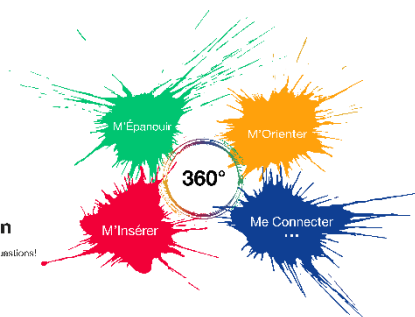




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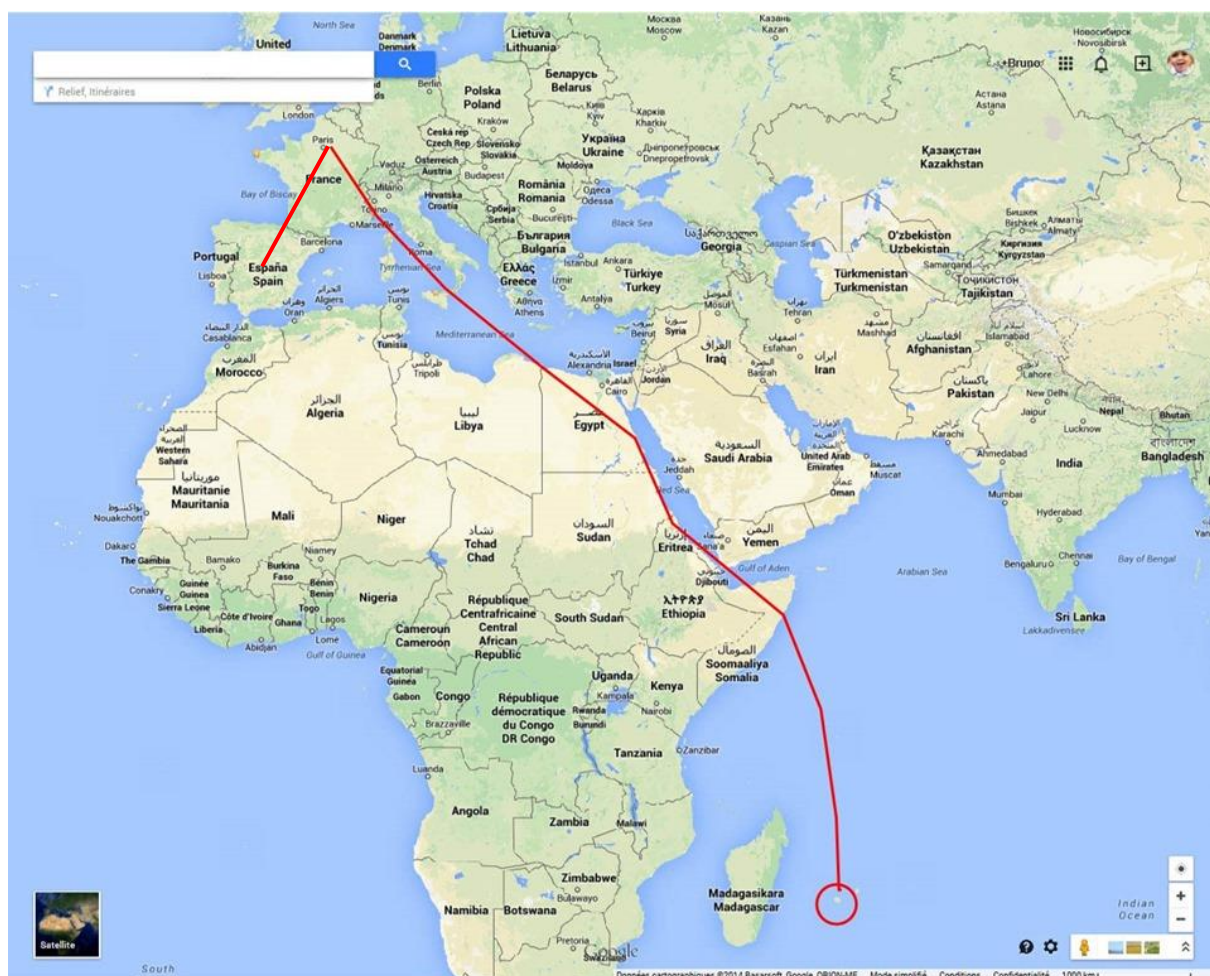
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Welcome to Reunion Island

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La Réunion is an overseas department and region of the French Republic and an island in the Indian Ocean, east of Madagascar and 175 km southwest of Mauritius.



The island is 63 km (39 mi) long; 45 km (28 mi) wide; and covers 2,512 km² (970 sq mi). It is above a hotspot in the Earth's crust. The Piton de la Fournaise, a shield volcano on the eastern end of Réunion Island, rises more than 2,631 m (8,632 ft) above sea level and is sometimes called a sister to Hawaiian volcanoes because of the similarity of climate and volcanic nature. It has erupted more than 100 times since 1640, and is under constant monitoring, most recently erupting on 29 July 2019.



The climate in Réunion is tropical, but temperature moderates with elevation. The weather is cool and dry from May to November, but hot and rainy from November to April. Precipitation levels vary greatly within the island, with the east being much wetter than the west.

Since 2010, Réunion is home to a UNESCO World Heritage Site that covers about 40% of the island's area and coincides with the central zone of the Réunion National Park.



Réunion is home to a variety of birds such as the white-tailed tropicbird (French: paille en queue). Much of the west coast is ringed by coral reef which harbours, among other animals, sea urchins, conger eels, and parrot fish. Sea turtles and dolphins also inhabit the coastal waters. Humpback whales migrate north to the island from the Antarctic waters annually during the Southern Hemisphere winter (June–September) to breed and feed and can be routinely observed from the shores of Réunion during this season. At least 19 species formerly endemic to Réunion have become extinct following human colonisation. For example, the Réunion giant tortoise became extinct after being slaughtered in vast numbers by sailors and settlers of the island.



A panther chameleon



A juvenile Emperor
angelfish



A Moorish idol



A white-tailed
Tropicbird



A Hawksbill sea turtle



A Humpback whale off
St-Gilles

OUR ORGANIZATION

CRIJ Reunion is a Youth association located in the town of Saint-Denis in the North of the Island and also the biggest town of the Island. Our aims are to inform young people aged between 13 and 30 years about all topics: education, training, international mobility, sports...

We organize and participate to all events with and for youngster living in Reunion Island.

For the first time, we plan to host volunteer from foreign countries.

We also promote Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Projects.

We are Eurodesk Multipliers.



Our association is located in the city center of Saint-Denis and close to the sea.

Your objective

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

One of the main objectives as a volunteer for CRIJ Réunion is to give organizational support, help with organizing events and create them yourself! It is also part of your job to encourage youngsters to join and ESC project and other International mobility projects.

Most youngsters are very interested in your experience as a volunteer and you will use this experience as a way to tell people about all possibilities of Erasmus+ and activate them to be a part of it! Here, in Reunion Island, it's difficult to travel because we are living in a small Island and moving aboard could be difficult and scary.



The association

YOUTH ASSOCIATION OF REUNION ISLAND

Our association is located in the city centre and close to the sea. It's a small building with one floor. In the entrance, we have a lobby where we host people and where we offer a free access to a computer and Internet.

In the first floor, we have an open space where our team can work together. The association is a social hub where people gather, talk...



Facilities for volunteers

HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND MONEY

You will live in a house with 2 other peoples: Mylène and Ornella. Ornella and Mylène is a couple and they will host you for all the duration of you stay here. Ornella is a member of CRIJ Réunion.

You will have you own bedroom and you will have access to kitchen, bathroom, living room, wifi, whashing machine and a garden. The house is located in the town of Saint-André in the East, at 30 minutes from Saint-Denis.

You will get some money to buy food and besides that some pocket money.

You flight From Spain to Réunion Island will be paid by the project according to the budget. Each day, Ornella will transport you by car morning and evening. Sometimes, you will have to take the bus, but we will give you a transit pass.



Your learning path

NEW SKILLS

The main purpose of volunteering is for you to learn new skills and get experience that will help you in your future project. It is important for you to take initiative and be pro-active. Here, you will meet other French volunteers in our Organisation. This will be a good opportunity to learn more about Reunion Island, our culture etc...

Insurance and medical

SAFETY FIRST

The promoter of the project will take care of the CIGNA insurance. You need to take care of your own European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). The EHIC is very important in case of emergency. You can ask your own insurance company for an EHIC.

Things you need

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU?

- Everyday clothes – shirths, trousers, T-shirts, underwear, socks and shoes etc.
- Sports and swimming clothes
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc.
- Mobile, laptop, camera etc.
- Any necessary medication
- Books

Most of these things are good to have but not really necessary. It is not a shame if you forget something or if you are not able to take everything. It is also possible to buy things at a local store.

European currency (Euros) are used here 😊.

More information?

SOCIAL MEDIA

For more information about the things we do and the events we organize check out our Facebook or Instagram.

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