

# 5 TIPS TO SAVE MONEY WHILE VOLUNTEERING



## Take a homemade packed lunch

Well, it's always tempting to eat in fancy restaurants, isn't it? But this won't help with saving money. So preparing your own meal at home will save both money and time as you won't need to waste time shopping during lunch breaks

Additional tip: create a weekly meal plan of meals and keep your eating habits in balance as well.



## Share expenses

Sharing expenses with other volunteers will improve the connection with them and it will save money. For example, it's always a good idea to cook and share meals together, discovering each other's cooking traditions and spend less on buying things from the supermarket.



## Always take a small sum of cash out with you

Make sure that after you get paid, you don't carry large amounts of money with you. This will reduce the chances to overspend and run out of money too quickly.



## Travel wisely

Travelling around is one of the most fun parts of your volunteering experience! Make sure you plan trips to the nearby areas by train or bus which are usually the cheapest options.

When it comes to choosing your destinations, ask some advice from other long or short term volunteers in order to get information about the cost and be prepared.

If you are planning to travel by plane during your free days or the weekend, make sure you book your tickets in advance and that you check for the last minute flight deals. They might be handy.

Take advantage of the free things in your working environment



When it comes to spending much time at the office, make sure that you check the common stuff you can use. For example, making coffee at the coffee machine at work will save you even more than half of your salary at the end of the project. We all love Cooperativa's coffee, but we better not spend our money there everyday.

Yes, volunteering can save you money, but even more important is that everything you can get out of it can be positively priceless!