



# European Volunteer Service

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## Filoxenia - Youth Centre of Corinth

This project takes place in a small village approximately one hour from Athens. Filoxenia is a local community organisation offering volunteer opportunities with the aim of familiarising young people with environmental protection, opportunities to work on personal development, self confidence and self-esteem.

The volunteers will be involved in many tasks related to environmental protection. Using GPS systems footpaths will be designed, and created by clearing the designated space and all signs and street furniture will be produced for the route.

Media production techniques will be taught so that a video and internet diary of the groups contribution can be developed.

### Accommodation & Meals

**Lodging and meals:** You will live in a house in the village of Kryoneri, sharing a room with another volunteer of the same sex. The volunteers will take care of the house, and participate in everyday cleaning tasks. The house is furnished with cooking facilities, during the working day, food will be organised and prepared by the hosting organisation for the lunch, and the Short term volunteer will help prepare the dinners.



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## GREECE

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

**For this project:**

- ☺ You should have an interest in heritage and nature conservation, environmental awareness and local development
- ☺ It is important to respect the way of life of the people living in the local community.
- ☺ Be happy to work in a small community with young people
- ☺ Be flexible to try

**Free time:** You will have most weekends free and the chance to go to the nearby beaches. The capital city of Athens is just under an hour away by road. Where busy shopping arcades and nightlife sit with historical sites like the Parthenon and museums related to ancient Greece.

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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 ι Κ λ μ ν ο π ρ σ τ W X Y ζ  
Why not try to learn a few words:

Hello: <b>γείασου</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

Greece is a beautiful and diverse country. It has busy cities such as Athens & Corinth and many small villages and rural areas. Although the area where you will live is small,

Greece has a population of approximately: 10,700,000. Greece is slightly cheaper than the UK but things are more expensive in the city centre.

Filoxenia is situated in the village of Kryoneri, 4 km from the city of Korinthias (Corinth), on the coast of the Corinthian Gulf, Southern Greece. The surroundings are very green and most locals are employed working in fields (vineyards, citrus fruits). Some small tourist enterprises are also in the region. The county of Korinthias is situated only 50 km west from Athens and it is very easy and comfortable to travel back and forth.

