**EST 02 WINTER ADVENTURE @KODADE FARM MATSALU 12.02 – 21.02 ENVI 8 vols**

**Project**

**Kodade Cottage and Matsalu Creative Space are social enterprise initiatives aiming to sustain cultural and environmental heritage and provide a rich variety of active nature tourism services in the setting of unique wild nature of Matsalu National Park. Another aim is to provide work opportunities for people living in rural areas.**

**We have created a unique environment for creativity camps, study camps and various types of events. We support sustainable living and align our activities with Matsalu National Park value system. Matsalu National Park was established to protect migratory birds and it is one of the most important protection areas of nesting and stop-over of coastal birds in Europe. In addition to bird protection Matsalu protects specific semi-natural habitats (coastal meadows and broods; woody meadows; reed bed and small islands) as well as the cultural heritage of the Väinameri sea. See more on** <https://kaitsealad.ee/eng/matsalu-national-park>

**More information about Kodade Farm is on site** [www.kodade.ee](http://www.kodade.ee)

**Work**

**Generally we offer a wide range of activities to our volunteers – mostly in the field of maintenance and development of the visitor site and the territory but also related to nature conservation in the surrounding area. However in winter time it will be mainly laying paths in the forest, cutting bushes, preparing and loading woods for heating and some painting jobs indoors. Hosts will supervise the work, which will be around 4-5 hours a day depending on weather conditions. Most of these activities will take place outdoors, but we will take weather conditions into account.**

**Accommodation**

Accommodation is very good - at Kodade holiday cottage <http://www.kodade.ee/en/kodade-puhkemaja/maja-kirjeldus>. We also provide bed linen and towels. There is a kitchen with all necessary equipment for cooking and the use of sauna. Food will be provided from local farms nearby. Volunteers will be served food cooked by locals for lunches during the week days otherwise it has to be cooked by the volunteers.

**Location**

Kodade Creative Space is located in Salevere Kula, Hanila parish, Parnumaa county. Salevere is situated in the western part of Estonia, approximately 140km from Tallinn. More information available on the following websites [www.hanila.ee](http://www.hanila.ee); [www.kodade.ee](http://www.kodade.ee)

**Terminal**

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn. From the airport bus nr 2 and tram nr 4 going to the city centre stop at Bus Station (Bussijaam). From there buses to Kuressaare go several times per day taking you to Virtsu Sadam where volunteers will be picked up by the camp host. Timetables are available online at [www.tpilet.ee](http://www.tpilet.ee)

**Special requirements**

You have to be open-minded, creative and ready to adapt to a simple conditions of the common life in the countryside of Estonia. Please consider that the work is mainly physical, can be hard or sometimes repetitive. And do not forget that this is a WINTER camp where temperature can go below -20C some nights. So please do bring good warm clothes and shoes with you!

**Leisure time**

There are a lot of picturesque natural and interesting historical sites in the area. It is possible to visit other parts of Laanemaa and Parnumaa and towns of Haapsalu and Parnu ([www.visitestonia.com/en/where-to-go/west-estonia/haapsalu; www.visitparnu.com/en/](http://www.visitestonia.com/en/where-to-go/west-estonia/haapsalu;%20www.visitparnu.com/en/), visit **Hanila muuseum** [www.visitestonia.com/en/hanila-museum-named-for-august-tamparg](http://www.visitestonia.com/en/hanila-museum-named-for-august-tamparg)**, visit town of Lihula with its muuseum and castle ruins** [www.facebook.com/lihulamuuseum](http://www.facebook.com/lihulamuuseum)**.** There are plenty of possibilities for nature walks in winter landscape. Nearby there are two stables providing horseback riding ([www.massuratsaklubi.ee](http://www.massuratsaklubi.ee) and [www.rannarantso.ee](http://www.rannarantso.ee)). **In addition to manual work there will be many learning opportunities. In this camp you will have a chance to learn Estonian traditions, culture and handicrafts as there will be a possibility to try some handicraft techniques (ceramic, silk-painting, felt-making) and make your own as we** can organise **handicrafts** workshops **(silk-painting, ceramic), visit pottery** [www.haeskapottery.ee/index.php?lang=2](http://www.haeskapottery.ee/index.php?lang=2)

This camp is perfect for people who enjoy being close to the nature and are interested in traditional way of rural living, who are curious and willing to use their creativity and share your ideas in the process of creating new environments of living.

**Participation fee**

Due to lack of communal resources for this camp we ask participants to contribute **120 Euro** towards costs of accommodation, food, camp program and general administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp**. If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for another solution.