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MERHABA, ANKARA!

Bulgarian, Italian and
Romanian girls in Ankara

ONE YEAR AFTER



One year later – my Ankara adventure continues...
Hello, my name is Elis and I am a long term volunteer from Bulgaria.

A year after my first visit in the capital of Turkey I am again in beautiful city of Ankara. I learned and experienced so many things that my life path throw me again here. The city which a lot of Turkish people and foreigners are calling “The Grey city”. So why I decided to come back in this land of greyness? Because of all the colors that I found here a year ago. The red of the flags everywhere on the streets, buildings and homes.



The green of the Independence and Victory parks. The blue of Emir golu and Golbasi lakes.

And the most colorful place in Ankara – the Night bazar. Every night after sunset couple of streets in the city center are fill of musicians, food sellers and shoppers. Clothes, jewelries, street food (midye, kofte, kokorec, pilaf, etc), paintings, books, handmade notebooks and so many other amazing things that you can discover.

Elis Emin, Bulgaria

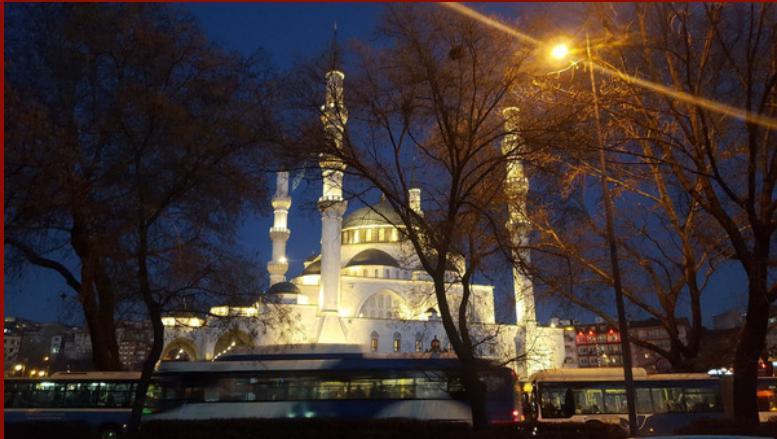
WHY ANKARA?



Hello beautiful people :))

I am Ana-Maria, from Romania and I will be a volunteer in S&G for the next 10 months .

Why Turkey? Why Ankara? Everyone has been asking me this lately. The answer is simple: I wanted to visit and to learn more about this country since I saw the first turkish TV series, since I met the first Turk, since I saw the first pictures of her landscapes. So when I saw that I had the opportunity to apply for an EVS in the country of my dreams, I did not hesitate to do this, not even for a moment. I already did a short-term EVS,



and I enjoyed a lot the moments spent in Ankara, so I decided to come back for a long term.

It passed only one week since I arrived here, but it was a week full of events and surprises. Also, it is the first time in my life, when my family is not with me for my birthday. But my friends organized it so well, and I enjoyed the day so much and making memorable moments.

I'm really grateful, for having this chance and I am just waiting to see what challenges will come for me.
Ana Maria Stoian, Romania

HELLO TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE READING THIS ARTICLE!

My name is Federica, 27 years old, coming from another big capital city, Rome in Italy. For me, arriving in Turkey was an easy decision to make, maybe because I was lucky being in the right place or because I have a keen interest in the country and its culture. Last August, after having to upload my C.V. on the European Solidarity Corps platform, I have been contacted my sending organization. Francesco, my “sending tutor” immediately explained the nature of the project: work with refugees and for their social inclusion for ten months in Turkey! For me, it was the best program ever, primarily because of



my academic studies (focused on International Relations) and because of previous experience in Turkey. Indeed, three years ago I have spent five months in Istanbul. Thanks to the Erasmus program I have had the chance to study at Galatasary university for one semester and learned a lot about Turkish culture and history. I arrived at the 2nd of December, and since then, I experienced a lot f new adventures, meet different people and also practice a little bit of Turkish language as well.



Federica Pugliese, Italy