

EVS in Macedonia

I had never even heard of EVS until a friend of mine recommended me to volunteer to Macedonia. The last 2 weeks before take-off went by really quickly and unnoticeably we had landed in Kavadarci, which became my hometown for the next 30 days. I lived in a 3 room flat with a fellow Estonian and a young man from Holland. The adventures began within the first day. In the beginning of August it was 17 degrees here in Estonia and 35 in the shadows of Macedonia. The first day we celebrated the other Estonian's birthday near the pool. It was great fun, because there were together other volunteers and it was not hard to find people to chat with. The next day we had a trip which was joined by other volunteers as well as the local youth. Despite the long road and high temperatures, it was a joyful experience. After this, I knew immediately that I had to do that again. For 4 days a week, I had to work at the farm, which then became my favourite activity so I helped out even if it wasn't my shift. The road to the plantation began at 5, either from the youth centre. Considering the tempo, the walk took us about an hour. There, we had to water the plants, harvest, and cut the grass, nothing backbreaking. My favourite day started with a morning at the farmstead, after which we visited the neighbouring ranch where we were met with a fresh melon. After that we had a little coffee at a local lad's grandma. In the middle of August a Belgian moved into our flat and who I eventually spent all my time with. EVS gave me so many more experiences. Besides farm work, I had the chance to organize a Bonfire party at the farm. For that we had to buy our own food, plan the event on social media and let everyone know about it. We also had to set up the place ourselves. It was quite difficult, but that aside it was a lovely evening and I'm very happy that I accepted the chance to arrange it.

EVS in Macedonia was not planned, but I can confidently say that it was the most amazing month of my 17 year old life.

Thank you EVS, for making my life super.

