



# European Volunteer Service

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## Orfeas Forest of Xylokastro Project

with



### GREECE

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

This project takes place in a small town approximately one hour from Athens. Orfeas is a local community organisation.

The aim of the project is not only the conservation and protection of the forest but also to use the forest as a "window" into the natural world, helping young people gain an awareness and knowledge of the environment and their place within it.

The activities will include helping to protect the forest of Xilokastro, protect the coast, planting new trees, building and repairing the footpath in the forest, participating and organizing open-air events, making researches about new and different methods about how to protect the nature.

You will usually work alongside other short-term volunteers from different countries.

### Accommodation & Meals

**Lodging and meals:** You will live in one of two typical Greek houses, both close to forest. You will stay with a group of both long-term and short-term volunteers. You will probably share a room 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 indi-



#### 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 small community.
- ☺ Be flexible to try different activities and to help where you are most needed.
- ☺ Have an interest in environment and be happy to do hands on work outdoors

vidually.

**Free time:** Xylokastro is a small but lively town. You can find there cafes, bars, night clubs, libraries and the beautiful beach. On weekends you can make visit to Corinth or to capital, Athens, where you will find many cultural and historical sites related to ancient



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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>γεία σου</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.

ORFEAS is situated in the village of Vasiliko, 4 km from the town Kiato (12.000 inhabitants), on the coast of the Corinthian Gulf, 20 km West from Corinth (South Greece). The surroundings are very green and most of the locals are employed working in fields (vineyards, citrus fruits). Some small tourist enterprises are also in the region. The county of Corinthias is situated only 50 km west from Athens and it is very easy and comfortable to travel back and forth.

