



NaturAktiv Team-Event for nature and landscape

Program Vnà (GR)

Beschreibung

Vnà (1630 msl.) is a small village of the Lower Engadin with a beautiful view of the dolomites. The traditional cultivated landscape around Vnà is characterized by precious dry meadows, hedges and former field terraces. In autumn all the larches are colored in orange. this multi-structured and species-rich landscape is protected by law since it is an habitat to many endangered species. Furthermore the Val Sinestra was labeled to the valley of the year 2011 by the 'Stiftung Landschaftsschutz Schweiz'.

The ecological harmony we can find in the Lower Engadin is the result of hundreds of years of extensive agriculture practices. This traditional land use is however endangered since the yield is low and more and more farmers give up this type of agriculture. Many of these precious dry habitats are therefore abandoned and let to grow wild, causing a dramatic loss of biodiversity.

During your mission you will mainly help farmers preserve dry meadows and other valuable habitats. A WWF expert will give you an insight on history, ecology and Alpine farming of the region while you help us protect habitats for endangered species and make a positive contribution to the preservation of this precious cultural landscape.

Possible work (dependent on weather conditions and number of participants)

- cleaning and clearing scrub from dry meadows or low-moor bogs
- Collect stones to build cairns
- Stack up branch piles
- Upkeep of water streams

Requirements

You should be in a (fairly) good physical condition, sure-footed and enjoy nature and culture in order to participate. The event takes place in every weather condition.

Take with you

- Hiking or trekking boots
- If possible bring personal working gloves. We provide if needed some used ones.
- Depending on the weather condition: sun cream, sun hat, sunglasses or raincoat and rain trousers
- Outdoor clothes (if needed, t-shirt to change)
- Bottle filled with water

Journey*

Vnà arrival 13.15

Journey back

Vnà departure (Bus) 18:00
Scuol arrival 18.20

Programme

- 13.15 Arrival in Vnà and lunch on the organic farm of Daniela and Fadri Riatsch (a guide will welcome you at the bus stop Vnà Jalmèr, in front of a parking area).
- 13:45 Assignment of the groups and hike to the working locations with an introduction to the unique landscape, the species-rich fauna and flora and the Alpine farming. A special focus lies on climate change.
- 14.30 Introduction to the mission, first working phase
- 16:00 break in the field with local products
- 16:30 continuation with the second working phase
- 17:30 Closure of the day and walk back to the bus station
- 18.00 Journey to Scuol (extra Bus)

We are looking forward to seeing you!

*If someone wants to stay in Vnà the night before/after due to the long journey or just wants to enjoy the gorgeous Engadin longer, he/she can get the necessary information under Tel. +41 (0)81 861 22 22 or via e-mail: info@engadin.com

