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FINALE EMILIA

Volunteering in Finale Emilia, Italy

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Long Term Projects



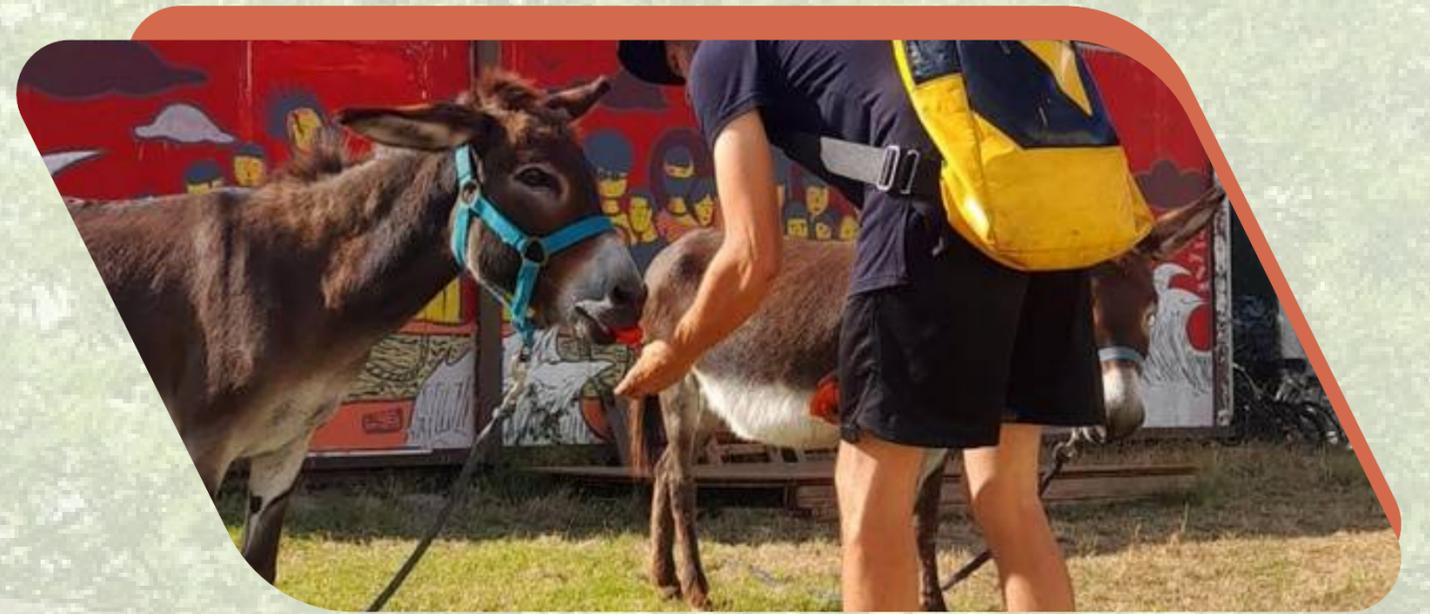
ASSOCIAZIONE MANITese



Manitese is a non-profit association based in a rural area of the Modena province. It supports international cooperation projects and combats poverty and social exclusion by promoting sustainable, local economic systems. The association offers new opportunities to people in need, works with schools through non-formal education about social and environmental issues, and encourages sustainable choices within the local community. In Manitese, you will find a second-hand market, a circular tailoring workshop, a ceramics workshop, a community garden, a little farm, as well as many events. Volunteers are at the heart of the association, and new European volunteers are welcomed with enthusiasm.



VOLUNTEERING AT MANITese



Creativity and inclusion through tailoring and ceramics

Volunteers can join the ceramics and tailoring groups to support inclusive workshops and contribute creative ideas. In the ceramics group, volunteers will work alongside people with disabilities to produce items for fundraising. In the tailoring group, volunteers will participate in events, stands and workshops on reuse and the circular economy. Throughout the months, volunteers will also have the opportunity to propose their own ideas, such as intercultural workshops on art or sustainable fashion.

Community, nature and raising awareness

Volunteers can help to manage the community garden and animals, learn about agroecology, support school activities focusing on environmental and social issues, and contribute to public events organised by Manitese through logistics and communication. During volunteering period, volunteers will also have the chance to develop their own projects in environmental education or interculturalism.

SECOND HAND MARKET



The second hand market is ideated to promote a culture of reuse, reduce waste and support the association's self-financing. The second hand market is one of Manitese's longest-running and most recognisable projects. Open twice a week, the market relies entirely on community donations. Volunteers contribute by collecting and sorting clothes and other items, arranging displays, managing sales, welcoming visitors and promoting the market through communication and special events. As well as being a shop, the market is a meeting place for the local community and an educational space where schools and youth groups take part in workshops and tours reflecting on sustainability and the negative impacts of fast fashion.



BAR AL RIPARO



Bar Al Riparo is a welcoming and inclusive community space created to foster relationships, education, and active citizenship. Here's what happens at Al Riparo:

- Cultural and social events, such as book presentations, debates on Agenda 2030 issues, musical evenings and artistic events
- Citizenship workshops such as sailing, ceramics, making pasta
- Educational courses with schools: thematic workshops on critical consumption, social and environmental justice, inclusion and human rights

The bar thus becomes a permanent community laboratory, providing a space for people to meet, exchange ideas, and grow together through shared experiences of solidarity, culture, and creativity.

WHERE



Situated in the Modena countryside, Finale Emilia is a small town of around 15,000 inhabitants. Life here is peaceful and community-focused, with local initiatives and a warm welcome. Despite its rural location, Finale is strategically positioned close to beautiful and lively cities such as Modena, Bologna and Ferrara.

Living in Finale Emilia means enjoying the authenticity of the Emilian countryside while having access to some of Italy's most interesting destinations.

Finalestense: one of the most traditional village festivals



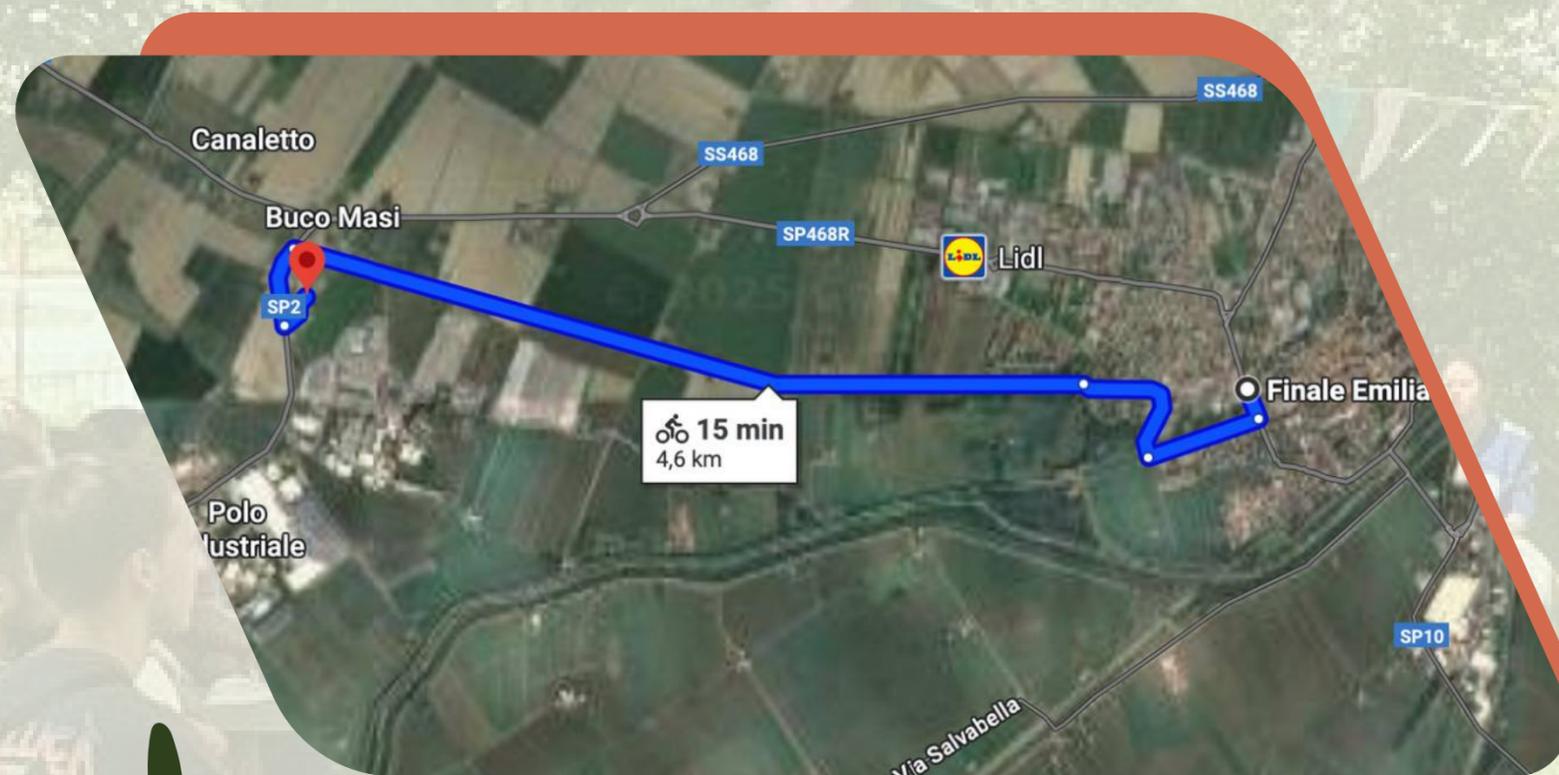
Pumpkin cappellacci: one of the most typical dishes



Ferrara: the nearest large city



MANITese IN FINALE EMILIA



Volunteers will stay in a house in Finale Emilia. The town offers all the facilities necessary for daily life, (supermarkets, shops, pharmacies, healthcare facilities and social spaces).

To reach Manitese association in the countryside, volunteers will be provided with a personal bicycle. The journey takes about 15 minutes and is easy to do thanks to a safe, convenient cycle path that connects the town centre directly to the the association. The bicycle will be the main means of transport: practical, environmentally friendly and useful for exploring the town and its surroundings freely.

ACCOMODATION

Volunteers will live in a comfortable, well-equipped house. The house will be shared by European volunteers. Volunteer will stay in a single or double room, they will have access to shared spaces such as the kitchen, living room.

The house is furnished and equipped with Wi-Fi and all the necessary amenities, enabling volunteers to feel at home. The group will be responsible for the daily management of the house, encouraging respect for everyone's needs and promoting responsible cohabitation.



TRAVEL

The sending organisations, together with Manitese, will assist with ticket purchases and, if necessary, visa applications.

The nearest airports are in Bologna, Verona and Milan. From there, volunteers can continue their journey by train to San Felice sul Panaro station (the closest station to Finale Emilia) or by bus to Finale Emilia or Mirandola. In both cases, volunteers will be picked up by car and taken directly to their accommodation.

Here are some useful websites for public transport in Italy:

Ferrovie dello Stato (national railway) – <http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en>

Flixbus (bus services throughout Europe) – <https://global.flixbus.com/>

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Seta (local bus service) – <https://www.setaweb.it/>



MONEY

Pocket money
330€/month

Pocket money is paid monthly in advance. The amount will be transferred directly to your bank account.

Travel refund
up to 395€
(according with
EU standard)

Keep all original travel documents (tickets, invoices, boarding passes, etc.) and present them to the Host Organisation. Travel reimbursements will be calculated based on the distance travelled. "Green" travel options are strongly encouraged.



ACTIVITIES



Ceramics workshop Manifatti: creative and inclusive activities with people with disabilities, as well as create the production of the shop

Circular tailoring Manigolde: giving clothes and fabrics a new lease of life by creating unique, sustainable garments.



Social garden DoMani: cultivation and animal care according to the principles of agroecology.



Organisation of awareness-raising events on social and environmental justice.

Workshops with schools: educational activities on social and environmental issues for students of all ages.



Design support: collaboration on writing projects and organising new activities.

AND MORE!

TIMETABLE



Daily activities consist of 5 hours of work/activity and a one hour lunch break. We usually have a morning shift (7.30 - 12.30) and an afternoon shift (14.30 - 18.30).

Volunteers will work 5 days a week with 2 days off. Volunteers are given an additional 2 days holiday per month.

Holidays must be planned together with Manitese at the beginning of the volunteer experience



STAFF



Gaia Barbieri

The coordinator, oversees the general organisation of the association and is the main point of reference for public communications



Antonio Luzio

He is responsible for the vegetable garden, animals and logistics. He is the tutor and assists volunteers with their daily activities in the association



Alessandra Antonelli

She is in charge of educational projects and social planning. She the mentors to support volunteers in daily life and wellbeing during the project



Alessandro Formigoni

He runs the ceramics workshop and helps organise events for citizens. He is also responsible for creating graphic content.

WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

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