Europe to Turkey on Foot project

7 Day Study Visit along the St Paul Trail and the Evliya Çelebi Way in Turkey

Call for candidates

This is an open call for Cultural Heritage Management Italian students or graduates or young communication experts, in the framework of the Civil Society Dialogue Program ‘Europe to Turkey on Foot’ project (Activity 2.4). Students are invited to a 7 day trip on October 2016 to rural Turkey - on the Evliya Çelebi Way (near İnegöl area) and the St Paul Trail (near Eğirdir area). The program will include guided day walks and visits to points of interests and opportunities to meet local people along these two cultural routes.

Profiles: We ask the students/graduates/young communication experts to evaluate these parts of the trails and the associated guide books (questionnaire and comments) and take photographs and/or short films, which will be exhibited in different places in Turkey. Students will allow the owner of the Europe to Turkey on Foot project, namely the Culture Routes Society, unlimited right to use their photographs, films or texts as part of the promotion of the routes.

Costs: All costs except insurance, souvenirs and alcohol covered by the Association “Culture Routes Society”.

Accommodation: One night in each of: 3-star hotel in İnegöl, visitor centre (dormitory beds), spa hotel, 2 nights in small boutique hotel in island in Eğirdir lake, one night in village house. (shared rooms throughout)

Flights: Outward flight: Bologna – İstanbul Sabiha Gökçen at 14.40 – 18.10pm (PGS); Milano – İstanbul Sabiha Gökçen at 12.45 – 16.30pm (THY); Return flight: Antalya – İstanbul Sabiha Gökçen – Milano or Bologna. Participants should use same flight to avoid waiting in İstanbul.

Period: one week in the second half of October 2016

Municipalities involved in the study-visit:
- İnegöl is an industrial city of about 280,000 people, mainly known for furniture manufacture, in a circle of farmland and wooded hills with small villages. It has an historic mosque complex, two museums, and a new leisure/sports centre. The Evliya Çelebi Way runs from NE to SW across the area.

- Eğirdir is a small town of about 27,000 people, on a peninsula in a lake, with an historic mosque complex, castle and kervanseray ruins. It is the centre of a fishing, apple growing and goat-farming region. The St Paul Trail runs S to N through the area.

Hosting organization: Culture Routes Society www.cultureroutesinturkey.com
How to apply:
Students/graduates/young communication experts should send their application to the European Association of Via Francigena (http://www.viefrancigene.org/en/) to the following contacts: projectmanager@viefrancigene.org. The application should include a cover letter and a CV with information on academic and professional background as well as communication skills.

Deadline for applications: Monday 3rd October 2016, 12.00 A.M. (Italy’s time)

Communication to selected people: 5th October 2016

Study-visit program attached

Study visit Programme

Day 1: Arrive İstanbul, transfer to İnegöl (meal en route). Night in hotel. (Transfer 3 hrs).

Day 2: A visit to İnegöl’s city museum followed by an easy day’s walk through farming country (Picnic lunch). Night in a small village visitor centre.

Visit the city ethnographical and woodworking museums with the curator.

Transfer to start of route at Boğazköy. Walk through open farming country to Sungurpaşa village, then to Çavuşköy village, where there is a tomb to an Ottoman saint. Continue to Şehitler, which, because of its founder, Hasan Dede, is small pilgrimage place.

Transfer (20 mins) to Babasultan village; dinner with the village headman. Explore the village, including huge plane trees, mosque and tombs; night in the new visitor accommodation.

Day 3: A walk through orchards, woodland and farming villages then a descent to the plain. (Picnic lunch). Visit to the sports centre then drive to a thermal baths; night at hotel.

After breakfast, walk straight out of Babasultan village, uphill on tractor tracks between cherry orchards and old road to Esen village. Continue towards Kızlar Saray ruins on old road through mature woodland. Contour the hillside then descend, with good views over the plain, towards Cerrah village.

Short drive to the new İnegöl leisure/sports centre, drive to Oylat thermal springs and dinner and night at the hotel.

Day 4: A walk through ancient woodland and summer pastures. (Picnic lunch). Transfer to Eğirdir, dinner en route. (5 hrs transfer)

Explore the Oylat springs. Transfer to Bahçekaya village and walk uphill through mixed forest with chestnuts and beeches past two summer pastures. This beautiful woodland
is home to bears and you may see their footprints on the paths. Meet our vehicle at the pass and continue to Eğirdir; night in small boutique hotel on the lake.

**Day 5:** *A walk through summer pastures for the goats to rose-growing area (Picnic lunch). Explore Eğirdir centre, short boat trip, dinner.*

Transfer along the lake to Bedre village (15 mins). From the village, walk uphill to pastures where the goats are grazed; views over the lake from the juniper forest on the hilltop. Descend an old road to the village of Bağören, which is a centre for rose-growing (for rose-oil). Explore the village and return along the lake to Eğirdir (30 mins). Drive to a viewpoint over the lake or explore the castle, medresse and mosque, ancient plane trees. Dinner overlooking the lake. Night in same hotel.

**Day 6:** *A walk to a site once visited by St Paul, using an ancient Roman road. Walk to viewpoint over Lake Eğirdir, return and dinner with Mayor.*

Transfer to Serpil village, in an apple-farming area. Walk an ancient road to upper pastures and meet a shepherd family. Walk partly through forest, partly across grazing pastures then over a ridge to Asker Çeşme, a spring commemorating a soldier. Transfer to the Roman site of Adada, once visited by St Paul. Explore the site and walk down the Roman road to the village of Sağrak; dinner and night in the village.

**Day 7:** *Transfer to Antalya airport (2.5 hrs), fly to Italy.*