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## “The Royal Hunting near St.Petersburg”

**Dates:** 01.08- 12.08

**Lang.:** Russian/Language

**Age:** 18+

**Volunteers:** 8

**Type:** Reno/Envi/Cult

**Location:** Saint Petersburg/Leningrad Region

**PROJECT:** World Heritage of St-Petersburg (“Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups Monuments”) consists not only of well-known historical center of St. Petersburg, palaces and park ensembles of its suburbs, but also a little known historical part Imperial country estates and other historical and cultural monuments (link <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/540>). Country Estates of the St-Petersburg region were built in 18-19 centuries. Among the owners there were members of the royal family and famous statesmen, military leaders, artists, composers, architects, writers. International volunteers will work in the WH site “Palace and Park Ensemble” (18-19 centuries) in the village Gostilitsy, situated 67 km far from St-Petersburg (Lomonosov District, Leningrad region). One side, the WH monument is under serious threat of destruction. On the other hand, it has a very long and rich history. Empress Elizabeth is often visited this place for royal hunting. Few days volunteers will visit and work in some other World Heritage sites in the center and near St-Petersburg: Tsarskoye Selo, Gatchina, I. Repin Estate “The Penates”, Ensemble of the Orthodox Monastery of St. Sergius and others. The big advantage of this workcamp is an opportunity to see both the imperial city St. Petersburg and the real Russian countryside. Dates coincide with the camp for English speaking volunteers, living in EU. Volunteers from both camps will meet and undertake joint activities.



**WORK:** Under supervision of local experts the volunteers will be engaged in improving the park: take care of plantation of trees, mow the meadows, cure the trees, clean the hollows, sweep the grounds, cleaning them out of the garbage, create information panels about the WH site; improve the paths around the Palace. Part-time volunteers to help set up and equip a special house for the volunteers in close proximity to the palace (to paint the walls and windows, install equipment bed, hang posters of the cultural heritage), will help build an outdoor kitchen and other. Few days volunteers will visit and work in some other World Heritage sites in the center and near St-Petersburg: Tsarskoye Selo, Gatchina, I. Repin Estate “The Penates”, Ensemble of the Orthodox Monastery of St. Sergius and others.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Host organisation provides a basic condition accommodation and food in St-Petersburg and in Leningrad region. Volunteers will live in wooden house/school/dormitory/rental flat. The weekend volunteers will live in special room in the downtown of St.Petersburg Vasilyevsky Island. The shower, equipped kitchen and the common room are provided. Volunteers will cook by themselves.

**LEISURE TIME:** St-Petersburg is a cultural capital of Russia. Volunteers will have an opportunity to visit numerous museums, theatres, galleries and exhibitions, country residences of Emperors, Grand Princes and grandees: Peterhof – city of fountains ([www.peterhofmuseum.ru](http://www.peterhofmuseum.ru)), Lomonosov, Tsarskoye Selo ([www.tzar.ru](http://www.tzar.ru)), Pavlovsk ([www.pavlovskmuseum.ru](http://www.pavlovskmuseum.ru)) and just restored palace in Gatchina. Also at this time of the year, the city hosts a variety of festivals, concerts and folk events. Each year millions of tourists come to St.Petersburg for walking at night along the Neva River, watching the bridges raise. A group of international volunteers together with local youth will prepare a performance for promote the WH site. Volunteers will prepare the historical reconstruction of the events of the 18-19th centuries. It might be the mysterious fortunes of famous persons. Please notice that the museums fees and local transport expenses aren’t going to be covered, volunteers will have to pay on their own. However, due to the euro-ruble currency this year the journey will be rather cheap.

**SPECIAL REMARKS:** Dates coincide with the camp for English speaking volunteers, living in EU. Volunteers from both camps will meet and undertake joint activities. Volunteers should bring working clothes, gloves and sleeping bags. Besides, it would be good to take something special from their country (photos, food and small flags) for international party in the workcamp and demonstrate others characteristic features of home country. Volunteers and local youth will create a video – a visual memory - of works and activities done during the workcamp.