

Info pack

# SCENT OF ART

Erasmus +  
Ruse, Bulgaria (01 – 30 June 2016)

*Hello everybody! It's time for a journey!*

*Who?* – Association “Inspiration”

*When?* – From 01 to 30 June 2016

*Where?* – Ruse, Bulgaria

*What?* – EVS (short term) 1 month project

*For who?* – 25 young people from Spain, Portugal, Romania, and Turkey who are interested in music, arts, street arts, open to new cultures.

**5 people per organization**

Please keep the gender balance if it's possible

*Aims* - They will participate, along with local volunteers, in different cultural events in the framework of the Ruse carnival which will be held in June, 2016 in Ruse, Bulgaria. The youngsters will have the unique opportunity to support and to be directly involved in the activities of planning, implementation and follow-up of the Carnival and its events and initiatives. In this way the volunteers will acquire skills in the organization and in the management process of large-scale cultural events, will improve their language skills and will develop their ability to work in a intercultural environment and in a team.

Through the presence of EVS volunteers in the local community we will promote the concept of volunteering and the benefits arising from the implementation of volunteering activities. We will also make popular EVS and the opportunities which the European Union offers to young people in order to help them to broaden their horizon and to unfold their potential.

## About Bulgaria:

**Capital:** Sofia (2 mil. Inhabitants)

**Official language:** Bulgarian, alphabet – Cyrillic

**Religion:** Orthodox (85%), Muslim (8%), others (7%)

**Time zone:** GMT (London) + 2 hours, East-European time (Germany) + 1 hour

**Climate:** Continental to Mediterranean in the South parts of the country. Average temperatures during January vary from -2 to 2 degrees centigrade in the valleys to – 10 degrees centigrade in the mountains. Average temperatures for June vary from 19-25 degrees centigrade in the valleys to 10 degrees centigrade in the high mountains. Rainfalls are 450-600 mm in the valleys to 1300 mm in the mountains.

You can see the Ruse's weather forecast in next 10 days in this web - [www.foreca.com/Bulgaria/Ruse](http://www.foreca.com/Bulgaria/Ruse)

**Electricity:** 220 V, 50 Hz

**Entrance in the country:** Most of the foreign citizens entering Bulgaria don't need visa but they must carry their valid international passport. The list of the countries which citizens need visa, when entering Bulgaria, can be found at [www.mfa.government.bg](http://www.mfa.government.bg)

### **Custom's formalities and limitations:**

Upon crossing the state border of the Republic of Bulgaria passengers may import and export duty free commodities that in type, quantities, and value are not of a commercial nature and personal belongings. Common custom declarations and restrictions are applied for import and export of currency, food, alcohol and goods. There is a special custom regime for antiquarian objects, historic and cultural treasures, medicines, narcotics, weapons, ammunitions.

**Money exchange:** The Bulgarian Lev is pegged to the Euro. 1 EUR = 1.955 BGN. You may exchange money in banks and in any of the numerous exchange offices. Some of those offices are opened during the holidays. Euro-checks may be cashed on a lot of banks.

Approximate Exchange Rates for 1 BGN:

1 USD 1.56 LEVA

1 EURO 1.96 LEVA

1 CHF 1.39 LEVA

1 GBP 2.28 LEVA

Credit cards: Most of the hotels work with VISA, Master Card or American Express.

**Taxi-cabs:** In towns and resorts there are taxi-cabs situated in the respective taxi ranks. People can take a taxi by calling a taxi company or in the street.

**Urban transport:** In towns there is urban transport: buses and mini-buses. In Rousse there are busses and trolley buses. Tickets are usually bought before getting on the vehicle.

**Car rental:** You can rent a car from international rent-a-car companies such as AVIS, Hertz, Budget, Eurocar, etc. Many of the hotels in Bulgaria offer this service through a licensed Bulgarian rent a car companies.

**Post offices and telecommunication:** Working time of post offices is from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Postage stamps and postcards may be bought from the desks in the post office or from pavilions selling newspapers. There are a lot of internet-cafes from which you may talk cheap or send e-mails (most of them work 24 hours).

Local and international telephone services are covered through automatic street telephones operating with tokens and calling cards. Tokens for local calls (0.20 leva) and calling cards are available for purchase from any post office or places where newspapers are sold.

## Important phones:

Dialing code for Bulgaria from abroad +359

Fire-brigade 112

First aid 112

Police 112

Emergency call number 112

Telephone information 11 800

Some examples of prices in the bars of Bulgaria:

coffee - between 1,00 and 2,00 BGN

beer - between 1,60 and 2,50 BGN

mineral water - 1,00 BGN

soft drink - 2.00 BGN

whiskey 0,50 ml - between 4,00 and 5,00 BGN

bottle of wine - between 10,00 and 20,00 BGN

Taxi - around 0,90 BGN per kilometer

## Accommodation:

The volunteers will be accommodated in apartments in Ruse in absolutely new building in “Yantra” Street, near to University of Ruse.







This is the important information. Please contact us if you need to know something else which is not written here. See you in Ruse! 😊

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