



group trips to ROMANIA 2011

This international group trip is being organised by EEO UK in co-operation with the Dutch mother organisation Stg. OostEuropa Zending (Eastern European Outreach Intl.)

Travel information

Dates: 19- 26 February (Brasov, Codlea and Iasi) *Travelling by plane*

Price: we aim for £675 (incl., travelling, accommodation, local travelling, meals)

Dates: 15- 23 October (Serbia and East Romania) *by coach*

Price: we aim for £675 (incl., travelling, accommodation, local travelling, meals)

Background information

Our first mission trips were done during the communist regime of Ceausescu. As a foreign team it was not difficult to visit persecuted Christians, and even to help them with clothes, medicines, food and money. Individuals trying to help persecuted Christians, were often stopped and things they had with them were confiscated. Forming a larger group made it much easier, especially as the communists realized the economic importance of these groups of 'tourists'.

The revolution in 1989 brought freedom in the country but didn't close the gap between rich and poor. Romania still suffers from a lot of problems, parents who leave their children on the streets or in orphanages, landlords who force families out of their houses as they are unable to pay the rent or the bills. Salaries are still very low, and social benefits are insufficient by any standards. Families struggle to buy even the basics as food and clothing. Even though education is free, many families can't afford the school materials and for that reason leave their children at home instead of sending them to school. The Child Sponsor Programme supports many families, and the waiting list is growing.

Eastern European Outreach continued the larger group trips, so that in one-week time many families and institutions can be visited, so many people can receive help, but more important personal contact.

Goal

The goal of the group trip is to encourage the poor and being a blessing for our brothers and sisters in the Lord, this is achieved by the traveller being there, and also by handing out food parcels and clothes. The team will visit families, EEO projects, prisons, Roma gypsy camps and churches. It is important to help the poor materially, but we want to emphasise that without spiritual encouragement and personal contact this is not lasting. That is why evangelism, singing of worship-songs and hymns and giving testimony are such an important part of the programme. The programme is prepared by EEO Intl. in co-operation with local contact persons.

Teams, Team leaders and special visits

Every day will have a day opening and a day closure meeting, team members will be encouraged to take part, and may even lead the meeting. We also like to know if you are playing a musical instrument. As much as possible we try to plan in personal visit requests from participants, for example if they want to visit their sponsor child.

Contact

If you would like to receive more specific information please don't hesitate to call me at 0800 2980126 or send me an email gerit.wiersema@eeouk.org



You need to:

- have a valid passport, which is still valid at least three months after your return.
- be in a physical condition to cope with the amount of walking.
- be prepared to give up smoking and drinking in companionship of others.

Costs

The costs of this journey are £675 (estimate)* per person. This amount includes full board, accommodations, snacks, hot meal on the last day and the excursions. Married couples can claim, if they wish, a £50, reduction in the total sum

Costs of a cancellation Insurance / travel Insurance and costs of vaccinations are not included.

You can transfer the cost of the journey to:

CAF BANK

Sort Code: 40-52-40

Account Nr. 00091930

Account Name: Eastern European Outreach, Margate

Please mention in the description trip Romania

Alternatively you can send a cheque made out to EEO UK, and post this out to
EEO UK, PO Box 399, Margate, CT9 2WE

We kindly ask you to have pay for the trip at least one week before departure.

If you decide to join our trip, please, apply as soon as possible by sending us a filled in application form.

In principle registrations closes three weeks before departure. If you decide to join after the closing date, please give us a ring at 0800 2980126 to see whether there are still places available.

Only your fully filled-in application forms will be accepted as a definitive application for the journey!

Vaccinations

You are personally responsible for vaccinations. EEO advises to consult your GP for advise. In general DTP and Hepatitis A injections are recommended.

Terms and Conditions

(see enclosed *General Conditions Mission Trips of EEO – international*, this needs to be signed separately)

*** The Costs of the trip are an estimate, the final price will depend on the flight tickets, the number of participants, and the value of the Pound in relation to the Euro.
The dates of departure and return are conditional.**