

Hello, fellow volunteers!

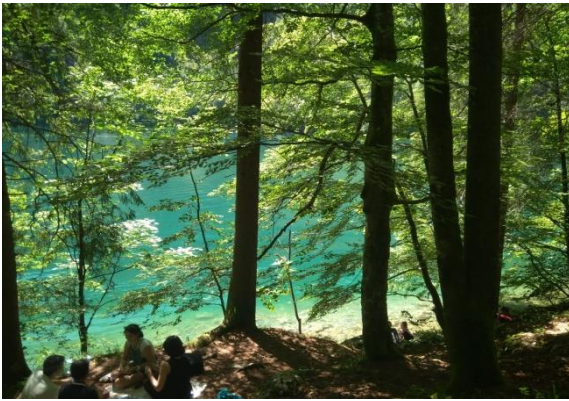
My name is Lia, I come from Greece and I am a volunteer in Vienna. My project is taking place in a kindergarten that focuses in the children's relationship with the nature. We were most of the time outside, in the woods and fields around, even when it was raining! That was a great experience for me, since I was used to completely different pedagogical approaches: the amount of liberty that is given to the children, the rhythm of work and the activities, the trust that the children will take care of themselves, everything was completely new to me, and thus I can say that I have gained a lot of new knowledge and ideas from this specific project.

One more reason that I came to Vienna was to meet a new culture. And I was not disappointed. Vienna is a very multicultural town; you can meet people from all around the world...! I now have acquaintances from Europe, South America, Middle East and generally Asia...! Me living here helped me to have a more wide and correct idea about other countries, cultures and behaviors.



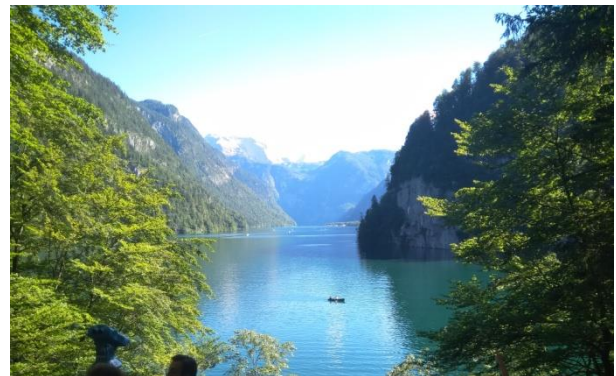
Vienna is a very aristocratic city; her architecture amazes you in whichever part of the town you get. It has many palaces and museums that are worth visiting and can take your breath away. But also the nature is really developed here. There are many huge parks where you can hang out / make a picnic, and at the same time, the route next to the Danube is really indicated for a relaxing walk.





Last but not least, I can say that it is great to live in Vienna, geographically speaking. It is at the middle of Europe , so you can visit so many different places and countries very easily; Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Germany, are all very close and it is a great opportunity to explore Europe.

But also the landscapes of Austria are magnificent. The big lakes, the high mountains, the numerous natural preserved parks are something that I was visiting for the first time and really captivated me. I will never take these images off my head, I think I am in love!



I really recommend you to take some time on your weekends to visit this part of Austria, you will not regret it!

To sum everything up, my experience here in Vienna was really great, even if it was in a wrong moment (corona virus alert: >_<) and it just lasted for 5 months. I got to meet new amazing people, exchange opinions and ideas, learn about the way of thinking and behaving of other cultures, admire landscapes and get new ideas about my profession (teacher). I am really grateful of the moments that I lived here! I will, for sure, never forget this period of my life!

I wish you to have a great time as well in your volunteering project!

