



# European Volunteer Service

## FNEC – Horse Patrols

This project takes place in the small village of Fiskardo on the beautiful Greek island of Kefalonia.

The volunteer will patrol the area on the back of our Haflinger horses. Equipped with radio communication, they will patrol the area surrounding Fiskardo, to assist locals and tourist and alert the authorities in case of emergencies. The horse patrol consists of a minimum two riders. In the winter months the horse patrols are limited to free riding in the area collecting information about footpaths, flora and fauna or working inside our small museum.

You will care for the horses, exercise them and train them. Look to open up new horse paths and to repair and maintain the stables.

### Accommodation & Meals

**Lodging and meals:** You will live in very basic accommodation, a caravan which has no running water and toilets and showers in a separate area.

The kitchen is in the open during the summer and moved to a shelter during winter. You will probably share a caravan with 1 or 2 other people.



Everyone takes turns to help with the cleaning and work in the kitchen. The volunteers can eat meals together or individually.

**Free time:** You will have most weekends free and the chance to go to the beach or go for walks in the mountains and forests.

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Number of people we will send: 1 to 2 people at a time

### For this project:

- ☺ It is important to respect the way of life of the people living in the community.
- ☺ Be happy to work in a very small community.
- ☺ Be flexible to try different activities and to help where you are most needed.
- ☺ It is preferable to have some horse riding experience.
- ☺ Be prepared to work hard
- ☺ Like animals.
- ☺ Be happy to live in very basic conditions
- ☺ Be choosing the project not the country outside tourist season this is a very quiet isolated place.

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## Greece

**Climate:** It is usually hot & sunny during the summer. During the winter although there can be snow and cold weather it is usually significantly warmer weather than in the UK.

**System of Government:** Greece is a democratic republic with a liberal free-market economy, freedom of religion and press.

Greece has been a member of EU since 1981

**Population:** 10.9 million (2001)

**Capital:** Athens (745,514 inhabitants)

**Currency:** Euro = 100cents

**Languages:** Greek, many English speakers

## Language Lessons

**Language:** Greek is very difficult as they have a different alphabet to us. ένα π.Χ. δε φ γ χ ι υ β j K λ μ ν ο π ρ σ τ W X Y ζ  
Why not try to learn a few words:

Hello: <b>γείάσου</b>	(Ya-Sou)
Goodbye: <b>αντίο</b>	(Ya-Sou)
Thank-you: <b>σας ευχαριστώ</b>	(Ef-Hari-Sto)
Please: <b>παρακαλώ</b>	(PA-Ra-Ka-Lo)

## About the place

The island of Kefalonia is the largest of the Ionian Islands in western Greece, with a population of nearly 45,000.

The island is covered by dense vegetation and offers a great range of natural beauty, including beaches -- many of them inaccessible from land -- and spectacular caves. Mirtos, the most famous of these beaches, is a major tourist attraction, and has been ranked fifth worldwide for its beauty.

The island also has a mountain range and spectacular woodlands suitable for adventure walks.

