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IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FLAGS

On @darogram you can see more Turkish flags, than in Turkey itself!



If you have read the previous issue of YouThelegraph (If not, make sure you do!), I bet you already know how crazy I am about anything related with this magnificent country. My service here went with incredibly fast tempo, I can count on my one hand the days that left to go back in Macedonia. 2 months that went like 2 weeks, but that felt like 2 years. I already said goodbye to my superiors that I had worked lastly, as well to the kids in the kindergarten. Their smile, kind words, warm hugs and satisfaction of my contribution empowered me a lot and made me to avoid any sadness about my leaving. I am not even leaving, I am just going out of Turkey for some time. Even now my soul cries, I won't cry. I feel extraordinary, happy because I managed to take advantage of my presence and achieve experiences and competences even more that I thought I will. Enough drama, let's get to the fun part.

These previous months, literally I lived my dream. "I had my own harem", I was living with 5 ladies that everyday are becoming more and more close to me. Some of them became my new soul sisters, but I love all of them. Everything is super affordable, especially the food, and with the allowance we had, I was experiencing new rich delights everyday. I kindly recommend to the upcoming volunteers not to be afraid and try different spices as much as possible that Turkey has to offer. I spend my free days in the phenomenal Kuşadası with my close friend from Manisa, Its seaside was crowded with locals and tourists, surprisingly that didn't stopped me to enjoy the palette of capri shades. Overall not only that I did charged my batteries here, but I am afraid that they are going to explode from overcharging haha!

Hey, don't forget to follow me on Instagram, you already know my username. Thank you everyone who made this adventure possible. See you around the world!

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IS NOT BECAUSE OF THE PLACES YOU GO. IS BECAUSE OF THE SOULS YOU MEET.

If you ask me how was this last month I would say it was amazing. This kind of experience helped me know myself more, start caring about myself, and for that being a better person to others.

Appart for the volunteering part of this, meeting people from different countries and cultures, made me realize that we are all very similar in what we want and how we feel in this crazy thing called life.

But I will tell you a little bit about how much my heart moved and my body as well. Of course, I'm talking about the places that we enjoyed being all together as a group, or more, as a family. There was a lot of places that I visited here in Ankara, but apart from that we also had real trips outside of here: Amasra, Antalya and Kapadokya (loved them all!)

The first place we visited was Amasra, at the beginning I wasn't really sure to go because we were gonna hitchhike (new term for me). But after seeing that all my girlfriends wanted to do it I was convinced. And there it was, we took a bus a little bit outside of Ankara and pulled out the famous finger. Luckily a car stopped and a Turkish man that lived in Germany for years took us directly to our destination. He didn't even need to go so far, but he did for us! That was a good start for our weekend adventure and actually very cheap because we took the couchsurfing app to stay in a place for free.

It was the first time I saw and swim in the Black Sea, beautiful environment and landscapes combined with the company of my girls made this travel very good for all of us.



After experimenting a very low cost travel, literally he even gave us food somedays! We wanted to plan a better trip, this time to the amazing Antalya. We made It traditional: went on an 8 hours' bus trip and stayed in a pretty little hotel. I just realized that I don't have a picture of the hotel, but all I have to say is that the beaches were so precious that I swear I would live there for a while if I had the chance. What can I say about this kind of travel? It is like each kilometer made each other more united and more friends every time.

“ *In general memories that I would never forget.*



And finally my last trip in my 2 months stay. We went to Kapadokya, a place highly recommended by anyone who has come here to Turkey I think. A lot of history in a nice little tour of 2 days that we made, with a different kind of company. This time we travelled with two local friends that also volunteer with us in the translation of our jobs (most of us only know English). Is very weird how people come to your life all of a sudden! But this kind of surprises are amazing too. Long story short we visited caves, watched beautiful old constructions of this place that they told us was underwater a long long time ago. Lots of laughs, new friends, delicious and included food because of the program we took and a wonderful time in this mini trip.



I feel very grateful with life and with this kind of Volunteering projects that allows me to meet places and cultures. But most important, allows me to share and receive lots of love out of beautiful and amazing people! Please if you are reading this because you don't know if you want to volunteer, PLEASE DO. And for all the people that I have met in this trip, love you all for real.

**LITTLE PIECE
OF THEM
INSIDE OF ME
FOREVER! ❤️**

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EMMY'S STORY



HAPPINESS & PAIN

Hello again this is my second month and the end of a wonderful adventure and experience in my life is coming. Even I've loved Turkey before I realized that I do not want to go home. Here I learned so much that you do not have an idea if I had this opportunity I would not leave because really for so short but not too long I had a lot of fun, I met some people who would never forget about them, we had a lot nice moments together (of course, unforgettable party's). Days ago we also traveled to Cappadocia was one of the places I loved, especially the balloon sight, I was bumpy, I was on a safari tour with a camel, it was something unreal, it was something unreal and so beautiful but for a short time. If one day I live in Turkey, I would like to be in Cappadocia. Also the food in Turkey is very tasty I have tried many different things and cheap but I find it strange why have only one soup...? Whatever it is, it's all right. I think everyone should come and see these good things places and everything in this country because I learned that one has to travel to find himself must be able to change and know how to benefit from the moment. The painful moment was when I just decided I got used to everyone Now I had to think about going I do not know whether it's better to think it or not, I try not to think when I think about something I realise I do not have time to do it. I was so sad when I should say to everyone this is out last day and I was nearly crying but this is life all good things come to a end...

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IT'S SARA AGAIN

Hello, I'm writing this from the beach and I'm thinking how lucky I am to be part of this project. Two months went so fast and the time didn't even stopped. When I think about the first time I came here it feels like it happened yesterday. It was so wonderful that I want to come here for a long term. The people that I met and worked with were also amazing and it was a pleasure to be with them and I will never forget them.

