



Gaziantep Training & Youth Association

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Volunteering Project

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Dear Participant

We are looking forward to meeting you at GEGED! We hope that this booklet contributes to increasing your understanding of our ESC voluntary vacancy and it will give you useful information about our association and the environment we offer you.

In this booklet you will find informations about us, our activities, the city, environment, transportation, accommodation and a lot of useful information.

To understand our projects and your ESC progress read this booklet carefully.

As an organization we wish you to have an effective learning process.

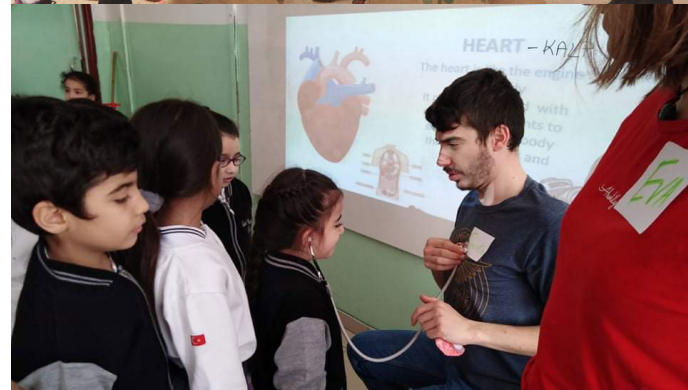


GEGED (Gaziantep Eğitim ve Gençlik Derneği) **English** (Gaziantep Training and Youth Association)

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Gaziantep Eğitim ve Gençlik Derneği (GEGED) was established in 2007 in Gaziantep city by a couple of teachers and local volunteers who had done EVS before. Soon after the application for accreditation for hosting and sending volunteers. Since 2007 GEGED has hosted about 2000 volunteers and sent over 1000 Turkish volunteers to International Voluntary and exchange projects.

GEGED is a volunteer centre. It is a well known and trusted non-governmental organisation. In our voluntary network there are youth centres, schools, refugee support centres, non formal education centres, daily care centers for orphans, sport places, municipality centers and other public spots. Our mission is to create a strong youth with key competences and new skills, knowledge and competencies in social life and help the peace of the World among young people from different cultures, backgrounds, ethnics and races. We also promote youth works and voluntary works to show people that there are many things to do together which can't be left undone and they need free willingness.



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ESC Volunteering Project

The Project

We offer short and long term ESC voluntary projects. We regularly host about 25 volunteers in two months. In our project we are aiming to promote active participation of our volunteers. Our activities are:

- To arrange youth campaigns and workshops about human rights, environment, climate change, social cohesion, intercultural dialogue, digital competences, life quality and Erasmus+ with European Solidarity Corps Opportunities for youth.
- To join and lead the non-formal education activities with kids and youth
- To implement social awareness video campaigns.
- To motivate and educate disadvantaged kids/youth, moreover people disabilities
- To lead the English workshops with local youth
- To attend to Turkish language basic courses given by local volunteers
- Organize intercultural evenings
- Volunteers have a chance for open space and might contribute their own ideas and workshops
- Outdoor environmental campaigns, planting trees, cleaning forest



Food & Pocket Money Allowance

We deliver food allowance to volunteers monthly in Turkish Lira. Volunteers are free to have a meal outside or do a shopping and cook at Geged kitchen. Pocket allowance is calculated on a daily basis of actual project duration. This amount will be 4 Euro per day. Please check your agreement regarding the financial issues.



Transportation

Most of our activities are within 15 minutes by walk. For those centers which are out of our neighborhood, we provide shuttle buses. Weekend trips might be arranged by volunteers themselves with the support of mentors.



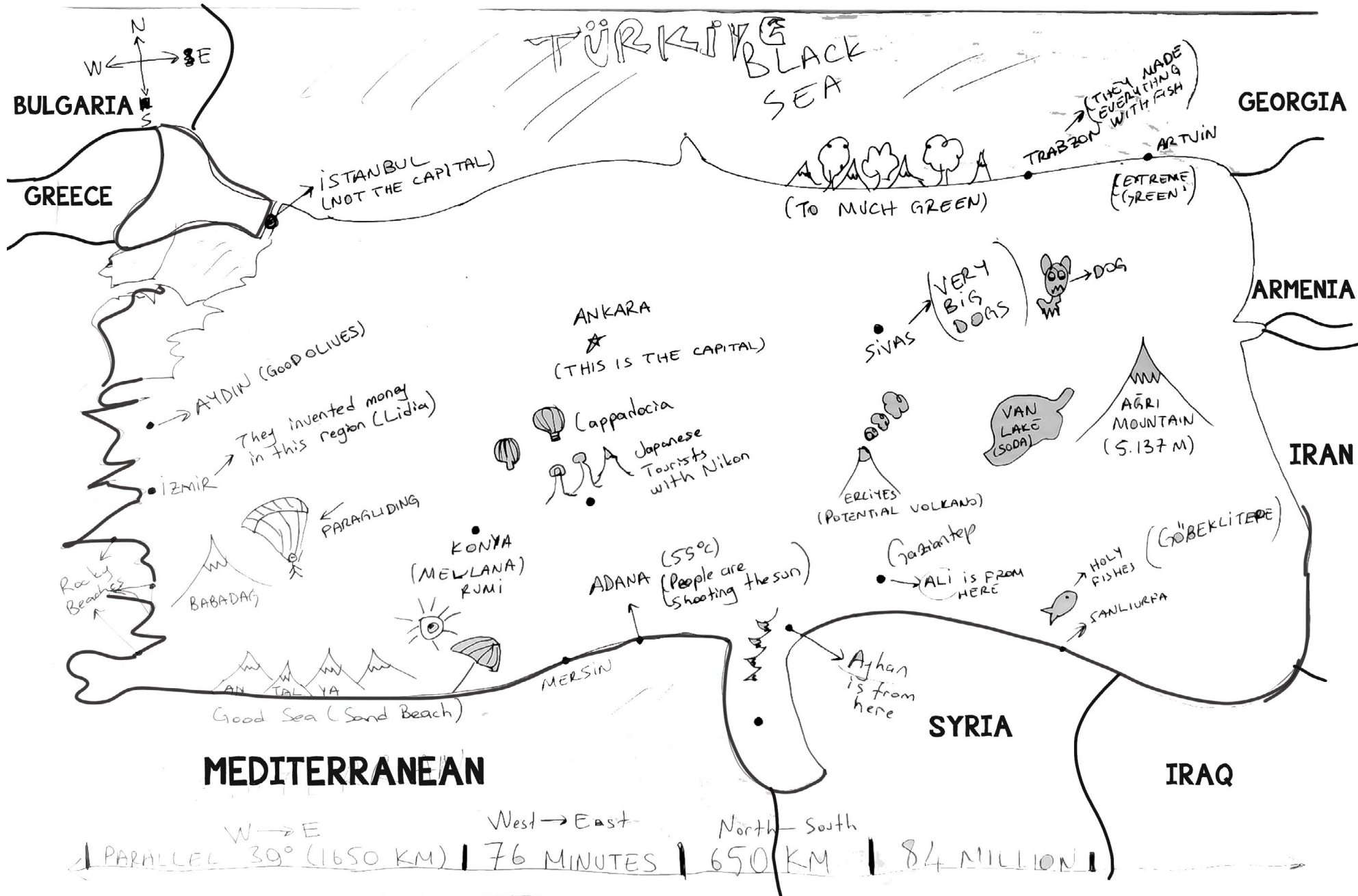
Insurance

Receiving organisation enrolls volunteers into CIGNA insurance. In case of a health issue GEGED helps volunteers to find a hospital and with the coordination of the hospital's international insurance office, volunteers get the treatment by doctor. Emergency cases are covered by Cigna, but for private regular checks volunteers should pay their examination costs and medicine costs. We advise volunteers to keep 100 - 150 Euro cash for any cases. Turkey is a non-EU country, so international insurance companies cover the costs after receiving the invoices of hospitals and pharmacies etc.

Make sure that your insurance has been enrolled before travel by your hosting organisation.



Türkiye



Gaziantep

Gaziantep, the sixth city of Turkey and the largest city of the Southeastern Anatolia Region; It is a metropolitan city with its population, economic potential, cultural richness, historical texture and metropolitan status. One of the cities that connects Anatolia to Mediterranean and Mesopotamia, has hosted dozens of civilizations, has a geopolitical location and has a strong historical background blended with the culture of civilizations. The city covers approximately %1 of Turkey's lands with an area of 6819 km².

Gaziantep's population is 2.130.432 by the year of 2021. Population consists of 1,075,409 men and 1,055,023 women. As a percentage: %50,48 men, %49,52 women. Besides these numbers in Gaziantep we are hosting 463.387 registered Syrian refugees.

Gaziantep exports products to all over the world in many fields such as manufacturing, textile, food, metal-machinery, carpet, chemistry, plastic and paper products as the biggest complex industry of Turkey.

One of the most important factors that makes Gaziantep a special city is the rich culture which was formed in hundreds of years by the accumulation of different civilizations living in the region. Thus, Gaziantep has an important role to become one of the leading cities by trade & factory, tourism, sport, art and historical heritage. The elements which are local accent, living, eating - drinking, local fashion, marriage ceremonies and the beliefs on various issues of the people, creates the culture of Gaziantep

Although there are cuisines with country names, Gaziantep cuisine is the only kitchen named after the city because of its originality and diversity.

Gaziantep foods has an exclusive position between Turkish and World cuisines with the variety of materials used, different cooking techniques and effect of the civilizations in the region. All cooking techniques were used in Gaziantep foods such as boiling, grilling, tray foods, saute, roasting, pot foods, and oven foods.

On 11.12.2015, Gaziantep entered the creative cities network list established with the participation of 116 cities in line and took its deserved place in the World Cuisine with the decision of the UNESCO executive board.



Gaziantep

100.Yıl Atatürk Kültür Park

The park which located in city center buildit on 3 millions 500 thousand m² area pretends as lungs function of Gaziantep. Reason that makes the park most interested is located 14 km long green corridor. Inside this green area there are a lot of thematic parks.

Kavaklık Sport Park

In the park area, there are sports equipments for kids, adults and disabled people. In total there are 54 units of sport equipments. 31 units for adults, 11 units for disabled people, 12 units for kids. Beside this there are 30 cortcs of wooden gymnastic equipment for the students those who are training for sport academy. Also there are suitable areas for the people who wants to do gymnastics without equipments.

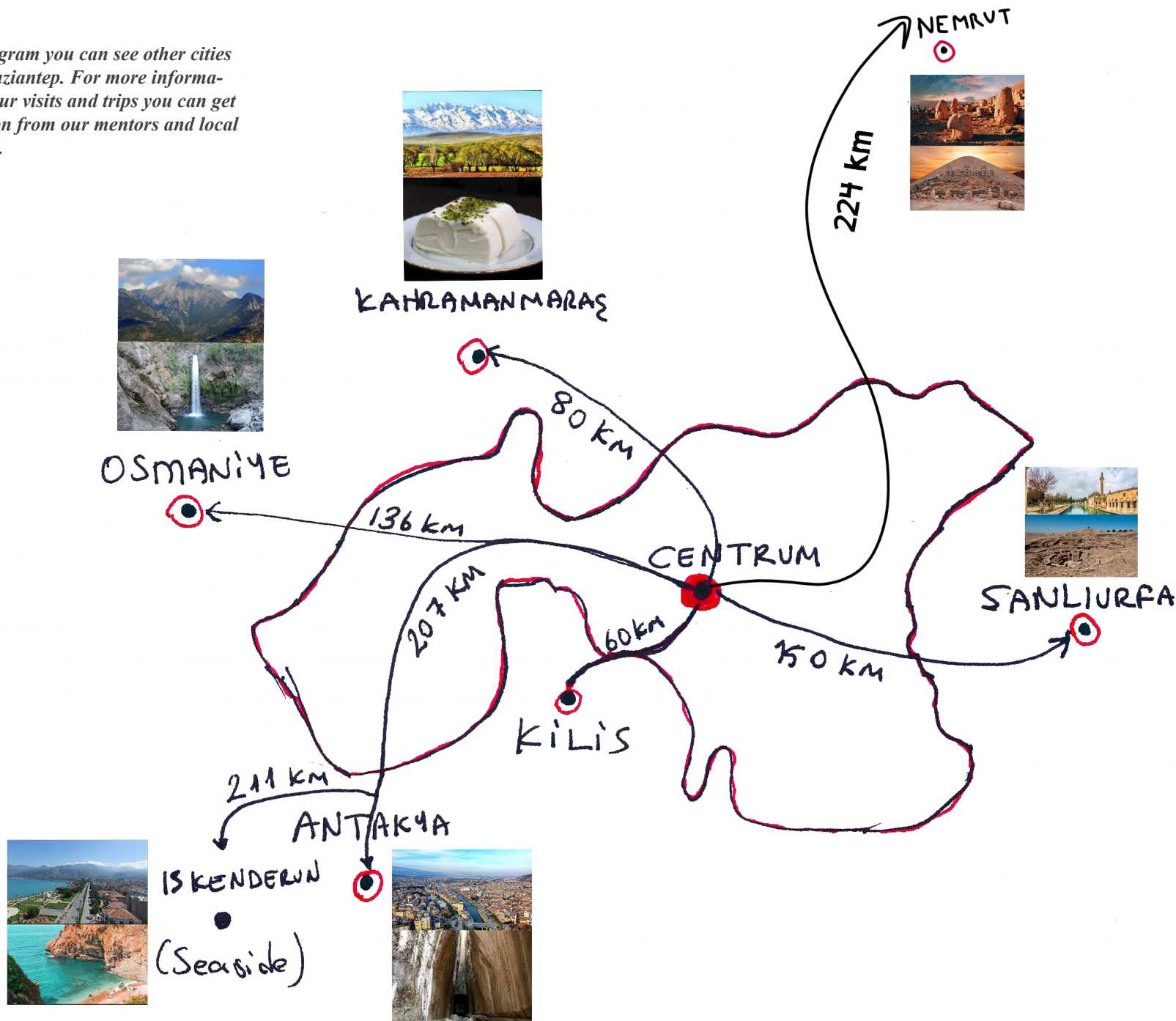
Museums

In Gaziantep we have more than 25 museums which are toy museum, Atatürk memory museum, money museum, kitchen museum, mosaic museum, glass museum, war museum etc. mostly located in the city center.



What do we have around?

In this diagram you can see other cities around Gaziantep. For more information for your visits and trips you can get information from our mentors and local volunteers.



Travel To Gaziantep

Visa and Travel

No visa needed from these countries neither: Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine, European Union Schengen area, Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain, Poland as well as the United Kingdom.

Take a look to officials regarding the visa requires:

In case you need a Visa, we recommend you to get a Turkish e-visa online.

You can apply for visa through this website

Important: if you purchase a Visa, you have to bring us the receipt in order to refund you the visa cost.

Travel Budget

Travel budget will be calculated between the destination of the home country and arrival country. You can check the limits table on the right side. Please confirm the project dates with our team members before booking your flight. After booking them, we need you to send us the e-ticket to know your exact arrival day and time.

Please use the distance calculator on the link to see your travel budget.

Distance (km)	Travel Budget (Euro)
100 to 499	180 Euro
500 to 1999	275 Euro
2000 to 2999	360 Euro
3000 to 3999	530 Euro
4000 to 7999	820 Euro
More than 8000	1100 Euro



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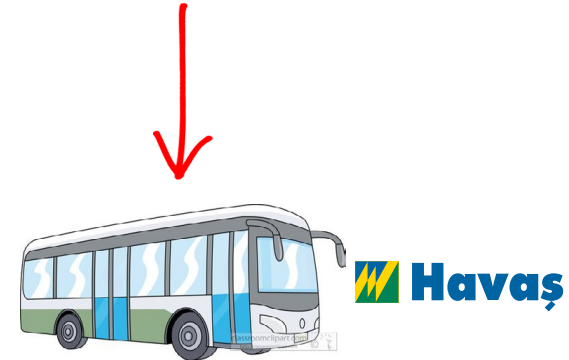
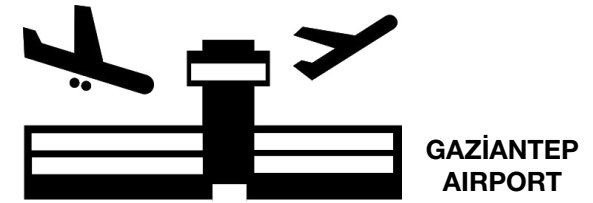
Reaching To Geged

You probably take a flight from Istanbul to get to Gaziantep Airport. We recommend you to book a flight with at least 3-4 hours layoff because there may be delays in Istanbul or Sabiha Gökçen Airports. During this time, you can exchange some money for Turkish liras. You will need some of this amount to pay for the shuttle bus from Gaziantep Airport to the city center. Your flight will take approximately 1h and 20 min from Istanbul.

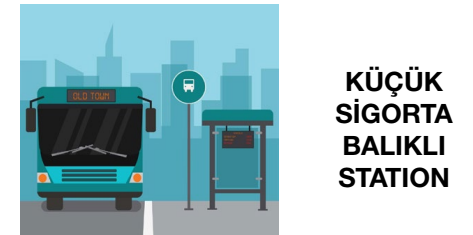
Once you arrive at Gaziantep Airport, what to do?

Please find Havaş shuttle buses in front of the Arrival Terminal. Get into the bus. The driver takes about 2 Euro in Turkish lira by cash. You should change some Euros at the Istanbul or Sabiha Gokcen airports, because in Gaziantep airport there is no currency exchange office.

These shuttle buses arrive at the city centre KÜÇÜK SİĞORTA/BALIKLI office within 30 minutes. Show these station names to the driver. So please when the bus leaves call or send sms/whatsapp to us. If your phone doesn't work, local people on the bus might help you to use their mobile phones or shuttle bus drivers as well. When you reach the station we will pick you up from there.



30-35 Minutes



7-10 Minutes



Trainings For Volunteers

Social Awareness Campaign

In order to improve the digital competences of our volunteers, we are implementing Social Awareness Campaign Activity in 3 phases. Social Awareness Campaign includes;

1. Creating Story
2. Camera Shooting
3. Editing The Video



- Creativity Skills
- Technology Usage
- Group Work
- Time Management

Non Formal Education

Most of our activities has been implementing via Non-Formal Education Methods and it is necessary to teach volunteers basics of NFE. In this training our volunteers learning importance of NFE and designing their activities through it.



- Group Work
- Recognizing Target Group
- Theoretical Sessions
- Practical Implementation

Gamification Training

Our target groups are children, refugees and disadvantaged youth. Classical system of education is not useful all the time. In order to get these people involve more we are designing our activities mostly with gamification methods. Our volunteers get training about gamification.



- Group Work
- Creativity Skills
- Practical Implementation
- Simplification

Erasmus+ & ESC Framework Awareness

By this awareness meeting our volunteers getting information about Erasmus+ & ESC Framework and being familiar about projects, system and opportunities. Our team shows and explain the system by non formal education methods.



- Theoretical Information
- Practical Guidance
- Informations About Erasmus+



Partner's Responsibilities

- Giving the volunteer all information about the project and the hosting country in advance;
- The participant shall inform about any health problem or any diet requirement in advance;
- Giving visibility to the project through the website, social networks, media, etc.
- Giving the organizations all the documents or information required, as the boarding passes, invoices or similar, for the final report of the project;
- Ensuring a good communication between the parts involved in the project during all the duration of it;
- Overseeing the volunteer's activity and receiving any news about it.

Volunteers receive a YouthPass certificate at the end of their service. For more details please see the link:



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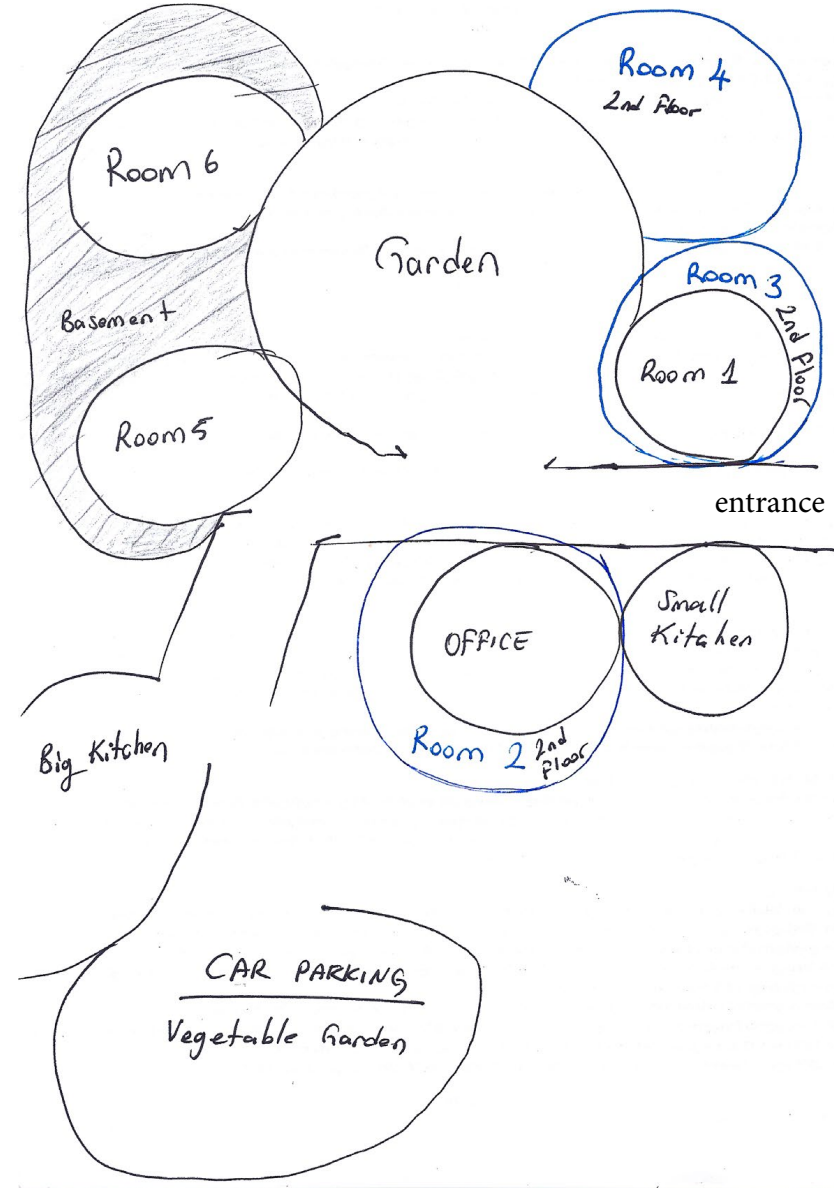


Accommodation

Our facilities consist of a building with basement, common gardens, 2 kitchens (one small and one big), bedrooms and living rooms, space for volunteers and winter period with a heater system in each room. The rooms are for volunteers with 3 to 6 beds, according to square meters.

Apart from the accommodation for volunteers, we have our GEGED NGO Office for all the administrative work. The rooms for volunteers are fully furnished with pillows, blankets, sheets, but please bring your own hygienic stuff and towel for your own usage. If you bring your own towel and bad sheets it will be better for you.

Our location is in the city center, so you reach the most important daily spots by walking. All the volunteers are responsible for the clean up of accommodation and all the facilities at all, we don't have a housekeeper here, we kindly ask volunteers to stay in a clean and cozy place, with fully conscious and respect for the local environment. We prepare the weekly clean up schedule and according to it, all of us have a clean up responsibility.



In this diagram you can see our accomodation places



Our Garden



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Street of Geced



Our Garden





Views from kitchen



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Views from rooms

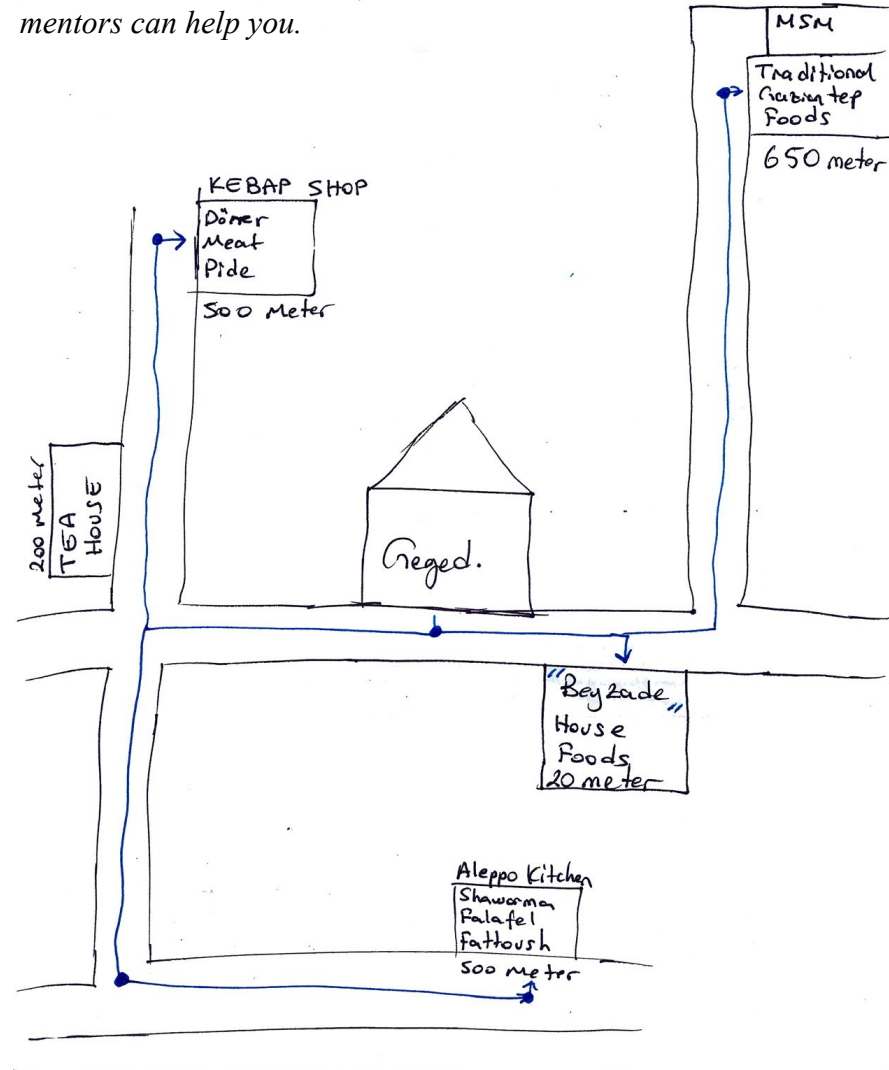
Food and Restaurants

Gaziantep cuisine has been recognized by UNESCO as Gastronomy city. The origin of baklava is in this city. Also because of Syrian migrants in the city you can find many Syrian restaurants around. Despite this recognition and varieties, food can be spicy, oily and cause stomach problems for people who don't get used to it. In order to avoid this, volunteers have to be careful with the food they eat and can get help from local volunteers and mentors.

In our building we have a filtering system and one tap in our kitchen gives filtered water. Apart from this, volunteers should not drink tap water.

If you are vegetarian, vegan or lactose intolerant please inform us for the help of food translation and we will be very happy to help you. In our kitchen we have all facilities for your own cooking.

In this diagram you can find food circles around our city, if you want to go to restaurants our local volunteers and mentors can help you.



As GEGED family, we would like to give you a good experience and learning process during your project.

If you are interested and want to learn more about our project, you can follow our works by tapping or clicking Facebook and Instagram logo in right bottom.

See you in GEGED!



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