



Wishing Well

Registered charity No: 326529

Volunteer Application Information Sheet

The Application Process

1. Complete a volunteer application form and return along with a book of 2nd class stamps.
2. On receipt of your form, Wishing Well will contact your two references. As soon as the reference forms are returned to us we will contact you to conduct a telephone interview.
3. Once selected we will discuss possible departure dates with you. To secure your place we ask you to provide us with a small non-refundable deposit (equivalent to the cost of your internal transfer in Romania).
4. Book your flights.
5. Start fundraising! We do not set a minimum limit but we expect all volunteers to make an effort to fundraise for our centre prior to their trip.

The costs involved

Unlike many other charities, Wishing Well does not charge you for volunteering with us. However, we do ask that volunteers cover all their own expenses.

Costs include;

1. Flights to Romania (Bucharest). Several airlines fly between the UK and Romania but currently the only three direct flights are with www.ba.com, www.wizzair.com and www.easyjet.com we recommend flights are booked as soon as you have been selected to ensure you get the cheapest possible flight. Flights from London rarely cost more than £250.
2. Internal transfer from Bucharest to Slatina (3 hours by car). We charge you exactly what the driver charges us, normally £45 each way. If more than one person is travelling the price is shared.
3. Daily allowance of £5 - £10. This is enough to have a meal in a local restaurant, pay for drinks, taxi's etc.

What we provide

1. Free basic accommodation.
2. 24 hour support in the event of an emergency.
3. Loan of a mobile phone with local number for use whilst in Romania.
4. A comprehensive volunteer booklet filled with useful information.
5. Access to the internet to check email/keep in touch with friends & family
6. A daily programme of activities in our centre tailored to meet your needs and utilise your skills and experience (Monday - Friday).
7. Support with arranging any social trips or excursions you may wish to undertake over the weekends or in the evenings.

Miscellaneous

1. We have an inclusive approach to volunteering and so there is no minimum or maximum age limits, we do not have a minimum length of stay (although we recommend you stay at least 7 days including travel) and we will attempt to meet all your needs if you have a disability.
2. In Romania it is VERY hot in the summer months and VERY cold in the winter months.
3. We take volunteers all thorough the year but our centre is only small so we cannot accommodate too many volunteers all at once, and there is often a great deal of demand over the summer period.

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