



MT11/16 “Learning Dostoevsky’s language”

Dates: 29.08-09.09

Lang.: English/Russian

Age: 18+

Volunteers: 6

Type: Lang/Envi/Reno

Location: Saint Petersburg

PROJECT: St. Petersburg is considered to be the city of the great Russian writer and philosopher Feodor Dostoevsky. The most famous work was written in this city: “Crime and Punishment”, etc. His characters walked along the streets of the city. The spirit of his novel soars in the air. Dostoevsky grandson is currently living in St.Petersburg. Meeting with him is quite possible. And this 2016 year is 150th anniversary of novel “Crime and Punishment” that so important thing for world literature. So that’s why we invite you to the wonderful city St.Petersburg to get a closer look at the world and the language of the great Dostoevsky.



The group of people from different countries will be formed as in ordinary work camp, including living and spending leisure time together, but the main idea of the project is to allow volunteers improve their Russian by taking lessons in informal study. The volunteers will have daily classes of Russian.

WORK: Study part will be joined with other physical works. The volunteers will help with repair old historical building, where “Mir tesen” is situated.

ACCOMMODATION: Host organization provides a basic condition accommodation and food in downtown St-Petersburg (Vasil’evskiy Ostrov) in the special room for volunteers for 6 persons . The shower with hot water, equipped kitchen and the common room are provided. Volunteers will cook by themselves.

LEISURE TIME: Don’t forget that 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), Lomonosov, Tsarskoye Selo (www.tzar.ru), Pavlovsk (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. Volunteers will be able to rent bikes or boats to have little trips. Meeting with local people and evenings of international cuisine will be organized, so it would be great if volunteers bring their traditional recipes and food.

SPECIAL REMARKS. We ask volunteers to send us their motivation letters. Please, specify your language level. The methodology of teaching based on using of linguistic-cultural component. The teacher of Russian has Bachelor’s degree of speciality Russian as Foreign. But “Mir Tesen” doesn’t provide any certificate. 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. Volunteers should bring working clothes, gloves and sleeping bags. The museums fees and local transport expenses are not going to be covered, volunteers will have to pay on their own. Due to the euro- ruble, currency this year the journey will be rather cheap.

