

TURKEY



BOOSTING COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM
AND YOUTH WORK FOR GLOBAL
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



3 months

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LOCATION

Büyükçekmece, Istanbul

THEME OF YOUR CBT VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

CBT through Sailing, Water Sports and Surfing Camp

CONTEXT

Istanbul is surrounded by Marmara Sea in the South, Black Sea from North and Bosphorus in the both sides so it can be considered as a city with lots of water activities and tourism related with sea. Moreover, apart from city centre; Istanbul had a lot of coastal areas with crystal clear water and facilities like Büyükçekmece, Florya, Bostancı, Maltepe and many more until nearly 20 years ago. With the side effects of wrong urbanization and highly increasing number of populations these areas considered as highly polluted lost the characteristics of touristic preferences of a city like Istanbul. Even though they have good possibility to be regenerated; people lost their touristic interest in such places. Even the local population are not aware that these places have the potential to have a bigger impact in the framework of community-based tourism. We have created this package by selecting the pilot area of Istanbul as Büyükçekmece with the criteria listed above. Büyükçekmece has huge coastal sides with lots of coastal and aquatic activities. They have a Sailing Club called Büyükçekmece Yelken ve Su Sporları Kulübü where youngsters can learn, teach observe these activities as locals. But there is not enough demand on this type of tourism and locals are totally not aware of its potential.



PURPOSE OF YOUR CBT VOLUNTEERING PROJECT:

With this program;

- You will be more skilled on sailing and water sports
- There will be more demand on sailing and water sports through the perspective of CBT
- Locals and local youth will know more about this activities
- The organizations and you will increase the quality of their services by using the tools of CBT
- You will raise awareness and your experience will become a good practice for the similar areas of Istanbul and Turkey
- You will also make campaign or short-term projects that raise awareness about environmental pollution in such areas

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN BE ENGAGED IN - BASED ON YOUR INTERESTS AND SKILLS:

You will have indoor training courses about sailing and water sports for 3 weeks. It will be provided by the professional tutors of Büyükçekmece Sailing Club and you will have one Turkish sailing buddy for the whole program.

The buddy system will have a good impact on volunteers for their adaptation, translation also this will increase the participation of local youths to this program.

Once the training is complete, you and other volunteers and your buddies will plan an event at the end of 3 months program. This event will include several sailing competitions and water sports competitions with the attendance of local community. The host will be Büyükçekmece Sailing Club. The event will be published and promoted with online and offline dissemination strategies.

In the following 7 weeks you will be practising and getting ready for the competition with tutors. You also will be

visiting and making open space meetings with youngsters in other points of Istanbul especially Sailing Clubs to promote the event that they will organize.

Eventually, the last week of this package will be the Sailing and Water sports event with the attendance of the locals coming from different parts of Istanbul. Also, there will be environmental awareness meetings with locals in different locations in Istanbul.

INTERCULTURAL EXPERIENCE YOU WILL BE PART OF:

The program will host 5 international volunteers at a time. You will have the opportunity to exchange culture with your peers. Living together for 3 months will widen your perspective on intercultural dialogue, and you will also be ambassador of your own culture.

Being cultural ambassador will also be useful to attract local youngsters. Locals will be eager to spend time with you during your free time. As Turkish culture is very hospitable, you will occasionally be invited to join family dinners , the most privileged moment to learn about our culture.

Moreover, Büyükçekmece Municipality supports local people in terms of cultural development and offers free courses. You can always attend those courses on your free time. Courses vary from painting to marbling, from acting to folk dancing.



YOUR CBT VOLUNTEERING PACKAGES IN TURKEY



FACULTATIVE TRIPS YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM:

- Prince Islands Tour,
- Istanbul Historical Peninsula Tour,
- Bosphorus Tour,
- Museum Tour

YOU WILL BE HOSTED AT:

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