
ABOUT IBG...

IBG is a German non-profit organisation founded in 1965. Our aims are to promote international understanding and to facilitate and organise voluntary work while coordinating closely with our local partners.

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WORKCAMPS SUITABLE FOR SENIOR VOLUNTEERS

IBG 22 Schorndorf (Baden-Wurtemberg) 23.08. - 12.09. ENVI/RENO 13 vols

Project: Close to Stuttgart lies a town called Schorndorf which invites a workcamp for the first time to help with environmental and clearing tasks on the „Frauenberg“ – a small mountain. Locals are awaiting you with many ideas! This project is not only about the working task but also about the exchange between (young) people from Schorndorf and the international group.

Work: The small mountain “Frauenberg” is about 350 m high. The walking paths have to be reconstructed which means you will work physically and have to be ready to walk uphill to your working site. Your main task will be to lay a new foundation for the paths and also clear the paths where it has overgrown. Work alone will be a good way to meet local people, but there is more...

Accommodation: will be in a house of the German Red Cross in a suburb of Schorndorf. The house offers beds/mats, toilets, showers and a kitchen. It is not directly located in the centre of Schorndorf but easily reached by S-Bahn (suburban train) which also links Schorndorf to Stuttgart. In the neighbourhood of your accommodation you can find a “natural swimming pool” with waterslides and the like – a relaxing place to hang out after work. Different other associations have houses next door so you will likely be able to make contact easily.

Location: Schorndorf is situated close to Stuttgart – at about 30 km distance. It’s an old city with pretty old half-timbered houses in the typical southern German style and a special charm and history. In your free time enjoy and discover Schorndorf and the surrounding nature. Due to a very good local train connection to Stuttgart you will have possibilities to see the capital of Baden-Wurtemberg. Plus: events with locals are already in the making!

Next airport: Stuttgart, Karlsruhe (Baden-Baden) for Ryan Air flights

Next trainstation: Stuttgart

IBG 25 Mariaberg (Baden-Wurtemberg) 02.10. - 16.10. RENO/SOCI 15 vols

Project: Shortly before arriving to Gammertingen you will find an impressive building on top of the hill to your right – an old monastery towering over the surrounding hills and forests of the Swabian Albes. This old monastery is the centrepiece of a quarter of Gammertingen called Mariaberg! It is a beautiful place where a diverse range of people – young and old ones – come together, live, learn and work. Not only does it hold kindergartens, schools and working places for disabled but also provides a daily life with market square, swimming pool, restaurants and gym halls like a small town. We ask you to come with an open heart and mind!

Work: Together with the gardener of the initiative you will work on the renovation of a part of a walking path around Mariaberg. More precisely you will help clearing a field where a serpentine path will be set up and support environmental and renovation work around the old mill that is situated outside of the village.

Accommodation & Food: Accommodation will be in a gym hall in the centre of Mariaberg close to all needed facilities like shower, toilets. You will certainly have access to the swimming pool of the quarter and have the opportunity to use different other facilities. You will not prepare meals for

yourself since there is no kitchen close to your accommodation. Hence, you will be served in the local Café and restaurant of the “village”.

Location: As mentioned, Marienberg is a part of the town of Gammertingen situated on top of a hill around an old monastery. Gammertingen is situated 80 km south of Stuttgart, amidst the Swabian Albes (not Alpes!!) within spectacular nature – a beautiful mountain chain. Without a doubt you will find enough to do in Marienberg itself (swimming pool, barbecue, gym halls, bowling, restaurants and café!) but the region with its nature, typical Swabian villages and small towns is really inviting as well.

Next airport: Stuttgart, Karlsruhe (Baden-Baden) for Ryan Air flights

Next train station: Gammertingen

IBG 27 Hirschhorn (Hesse)

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Project: Hirschhorn is a small and beautiful town on the banks of the river Neckar not far from Heidelberg. It has about 4.000 inhabitants. The town has a picturesque medieval centre and is dominated by its castle and the former monastery church lying on the hills above the town. There is a lot of forest surrounding the town, a paradise for hikers.

Work: IBG has been cooperating successfully with the town of Hirschhorn since 2003. This year the volunteers will do some maintenance work on different hiking paths in the area. You will clear brushwood and cut grass and some small trees. You might also build some wooden steps and handrails and renovate some wooden benches. Please be aware that you have to walk a lot and that the work is physically demanding and you will get dirty!

Accommodation: In a school, all necessary installations like kitchen and bathrooms are available, but still the accommodation is quite basic.

Location: Previous workcamps spent a lot of their time with the very welcoming local population for example barbecuing together or playing volleyball. This exchange is one of the main aims of the workcamp, so you should be open for it. It is very much worthwhile to explore Hirschhorn itself and the other towns close to it. Heidelberg is only 20 km from Hirschhorn. In addition, the landscape surrounding Hirschhorn offers wonderful opportunities for outdoor activities like hiking. The train station (trains every 30 min) is about 3 km from the accommodation and you will have to walk there when you go on an excursion.

Next airports: Frankfurt, Stuttgart

Next train station: Hirschhorn am Neckar