

Project name: Discovering Sicilian culture at Mirabella

Project code: IT-SCI 12.8

Country: Italy

Dates: 22nd August-5th September

Topic: Art, culture and local history

Type of work: Environment/Manual

Study Theme: The volunteers will be introduced to the history and traditions of Mirabella Imbaccari and will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture of a Sicilian town, working side by side with the youths of the community.

Total Number of volunteers: 7

Volunteer Age Range: 18-99

Language: English

Wheelchair accessible: No



Description: The Pro Loco Association was set-up to promote the history and culture of the town of Mirabella with the aim of passing on these traditions to future generations. The association organises and promotes both cultural and gastronomic events. Mirabella Imbaccari is a village of 4,200 inhabitants in the center of Sicily, close to 2 major cities rich in art and history (Caltagirone and Piazza Armerina). The town was founded in 1610 and is characterized by an agricultural economy and a long history of emigration, and is an important centre in South Italy for bobbin lace.

Work: 6 hours of work daily. The purpose of the project is to clean the path of the Way of St James in Sicily (in the part that concerns the municipality of Mirabella) and create signals that will be positioned along the access and exit path from the town of Mirabella. The activities take place outside the town and at the headquarters of the Pro Loco association. Some manual workshops are planned to support the association's activities (for example making of blackout curtains). The Way involves 9 Sicilian municipalities and connects the city of Caltagirone and the mountain village of Capizzi (the two communities are guardians of important relics of Saint James). Mirabella Imbaccari is the first stopping point of a route long about 130 km. <https://www.camminosangiacomosicilia.it>

Accommodation: An apartment with all facilities (House of Pilgrim in via Giuseppe Lupis) - bring your sleeping bag

Requirements: Basic knowledge of Italian would be advantageous

Location: The camp will take place in Mirabella Imbaccari village in centre of Sicily.

Notes: We will have excursions in the area including the beach. Take items (traditional clothes, music CDs, recipes, etc..) for a presentation of your own culture (also for a show).