

Macedonian Teaching Experience: Summer 2016



In the summer of 2016, the Macedonia School Project will begin its third year of coordinating interested American volunteers in providing conversational English to Macedonian students. The program's goal is twofold: to provide volunteers with a meaningful, quality experience in Macedonia while supporting aspiring Macedonian students in improving their English language skills.

Qualifications: Experienced or retired teachers or college level students interested in teaching and gaining a cross-cultural experience. Others comfortable in school classrooms are welcome to apply.

Costs: Air-flight is approximately \$1,800 to reach Ohrid, Macedonia (from Portland OR) which is the responsibility of the volunteer. Program cost is \$600 for a 2-week experience (mid-June/mid-July). The program costs cover accommodations, Macedonian teacher and interpreter time and supplies. No funds go to the

Macedonia Schools Project. Since the MSP is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization your costs may be tax deductible

Accommodations: Volunteer costs cover housing with a local Macedonian family within walking distance of the school and includes breakfast each day.

Transportation: MSP hosts will meet you at the Ohrid airport or bus station and provide transportation to your housing.

Teaching environment: The MSP will provide students, classrooms and a qualified Macedonian teacher/translator to work with you to ensure the highest quality experience for you and the students. They will also assist you in developing appropriate lesson plans to suit the program participants, students and teachers. All students involved will have some knowledge of English but need practice in using their language skills with native English speakers.

The Macedonian classrooms have limited resources so volunteers are encouraged to bring educational materials. In addition, volunteer teachers are encouraged to introduce other subjects such as art, science, music, biology or other topics you feel comfortable with. They will be expected to teach about 1-2 hours a day 5 days each week.

Volunteer teachers are free to experience the many cultural and historical offerings available in the Ohrid area during the summer.

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