

Guest Guiding Classical Weimar

Klassisches Weimar

**ACCOMMODATION:**

sleeping room with bed, simple equipped kitchen and bathroom will be shared

LOCATION:

Weimar

TERMINAL:

Next bus and railway station: **Weimar**
 Next airports: **Leipzig / Halle** (LEJ, 155 km)
Berlin (TXL / SXF, 300 km)

AGE:

at least 20

WHAT TO BRING:

German dictionary

LANGUAGE:

very good level of English, basics of German,
 other languages are welcome

**Motivation letter related to the project,
 CV + photo and basics of German required**

Weimar is a beautiful small city, located in the middle of Germany in the state of Thuringia. It has a huge number of cultural important places, because of the moved history. Especially the Classical Period made the city, what it is now. By the late 18th century many of the leading writers and thinkers in Germany, such as Goethe, Schiller and Herder came to Weimar and shaped the cultural life and in the same time the image of the city. Weimar became the cultural centre of Europe at that time. Even many painters, composers and philosophers lived in the city during the classical period. And still now you find many creative and inspired people living in Weimar, which were attracted by the great accumulation of cultural spirit. Since 1998 the “Classical Weimar” is on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Besides Goethe’s House, the City Church and the City Palace, especially the parks and gardens with their impressive landscape architecture and pretty castles are part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site “Classical Weimar”.

During the 20th century Weimar became the birthplace of the Modern Movement in architecture and aesthetics. The Bauhaus was developed by merging the Grand Ducal School of Arts and Crafts and the Weimar Academy of Fine Arts. It had a profound influence upon developments in art, architecture, design and typography. The “Bauhaus and its Sites in Weimar and Dessau” are listed as UNESCO World Heritage, too.

For all this historical important marks and to spread the knowledge of the past, Weimar became European Capital of Culture in 1999.

Project Description

Since many years UNESCO World Heritage Volunteers Projects are taking place at the parks and gardens of the UNESCO World Heritage Site “Classical Weimar”. The focus of the activities had been all the years at Belvedere Park, where the volunteers based on historical plans uncovered and restored historical paths which had been disappeared for decades.

European Heritage Volunteers, a branch of Open Houses, coordinates the European part of the UNESCO World Heritage Volunteers initiative as well as organises European Heritage Volunteers projects in Germany and initiates and coordinates European Heritage Volunteers Partner Projects all over Europe.

The complex of Belvedere Orangery and the associated buildings had been restored by Weimar Classic Foundation during the last years and was reopened in 2015.

In the former Garden Inspector's House is installed a permanent exhibition prepared by European Heritage Volunteers about European Heritage Volunteers Projects in Europe as well as about UNESCO World Heritage Volunteers Projects worldwide. The exhibition is complemented by videos presenting some of the Heritage Volunteers projects having taken place in Europe during the last years.

The volunteer taking part in the Guest Guiding project will be at the place from Tuesday to Friday in the afternoons and on Saturdays and Sundays the whole days – the time when most of the visitors will come. S/he should be available for the visitors of the exhibition, answering their questions concerning European Heritage Volunteers, UNESCO World Heritage Volunteers in general and the UNESCO World Heritage Volunteers project at Belvedere Park. Own contribution concerning related topics as conservation, heritage management, garden architecture and similar is welcome. The volunteer will work in close cooperation with the Department for Castles, Gardens and Buildings of Weimar Classic Foundation.

Beside that the volunteer will be involved in the current UNESCO World Heritage Volunteers Project in Weimar by providing guided tours for the participants, presenting heritage sites of its country of origin and similar.

The volunteer is accommodated in a shared flat in Weimar. S/he gets 50 € pocket money per month and 5 € for food per day and s/he will have a simple bike to get from the accommodation to the working place (ca. 4 km). For the participant of this project should be clear that s/he is the only volunteer at the place.