

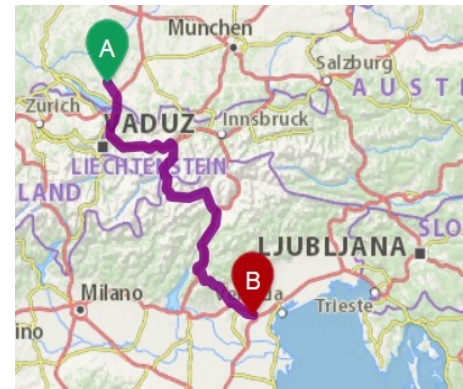
Projekt:

Alter: 20

Kommt aus: Padua, Italien

Dauer:

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### **Kurze Beschreibung des Projekts**

In my project I work with disabled students and I help them in their daily school tasks.

### **What are your tasks and activities?**

I mainly help the teachers doing the activities they propose. For example, if we cook something, I help how I can (for example if theres something to carry, I help the students. Or maybe if we need some specific thing I accompany some students to take it in another place). There's not a specific task. Sometimes I bring the students back to their group. I stay with them at lunch with other volunteers and after lunch (Nachmittag Betreuung) we volunteers play with the children (we play cards, biliard, draw..). I also have office work to do in the afternoon (for example, put things in order, cut some sheets of paper that we might need in the school, buy some material..); this type of tasks are not related to the children though.

### **What do you do in your free time?**

In my free time I do different things. Besides boring tasks such as grocery shopping, cleaning my room, cooking... I sometimes go visiting new places in the area. Or I meet with other volunteers and we do something for fun together (like going to a party, looking, eating). I also like walking around when I can and drawing.

### **Are there any trainings/ seminars and how are they?**

Yes, twice during all our voluntary service. I've already joined one.

### **How was your preparation and did you need a visa?**

No, as I am from Europe.

### **How much money to you have per month and is it enough?**

I get 360 € per month and I find it enough for what I need.

### **How do you live?**

I have an ordinary life style and I'm okay with what I have here.

### **Do you have a contact person in case of problems?**

Yes I do.

### **Do you have a good contact with local people and have you found friends?**

Yes, I think I am in good contact with local people that I've met in the school where I work. Sometimes we do something together.

### **What is different in your new home country?**

Well, where I live now there are not so many comforts as when I lived in my hometown with my parents. Some traditions are different (maybe they are the same but celebrated differently) the people behave differently and have a different approach to life: to me, where I live now the people are a bit reserved, also very kind and sort of strict.

### **What do you think is typical for your new home?**

Loud noises at night.

### **How is the food?**

The food is good. I like trying new things even though I do miss food from home.

**Did you learn the language?**

I try to. But obviously if I'm not writing in German this shows the situation.

**What was your best experience so far?**

I really had good memories so far and I don't know which one to pick. So I really liked the first seminar, my trip to Munich, I really liked when my mum visited, I liked doing things with European volunteers and German ones and I also liked my language course.

**Have you had any bad experience?**

I did. I'm not gonna deny that I've felt homesick and that unfortunately I've decided to stop my experience abroad 6 months earlier due to family problems.

**Have you learned or seen anything new?**

I'm learning a new culture, a new approach to life, a new job and a new language so definitely yes.

**Have your expectations been met?**

Not really. I had different expectation which haven't been met, but this isn't necessarily a bad thing.

**Did your stay abroad change you?**

Yes I feel changed for sure.

**Do you have any resolutions for the rest of your stay?**

I have one month and a half here only and I would like to visit a new city, have fun and save some money.

**Will you profit from your time abroad for your future?**

Not really, that's also why I've decided to quit earlier.

**Which insider tips can you offer for youngsters who would like to travel to this country?**

Germany is a very nice country. It has a lot of natural places and traditions. I suggest it to those who like wintery country and hiking. Where I live there is a really nice lake (Bodensee) that in summer offers an amazing landscape and nice spot where to swim for the tourists but also for the locals. There are also a lot of festivals. In winter it often snows but there's a strong Christmas and Carnival tradition, that are very heartily celebrated here. It's also nice to go to the spa where there's an amazing view from the lake. Or going ice skating or skiing.

**Are you happy with your project and would you recommend it?**

I am happy about my project and it really teaches me a lot. I regret a bit not choosing a bigger city where to stay, but I really feel good here and I ended up being happy with my choice.

**Which tips can you give to others, who would like to do a EVS?**

Well I do recommend to try it out without fear. Its really an amazing experience if you want to spend some part of your life to something different and to invest in helping others and spending some time to expand your horizons.

**Do you write a blog and would want to share it with interested youngsters?**

Unfortunately not.

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