

# La Cañada del Robledo

The Finca La Cañada del Robledo is situated in the north of the province Cádiz, in the community of Villamartín, with 12.150 inhabitants. The nearest larger cities are Cádiz and Sevilla, both about 85km away, and Jerez de la Frontera with 53km distance. The community is situated in a rural and prosperous region, near the Bornos water reservoir. The area is known for its agriculture and cattle breeding.

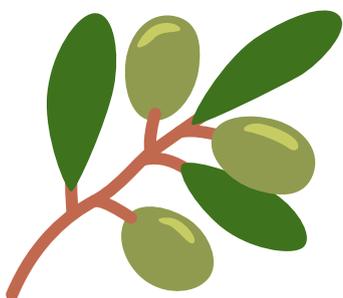


For years, the Finca has produced its own olive oil and ecological food. The owner of the Finca, Ms. Ulrike Marcik, has about 40 years of experience in agriculture in Spain, as well as in the management and organisation of various social youth projects. Since 2017, the Finca is working in cooperation with Asociación Caminos in the context of ERASMUS+ volunteering projects.

**The volunteers are living on the Finca itself and are able to participate in the following four areas of work, according to the season and their own interests and skills:**

## Ecological Food

- Vegetable farming, herbology, collecting natural food (e.g., wild asparagus and Tagarninas) and production of natural groceries (in accordance with the seasons: preparing the fields, scattering seeds, watering, weeding, harvest, processing)
- preparation of products for sale
- preparation of the Finca's own products and meals



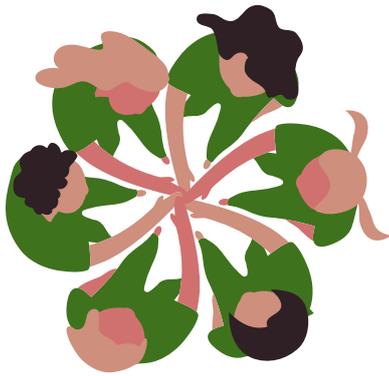
## Olive Grove

- in accordance with the seasons (cleaning the grove, harvest, compressing, tree cutting)
- preparation of olive oil for sale

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## Small Domestic Animals

- feeding of various small domestic animals on the Finca (cats, dogs, chicken, ducks, geese, turkeys)
- upbringing of small animals
- product processing (eggs)



## Tourist Offers and maintenance

- Support in tourist services for the Finca (e.g., horse riding groups)
- preparation of meals
- household tasks
- maintenance work

### In every area the young people can...

- acquire more knowledge and skills
- take on responsibilities of certain areas themselves
- experience a healthy relationship with nature
- improve their team work

Through living on the Finca, they can learn more about Spanish culture, as well as improve their Spanish language skills.

The Finca also inhabits a stud farm with over 60 Arabian horses. Young people with previous experience, or in case of longer stays on the Finca, get the opportunity to participate in horse maintenance and upbringing.

Due to the transfer in ownership of the Finca in the upcoming years, the collection and documentation of "Finca" knowledge is one of the focus points of 2021/2022. Thus, the knowledge of previous generations can be shared with future guests and young people.

## Contact information for volunteering

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