



Workcamps in der Türkei

Partner: Genctur Istanbul und GSM Ankara

“Genctur” ist unser Partner in Istanbul. Das Angebot umfasst auch längerfristige sowie besondere Projekte (Farmstay, Eco-Camps).

“Genclik Servisleri Merkezi” mit Sitz in Ankara bietet Workcamps jenseits von „Pauschal-Urlaubs-Vorstellungen“ an. Der wirkliche Kontakt mit der türkischen Kultur steht im Vordergrund.

Alter: 18+

About Genctur

- * Name of the organization : GENÇTUR
- * Year of the foundation : 1979
- * Location of the central Office : ISTIKLAL CAD. 108/5 GALATASARAY 34430 ISTANBUL
- * Aim and objectives: GENÇTUR aims to diminish prejudices and create an atmosphere for the volunteers to understand and respect each other's culture through voluntary experiences.
- * Type : NGO
- * Activities : Workcamps, EVS, MTV, LTV.
- * Official website : www.GENÇTUR.com
- * General conditions for participation in your workcamps:
 - age limits : Teenage Camps : 14-17 Adults : 18+
 - common language used in the camps : English
 - extra fee: Only for certain art, culture and teenage camps where there is no work for volunteers or participants to cover the cost & accommodation and also for Eco farm projects to register.

Workcamps 2010

GEN-EK04 HOLD MY HAND-4 07.08 – 22.08 YENISAKRAN SOCI 4 VOLS

With the contributions of regional municipalities, GENÇTUR is offering a free of charge alternative holiday for socially and economically disadvantaged kids. The families of these children, aged 13-15, have no chance to afford such a holiday by their own. The holiday will be realized in a youth centre called AFACAN Youth House (www.afacan.de) by the west coast of Turkey. Each week there will be a new group of kids. GENCTUR is looking for volunteers / counsellors who are able to organize, run and lead activities for the kids in different areas like teaching basic English, sport, drama, music, chess, indoor-outdoor games, handicraft, dance, etc. Volunteers should be at least 20 years old with experience of the above-mentioned activities or group leading, talkative, communicative, patient, talented and ready to teach.

It is possible to join in 2 or 3 consecutive camps but you must indicate this wish on your application form, which must be supported by a detailed motivation letter.

W: Organizing, running & leading activities for the disadvantaged kids. A: In Afacan Youth Centre (www.afacan.de) in 3-4 bedded rooms with toilet and shower. Sleeping bag and mat are not necessary. F: Will be supplied at the campsite. The counsellors will eat together with the group of children whom they are responsible for. LA: English. Turkish will be helpful but not necessary. LO: Yenisakran is by

the Aegean Sea, in west of Turkey. The nearest city is Izmir. T: Izmir. Volunteer should arrange their flights to Izmir. Note: Smoking & drinking is not allowed during the camp at the campsite in front of the kids.

GEN-15 PAVING ROADS SARKOY 07.08 – 21.08 RENO / CONS 15 VOLS

Sarkoy is a seaside town where the population triples in the summer season. The asphalt material that covers the roads in the town is planned to be replaced by paving stones. This is a repeating project. GENÇTUR run workcamps in this lovely seaside town in the past 5 years. They were all successful and the municipality decided to host another international group of volunteers in 2010 as well. The volunteers will help the municipal staff for paving the roads by the stones.

W: Paving the roads. A: In a dormitory with shared bathrooms and showers. F: Will be supplied in the dormitory. LA: English. LO: Sarkoy is in the northwest of Turkey. The next city is Tekirdag. T: Ystanbul.

GEN-16 PLANT & CARE TREES-2 GOMURGEN – KAYSERI 07.08 – 22.08 20 VOLS

The mayor of Gomurgen is very keen of hosting international volunteers for local development. This is the 4th year of GENÇTUR camps in this small town. In the past our volunteers paved the roads and this year we are going to plant and take care already planted trees in an around the town. W: Volunteers will work in open air to plant & water the trees and to landscape the area.

A: In a guesthouse with shared bathrooms and showers, in rooms for 6 people. Sleeping bags and mats are necessary. F: Breakfasts & dinners will be prepared by the volunteers with given food, lunches will supplied by the municipality. Some dinners may be supplied by local people. LA:

English. LO: Gomurgen is located in the middle of Turkey. The nearest city is Kayseri. T: Istanbul
This international camp will consist of a large group of Korean students volunteering in Turkey during their summer holiday. We will also accept 10 volunteers from other nationalities in this camp. If you want to choose this camp please be aware that half of the group will be Korean but the camp language is English.

GEN-17 TOMATO SAUCE 20.08 – 28.08 YENISAKRAN CULT 15 VOLS

Home made tomato sauce, powder soup, macaroni, dried vegetables are the subjects of this camp. Are you interested in how are they made? Local Turkish people will teach the preparation of these home made tasteful staff to anyone interested in learning. You can learn how to make them and try at home and teach to your friends. You may even take samples of your labor to your home. The daily occupation will be 2-3 hours and you will have a chance to join the other group activities in the center or enjoy your free time individually at the Afacan Youth Center www.afacan.de. W: Learning how to make home made tomato sauce, powder soup, macaroni, dried vegetables. A: In Afacan Youth Center www.afacan.de in double rooms with toilets and bathroom. Sleeping bag and mat are not necessary. F: Will be supplied at the center. LA:

English. Turkish will be helpful but not necessary. LO: The camp site is in the west of Turkey by the Aegean Sea coast. T:Istanbul. Extra fee: 210 Euro to cover the cost of accommodation, food and the ingredients.

GEN-18 SOCIAL INCLUSION 20.08 – 01.09 YENISAKRAN SOCI 25 VOLS

With contributions of sister NGOs as well as our own financial and staff sources, GENÇTUR offers a free of charge alternative holiday for socially and economically disadvantaged youth for the social inclusion. GENÇTUR, prioritizes ALLIANCE's "Access for All" campaign and thus tries to give the equal opportunities to disadvantaged youth to participate in voluntary activities.

16 university students from different cities of Turkey will have a chance to experience a useful & different holiday during this camp. Including 2 GENÇTUR leaders, the majority of the group will be Turkish.

GENÇTUR is looking for 6 volunteers / counsellors who are able to organize, run and lead activities for the participants in different areas like practicing English, sport, drama, music, chess, indoor-outdoor games, handicraft, dance, etc. Volunteers must be at least 23 years old with experience of the above-mentioned activities or group leading. Non formal education experience is preferred. The level of English of the camp participants will be very low. Thus the volunteer / counsellors should be talkative, communicative, patient, talented and ready to teach.

W: Organizing, running & leading activities for the university students. R: A motivation letter should be sent with the application form. A: In Afacan Youth Centre (www.afacan.de) in 3-4 bedded rooms with toilet and shower. Sleeping bags and mats are not necessary. F: Will be supplied at the campsite. LA: English. LO: Yenisakran is by the Aegean Sea, in west of Turkey. The next city is Izmir. T: Istanbul.

GEN-19 FUN WITH KIDS-2 01.09 – 08.09 YENISAKRAN SOCI 4 VOLS

With contributions of sister NGOs, GENÇTUR is offering a free of charge alternative holiday for socially and economically disadvantaged kids of Istanbul's poor areas. The families of these children have no chance to realize such a holiday by their own. The holiday will be realized in a youth center by the west coast of Turkey. GENÇTUR is looking for volunteers / counsellors who are able to organize, run and lead activities for the kids in different areas like teaching basic English, sport, drama, music, chess, indoor-outdoor games, handicraft, dance, etc. Volunteers should be at least 20 years old with experience of the above-mentioned activities or group leading, talkative, communicative, patient, talented and ready to teach.

W: Organizing, running & leading activities for the kids. A: In Afacan Youth Centre (www.afacan.de) in 3-4 bedded rooms with toilet and shower. Sleeping bags and mats are not necessary. F: Will be supplied at the campsite. The counsellors will eat together with the group of children whom they are responsible for. LA: English / Turkish will be helpful but not necessary. LO: Yenisakran is by the Aegean Sea, in west of Turkey. The next city is Izmir. T: Istanbul. Note: Smoking & drinking is not allowed during the camp at the campsite in front of the kids.

GEN-AW10 ART CAMP FETHIYE 26.12.09 - 08.01.10 ARTS 10

Kilim Weaving + Traditional Ottoman Waterpainting called Ebru + Batik + Photography + Punk Dance + Leather Mask Making + Rhythm + Pottery + Painting

Kayaköy Art Camp is a place where different art courses are held during the summer for international participants.

Please note that there is no work in this camp but the above mentioned activities are taught to the participants in terms. Thus, in order to cover the cost of accommodation, food and materials there is an extra fee of 340 €.

This camp is suitable for anyone who is interested in or willing to learn Photography + Kilim Weaving + Traditional Ottoman Waterpainting called Ebru + Rhythm + Pottery + Leather Mask Making + Wood carving + Metal Enameling + Salsa Dance + Yoga + Painting + Short Movie .

But please note that not all fields are found in all terms and please check the period you want to go. People who like to share experience and learn from each other are welcome. Sight seeing tours, excursions, dia shows, and discos are being organized after the workshops. Swimming is a daily activity that the participants can do by their own apart from the organized activities.

W: No manual work. Courses will be held in the fields of arts mentioned above, before noon. Different social activities are run after the lunch.

A: Under tents in the garden of the campsite under a clear sky and many stars. Sleeping bags and mats are necessary. Tents are supplied but you can also bring your own, if you want privacy. You can also sleep on the wooden beds provided under a bowel F: Home made, delicious food is served.

LO: The campsite Kayakoy is a small village and an ancient Greek settlement in the south of Aegean Sea coast. Nearest town is Fethiye, city is Mugla. LA: English Fee: An extra fee of EURO 340.- will be charged on arrival to cover the cost of accommodation, food, and materials. It is possible to join in the following term with a discount of EURO 50.-. T: Istanbul.

AFACAN YOUTH CENTRE (<http://www.afacan.de>)

- A holiday complex under GENÇTUR's management
- Specially designed for young people & disabled people
- Located by the sea & wheelchair friendly
- Easy to reach both from Istanbul or Izmir
- Hosting international groups & individuals, adult & teenage workcamps, Summer Kids Camps since 2004

OFFERING

- Full board accommodation
- Outdoor sport grounds
- Swimming pool + clean sea
- Meeting hall, audio-visual system,
- Sight seeing & boat tours
- Internet Cafe
- Free international calls (for organisations with skype only)

NOW READY TO RESPONSE YOUR REQUESTS FOR

- Youth, student or disabled groups travelling to Turkey
- Any bilateral projects
- Youth exchange programs
- Trainings

GSM Turkey

Who are we?

GSM – Youth Services Centre is a non-governmental and non-profit youth organisation that has been founded by a group of young people in 1985 in Ankara, Turkey. Since its first day, GSM has actively worked in youth field and until today it has created and successfully implemented many national and international youth projects. GSM is a pioneer organisation in the field of youth-work in Turkey.

Our main aim is to support common understanding, peace, friendship and intercultural learning among young people coming from different cultural backgrounds by organising international youth activities. We believe that these intercultural activities give a space to young people to share their experiences and own cultural richness, which could help young people to break down any barriers and prejudice.

Main Activities;

- International Voluntary Workcamps: We, as one of the active members of ALLIANCE of European Voluntary Service Organisations, have been organising International Voluntary Workcamps in Turkey in cooperation with municipalities, universities, institutions and other NGOs.

- International Youth Projects under European Programs: Our another major activity is the youth projects such as youth exchanges, training courses, seminars and youth gathering under Euro-Mediterranean Youth Action Program, occurred after the 1995 Barcelona Declaration and since 2004 under YOUTH program. We organise youth projects in Turkey with the financial support of European Commission and Council of Europe as well as enable the active participation of Turkish young people in these youth projects in Europe organised by our worldwide partners.

- Youth Information: Turkish youth have the difficulty of reaching informatin because of not having a proper youth information structure on either local or national level. We believe that reaching information and expressing one's self are the major principles of human rights and that's why we feel the responsibility to meet the expectations on youth information. Keeping these in mind, we created youth portals, web sites and youth researches.

- NGO Capacity Building Seminars: For many years we have been organising various national and international youth activities from which we gained quite some important experience and knowledge. Sharing these experiences and knowledge with other youth organisations is one of our main principles. In order to enable the youth empowerment into civil society more, we organise NGO Capacity Building Seminars from time to time due to the expectations and needs of the national grass-root level youth organisations.

The General Characteristics of GSM's Workcamps

All the camps;

- are being organised by GSM in cooperation with municipalities, universities and local initiatives
- are international and the camp language is ENGLISH
- last for 2 weeks
- have one or two GSM camp leaders
- have an age range of 18 to 28
- do not provide insurance

What is expected of the volunteers?

- no previous experience or specialty for participating at the camps is necessary
- to be ready to work 5-6 hours a day
- to be able to speak at least basic English
- to arrange their own transfer to/from the camp place
- to join all the camp activities and obey the rules of the camp
- to bring necessary materials, which are required for the camps
- to arrive at the camp place on the arrival day and depart on the departure day
- to have their own large insurance in their own countries and bring any necessary documents
- to bring a big smile and enthusiasm

Workcamps 2010

GSM11 Urla / Izmir

31 July – 15 August 2010

ENVI/RENO

18 Vols

Partner: Our partner is Urla Municipality. We have been cooperating with Urla since 1994 and organised more than 10 camps. More information about Urla and the municipality can be found at www.urla.bel.tr.

Work: The main activity in Urla will be working at the constructions of parks and recreational areas around the town. As the parks at which our volunteers are working are completed, there will be a grand opening during the vintage season.

Food and accomodation: Cafeteria / Guesthouse

Location: Urla is one of the westernmost towns of Turkey in Izmir. Only 38 km away from Izmir, it is located on the peninsula surrounded by the Aegean Sea surrounding Izmir Gulf. The population in Urla is also ethnically diverse. There are some Yugoslavian, Romanian, Bulgarian and Greek migrants inhabiting Urla for quite some time.

Terminal: Nearest international airport: Izmir.

GSM12 Odemis / Izmir

31 July– 15 August 2010

RENO

18 Vols

Partner: Our partner is Odemis Municipality. This will be our first time cooperating with Odemis Municipality. More information can be found at www.odemis.bel.tr.

Work: The work at this camp will mainly be renovation. The painting, decoration, renovation and restoration of a culture centre and other buildings belonging to the municipality will be handled.

Food and accomodation: Self-catering breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served / Dormitory

Location: Odemis is a mid-sized town which is 112 km from Izmir centrum with about 70.000 inhabitants living in the town centre. The oldest signs of civilization in Odemis are the 13.000 year old sketches on the walls in a cave. Since then, many civilizations including the Hittites, Phrygians, Persians and Greeks have inhabited the area. Therefore, Odemis is quite rich in historical terms and the city is a member of "Association of Historic Towns in Turkey". The town also has many touristic opportunities like paragliding, trekking, skiing and photo-safari.

Terminal: Nearest international airport; Izmir.

GSM13 Avanos / Nevsehir

07 August – 22 August 2010

ENVI/RENO

18 Vols

Partner: Our partner is Avanos Municipality, which is one of our oldest partners. Though we've been cooperating with Avanos Municipality since 1990, this will be the first time our host at the municipality is an ex-volunteer! More information can be found at www.avanos.bel.tr.

Work: The volunteers will be asked to do some environmental and renovation work under "Kizilirmak renovation project" like planting near Kizilirmak, gardening and painting kerbs. Working hours will not exceed 5 hours per weekday.

Food and accomodation: Cafeteria / Dormitory

Location: Lying near the longest river in Turkey, Kizilirmak, the city is mostly known for the fairy chimneys in Cappadocia, pottery/handicrafts and wine. Kizilirmak (meaning "red river") gets its name

from the terra rossa it's carrying, which is the main raw material of traditional pottery in the area lasting since the Hittites. Because of its historical wealth, the city is a member of "Association of Historic Towns in Turkey". Its twinning-cities are Madan (Bulgaria), Nuit Saint Georges (France), Kaustinen (Finland) and Szentendre (Hungary). Avanos is also one of the few places in Turkey where touristic balloon flights take place.

Terminal: Nearest international airports: Ankara and Adana.

GSM14 Bergama / Izmir

07 August – 22 August 2010

ENVI/RENO

18 Vols

Partner: Our partner is Bergama Municipality. This will be our first time cooperating with the municipality. Some information about Bergama can be found at: <http://www.bergama.bel.tr/>.

Work: The volunteers will take part in some renovational and environmental work in Bergama. The main activities will be the maintenance and gardening activities at parks and recreational areas around the town.

Food and accomodation: Cafeteria / Guesthouse

Location: Izmir is a major city of Turkey and also one mostly known for its beautiful coastal towns. Though not a coastal one, getting its name from the ancient city Pergamon, Bergama is one of the largest towns in Turkey. It's located on a watershed surrounded by hills and mountains. Acropolis is the main tourist attraction site. Lying 40 metres above sea level the area has a mild Mediterranean climate.

Terminal: Nearest international airports: Izmir and Istanbul.

GSM15 Mut / Mersin

14 August – 29 August 2010

ENVI/RENO

18 Vols

Partner: Our partner is Mut Municipality. We have been organising workcamps with Mut Municipality since 2002. For more information about municipality please visit www.mut.bel.tr.

Work: During previous camps hosted by Mut Municipality, a building was restored which later became a cultural centre with the volunteers' help and work they've done. This year the volunteers will take part in some environmental cleaning work and some renovation at Mut Citadel will be done.

Food and accomodation: Cafeteria / Guesthouse

Location: Mersin is a large city with Turkey's second tallest skyscraper (the 52 story Mertim Tower) and a busy port on the Mediterranean coast of southern Turkey. The city is famous for its sandwich with grilled meats wrapped in flat bread named "Tantuni". Mut is a member of "Association of Historic Towns in Turkey" and there are many historical and touristic places like Dagpazari Church, Alahan Monastery, Karaeksi and Alaoda Cave in Mut.

Terminal: Nearest international airport; Adana and Istanbul

GSM16 Oren / Mugla

14 August – 29 August 2010

ENVI

18 Vols

Partner: Our partner is Oren Municipality. We had first cooperated with Oren Municipality in 1999. More information can be found at <http://www.oren-bld.gov.tr/>.

Work: The volunteers will be given some environmental work like planting and gardening according to a 1/1000 scale construction plan already present. The work will take place during work hours.

Food and accomodation: Cafeteria / Guesthouse

Location: Mugla lies at the southwestern coast of Turkey which is one of the most popular touristic cities. It has many touristic coastal towns like Bodrum, Fethiye, Milas and others which attract thousands of tourists every year. Oren is actually a small town with 4500 inhabitants but during the summer season, about 30000 people inhabit Oren. Its previous name was Gereme and ancient name was Keramos which is the actual origin of the word ceramics.

Terminal: Nearest international airport; Izmir.

GSM17 Adalar / Istanbul

21 August – 05 September 2010

ARTS

18 Vols

Partner: Our partner is Adalar Municipality. This will be our first time cooperating with Adalar Municipality. More information can be found at www.adalar.bel.tr.

Work: Some workshops on arts, photography, sculpture and handicrafts will be held in order to prepare an exhibition on all of the inhabited islands.

Food and accommodation: Cafeteria / Bungalows

Location: Adalar (meaning "islands") Municipality governs 9 islands of which only 5 are inhabited in the Sea of Marmara. The distance of islands from the mainland varies between 10 and 25 km. The islands are also known as "Prince Islands" for the reason of being used as a place of exile during Byzantine rule. Though the demographics has changed much throughout the last century, Adalar was mostly inhabited by Greek and Armenian minorities.

Terminal: Nearest international airport; Istanbul.

Special Requirements: Interest and experience in ceramics, sculpture, photography or handicrafts and a motivation letter.

GSM18 Didim / Aydin

21 August – 05 September 2010

ENVI/RENO

18 Vols

Partner: Our partner is Didim Municipality. We have been cooperating since 1996. More information about Didim can be found at www.didim.bel.tr/.

Work: During the camp, the volunteers will do some environmental and renovation work in public parks around the town for 5 hours per weekday.

Food and accommodation: Cafeteria / Guesthouse

Location: Getting its name from the ancient temple of Apollon called "Didymeion", Didim is one of the ancient Greek cultural centres. With its 60 km coastal band, clear sea, a total of 13 km of beautiful beaches and ease of international transportation from Izmir, Didim is a popular touristic area, mostly inhabited by English citizens. It's one of the only two touristic towns of Aydin.

Terminal: Nearest international airport; Izmir and Istanbul

GSM19 Mugla / Mugla

28 August – 12 September 2010

ENVI/RENO

18 Vols

Partner: Our partner is Mugla Municipality. Though our first cooperation with Mugla Municipality was in 1994, this will be our first camp since 1995. This time, our host in Mugla is an ex-volunteer! More information can be found at www.mugla.bel.tr/.

Work: During the camp, the volunteers will do some environment and renovation work like planting, landscaping, gardening and cleaning. Amongst the plans are the preparation of the symbols of every other country represented at the camp using natural colourful stones.

Food and accommodation: Self-catering / Guesthouse

Location: : Mugla is one of the most touristic Aegean cities in Turkey which lies at the southwestern coast. It has many touristic coastal towns like Bodrum, Fethiye, Milas and others which attract thousands of tourists every year. The city is a member of "Association of Historic Towns in Turkey". Besides cultural wealth of the city at present, it's getting richer with the additional cultural events and activities of the recently founded Mugla University.

Terminal: Nearest international airports; Izmir and Istanbul.

GSM20 Savastepe / Balikesir

28 August – 12 September 2010

RENO

18 Vols

Partner: Our partner is Savastepe Municipality. This will be our first cooperation with Savastepe Municipality. More information about Savastepe and the municipality can be found at www.savastepe.bel.tr.

Work: The volunteers will be working at the repairment and renovation of a primary school and some other places belonging to the municipality.

Food and accommodation: Self-catering / Guesthouse

Location: Balikesir is a growing city in the northern Aegean and southern Marmara region of Turkey. Savastepe is a small town of Balikesir through which the Izmir-Balikesir road crosses. Of the many ancient cities in Balikesir, Keraseion ancient city is located near Savastepe. The town's economy is mostly dependent on agriculture and stockbreeding.

Terminal: Nearest airports; Istanbul and Izmir.