasi airport, plus all fares to go out to rural villages, guided tours and entry fees to tourist attractions.

You will need funds for other meals and personal spending.

Can I fundraise for my trip?

Yes of course you can. Each volunteer will need to raise a minimum of 150 Euro for RCHF projects in Romania.

Can I come with a friend?

Yes you can or in a group if you wish.



To enter Romania you need a valid passport for a stay of up to 90 days. No visa is required for EU citizens including those of the UK.

You are required under Romanian law to carry your passport at all times and there are police checks.

There are embassies of European countries in Bucharest and there is a British council office in Iasi, plus French and German culture offices.

The purpose of the volunteer vacation is to serve and help others in need first and in doing so learn of the host community at first hand.

You will learn first hand about poverty and social problems of a serious nature. RCHF-UK staff will be with you at all times and will help you understand situations that you may see. You will never be placed in a position of looking after anyone unsupervised and will always be assured of personal safety at all times in your voluntary work .

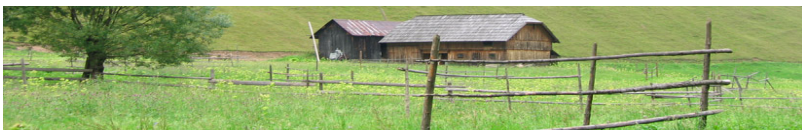
There will be plenty of free time and we will show you the delights of Iasi county including the Palace which was once the home of Steven the Great, some of the finest heritage registered monasteries in Europe today, plus the wonders of the countryside where you will step back in time and meet the traditional people.

The country is also a photographers paradise and you will have many photos of a lifetime to take home, not to mention souvenirs you can purchase in the many local shops.

There are no typical volunteers!

We accept people of all ages as all have something to offer a community in need.

We require a simple medical certificate and a police background check for all volunteers and these you can obtain from your family doctor and local Police office.



Children love to learn English & you can help teach!



For many years Romanian children could only learn their own language at school and Russian as a second language, but with Romania entering the European Union this has all changed and now children can learn English and French too in schools!

These two international languages are crucial to future success and any native speaker of English or French can provide assistance to the many children wishing to have extra tuition. Often this can be done not only in the school but in the family home in which case you gain the advantage of seeing how the traditional rural family lives as life in Romania is very different to that of the UK or European countries.

All you need is a desire to help children and enthusiasm!

In such an undertaking of voluntary work you will gain as you will learn a little of the Romanian language too, plus enjoy the warm hospitality and company of those you help.

Most RCHF-UK members speak both Romanian and English so you will have no difficulties and they will help and advise you throughout your stay in Romania.

RCHF-UK has worked in Romania since 1994.

Community help for a needy family



Another very worthy way you can help is by undertaking some local community work to help the poorest of families with children or old people. This may be to replace broken glass in window, paint a room, mend a broken roof to give but a few ideas. All of this vital work helps those who have no means to do these jobs themselves and raises standards for families in need, plus for old persons often living alone.

If you are an animal lover than look no further as in Rural areas of North East Romania animals are a vital part of everyday life! The village roads are soil roads and so horses and carts are the daily mode of transport for families, plus most families have goats, pigs, chickens or geese and the family dog too! We can arrange for you to spend your time helping a shepherd with his flock of sheep and goats if you wish and you will see and taste the beauty and fresh air of the countryside, plus see traditional sheep rearing methods that have not changed in centuries.



HELPFUL INFORMATION



Iasi International airport is modern and well serviced plus is close to the City itself.

Iasi has a variety of public transport options including Buses, Trams, Taxis and Maxi Taxi mini buses.

There are a variety of both Romanian and western Banks in the city and no shortage of cash card Visa machines to withdraw money from. Euro notes provided they are clean, not torn or written on can be changed at all banks into Romanian money.

There are also many foreign exchange houses to change money in.

By western standards the North east of Romania is a safe place to be with low crime rate and one can safely walk the street at night..

The Romanian Police are strict. There is a no alcohol driving limit with severe penalties if not observed.

Iasi has western style shopping centers, plus traditional shops and bazaars for those who love a bargain and the latest fashion!

There are many both traditional and western style restaurants and coffee houses, plus street terraces in the summer so one can eat outside. Prices are well below western prices and food is of a very good quality, plus local wine and other alcoholic beverages are well below western prices, however one should be aware as are far stronger than western drinks!!