

ESC in LIPU



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WHO WE ARE



No Borders is an association of ex-volunteers based in Milan since August 2014 to promote mobility and intercultural learning for youngsters.

We are the coordinating (lead) organisation.

We coordinate the selection of volunteers, handle all project-related administrative matters, and organise ESC trainings.

No Borders leads around 20 ESC volunteers in projects with topics of non-formal education in youth centres, NGO support, dog shelter, eco-hostel, etc.



Hosting organisation

Hosting organisation:
Oasi Lipu Massaciuccoli



Where:
Massaciuccoli, Italy

Hosting organisation



The Massaciuccoli Oasis is located in the Chiarone Nature Reserve. It is part of the Migliarino-San Rossore-Massaciuccoli Regional Park in Tuscany, central Italy. It lies in the small town of Massaciuccoli.

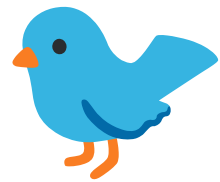
The Oasis was created in 1985, when **the Italian League for the Protection of Birds (LIPU/BirdLife Italia)** took over the management of the reserve. What began with small-scale environmental education and awareness activities has grown into a dynamic centre for conservation.

Each year, the Oasis welcomes over 40,000 visitors, hosts hundreds of school groups, and carries out numerous initiatives focused on habitat protection, bird monitoring, and biodiversity conservation. A key part of its mission is to preserve and restore the unique ecosystems of Lake Massaciuccoli through scientific research, education, and hands-on action.

By taking part in this project, volunteers actively contribute to the ongoing effort to protect rare species, promote sustainable living, and ensure the future of this precious natural area.

Context

The **Massaciuccoli Oasis** is a true point of reference for the local community — a place immersed in nature, lovingly cared for, and proudly supported by the people who live around it.



The Oasis is located in Massaciuccoli, a small town in the municipality of Massarosa, situated between Viareggio, Lucca, and Pisa.



You can easily reach Massarosa, Viareggio, Pisa, Lucca by train.

 **We are here**



The Oasis provides bicycles for volunteers to reach the train and bus stations.



Activities

- Bird monitoring.
- Feeding and temporary care of injured birds.
- Monitoring of plant species.
- Gardening.
- Trash collection in lake, beach, and reserve.
- Renovation and creation of bird observatories.
- Habitat maintenance and various constructions.
- Helping in the on-site shop and small museum.
- Guiding small eco-walks.
- Driving little boats.
- Administrative tasks (explaining paths to visitors, receiving payments, track bookings, etc).
- School education workshops.
- Environmental events support.
- Preparation and cleaning of rooms for guests.
- Cleaning spaces (house, visitor toilets, museum).
- Cooking meals for the team and big groups.



Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated in a building located directly within the Oasis. Meaning activities, free time, and life will be situated all in one place.



The building is divided into **two floors**:

- The **ground floor** houses a museum, a small workshop, and a laundry area with washing machines.
- The **first floor** serves as a **guesthouse**, which is used to accommodate guests as well as volunteers.

Volunteers will have:

- **A shared bedroom** (volunteers will share a room with other volunteers, including individuals of different genders).
- A **fully equipped kitchen** with all necessary cooking tools and a dishwasher.
- A **large dining table**, where meals are usually enjoyed together in a communal atmosphere.
- **One shared bathroom.**
- A **small office space**, with a fixed workstation including a computer and telephone.
- Wi-Fi.

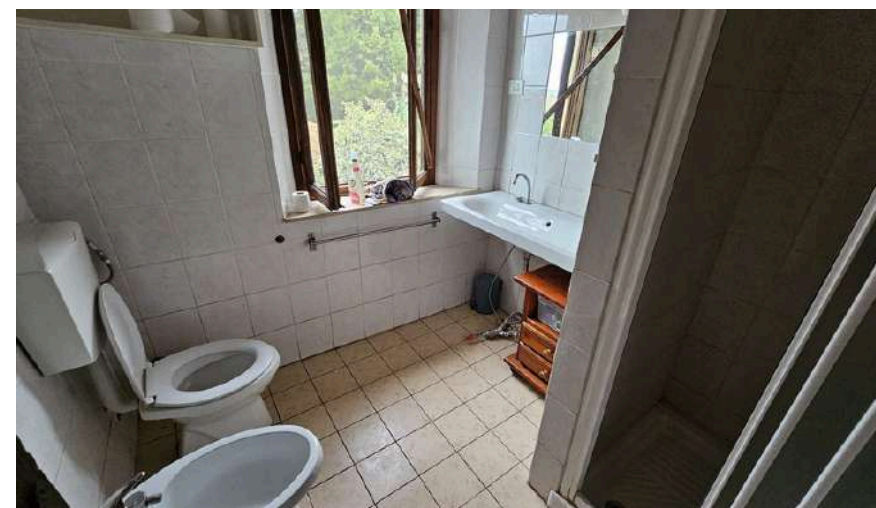
The house



Kitchen



Example of
bedroom



Bathroom

Support and Travel



The volunteers will receive **pocket money** of 6€ per day. The pocket money will be paid each month by bank transfer.



The food will be provided by the hosting organization. The host organization provides ingredients; volunteers prepare their own meals individually or as a group. Alcohol, sweets, and personal items will **not** be paid by the hosting organization.



The travel expenses (home - Italy - home) will be reimbursed depending on a distance defined by the European Commission.

If more than 51% of the trip is done by bus or train, it qualifies as green travel and the budget of traveling can be increased.



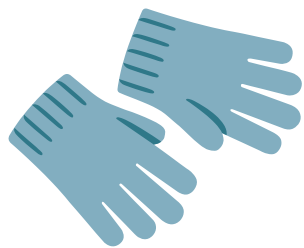
The Online Language Support (OLS) - **online** basic Italian course will be provided.



We kindly ask you to bring



- **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC “blue” card).**
- Warm clothes, jacket, gloves, etc. We are in open nature and will work a lot outside. Even though we are in Italy, winter can be pretty cold.
- Comfortable, warm shoes.
- Working clothes, something that can get dirty.
- For the warmer period, we recommend bringing a hat, sunscreen, and you can even bring a swimsuit.
- A reusable water bottle.
- Positive attitude!



Keep in mind that Oasi is located on the lake so in some periods of the year there are many mosquitos.

Hours



Activities begin at 08:00 each morning. Punctuality is essential!

Volunteers will have activities for maximum 35 hours per week.

Volunteers will have activities **5 days per week**,
with **2 days off** (not always Saturday and Sunday).

Volunteers will have **2 days of vacations** per month
(possibility to use them with 15 days' notice in advance).

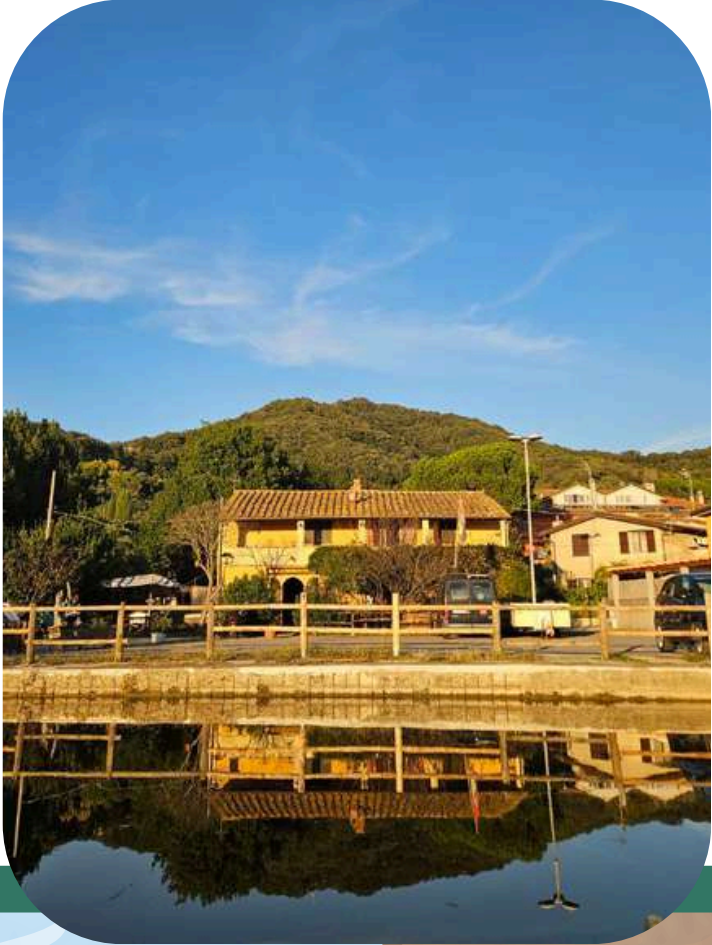
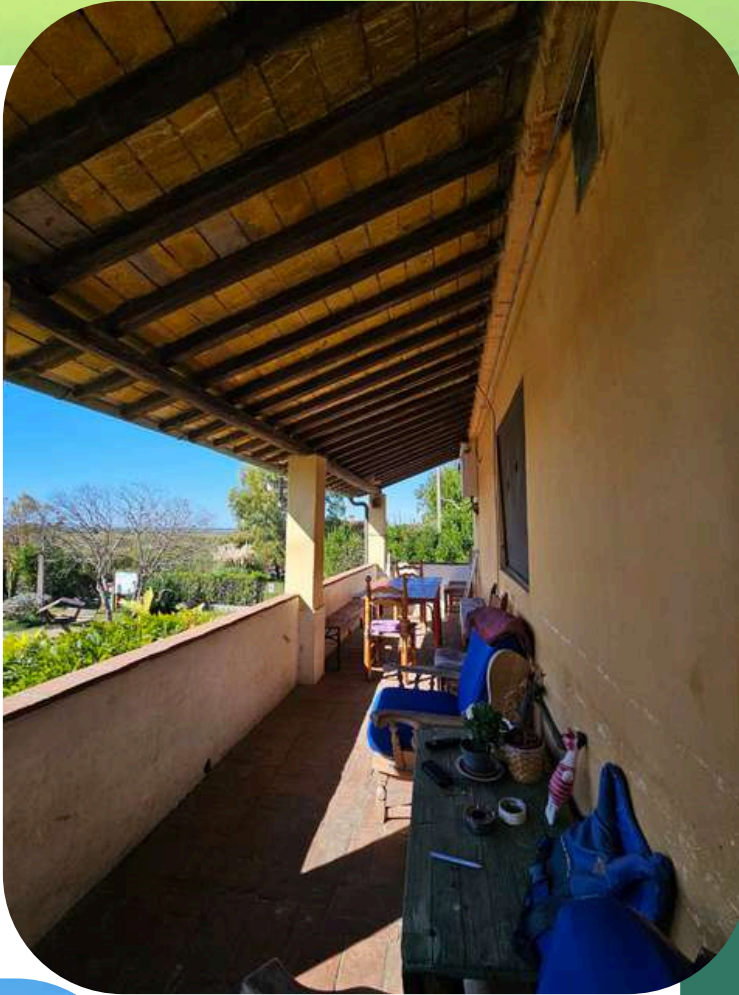
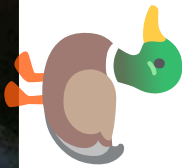


Volunteer's profile

We are looking for passionate, open-minded, and sociable individuals who care deeply about nature.

-  Love for **nature** and **birds**
 -  Community-oriented, comfortable with shared group life
 -  Proactive, empathetic, respectful
 -  Comfortable living in a **rural** and **isolated** area
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-  Ready to do manual tasks and get your hands dirty — in all weather conditions
 -  Comfortable working directly with animals (e.g. injured birds)
 -  Willing to lead or support environmental workshops for children, youth, and adults
 -  Open to a mainly vegetarian lifestyle (with occasional local animal products)
 -  Ready to cook for yourself, team, and big groups
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-  Aged 18–30 and a citizen or resident of an EU country
 -  Intermediate English and strong motivation to learn Italian
 -  Willing to share living spaces, including bedrooms, **with people of different genders**
 -  Willing to contribute to cleaning of the house and territory

Gallery



Apply

Please send us your CV and motivation letter to
apply.esc@associazionenoborders.org

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted back to have an online interview.
We look forward to hearing from you! 🧡💙

Find out more information at:

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