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SJ04

Aiguille Fort 1

18/05 - 08/06

Project : Near the Charente River, the Fouras peninsula has 3 ports and 5 beaches on the Atlantic coast. The town of Fouras-les-Bains and Maison des Bateleurs - Solidarités Jeunesses wished to renew their partnership in order to continue the rehabilitation work on Aiguille Fort (known as the largest in France). In an idyllic setting with a view of Boyard Fort, work will consist of rehabilitating the redoubt (a fortification system built by Vauban) to protect Fouras from a possible invasion.

Work : It's a continuation of the work undertaken last year by volunteers. You'll work on the restoration of a new part of the redoubt main facade in three steps. You'll help the technical leader to remove plants from the facade and replace the chalk mortar joints between the stones. Other traditional masonry works are planned, such as redoing the stone coping (wall's top layer) and stone cutting.

Accommodation and food : Collective, tent at the Fouras campsite (pool, multi-sports area, WIFI, snack...). Food provided, meals prepared by you.

Location : Fouras-les-Bains, Charente-Maritime

Leisure activities : You'll be able to experience some water activities, like fishing or sailing. During your free time, you'll have the opportunity to interact with locals, already excited about meeting you. Finally, you'll have time to discover the beach, go on bike rides along the ocean, play beach-volleyball, and participate in many other activities. You'll also be able to visit forts and museums as well as cities like La Rochelle and Rochefort.

Closest train station : Rochefort (17300)

Closest airport: Bordeaux



SJ05

A sustainable wall (1/2)

22/05 - 05/06

Project : Come and discover one of the small perched towns in the South of France, Serres in the Alpes, which offers a magnificent panorama of the medium mountain range of the Baronnies Provençales! The town, leaning against the Pignolette rock, is made up of small shady medieval streets and covered and sloping passages in which it is good to stroll. At the top of this village and at the bend in the monks' path, is the chapel of Notre Dame de Bon Secours, which overlooks the Buëch valley. This building was erected in 1730 and blessed in 1732. Partly dug into the rock, it marries the hillside, on the presumed site of the former chapel of the castle of Serres. The Baronnies Provençales Regional Nature Park, in partnership with the association Les Villages des Jeunes and a hiking organization, launched an operation to raise awareness and promote the dry-stone building technique in 2018. Elected officials and inhabitants will be mobilized for this operation through restoration actions and discoveries of the dry-stone built heritage (conference, visit).

Work : The path of the Monks meanders along the hillside below the chapel; it is supported by dry stone retaining walls and has a stone-covered walkway, known as a calade in south-eastern France. One of the retaining walls of the path, located under the chapel, is partly deteriorated due to lack of maintenance. You will participate in the restoration of this wall which is essential to put the chapel back in its place in the landscape by redrawing the flatness of the wall leading to it. The following work will be undertaken: dismantling and sorting of the stones, earthworks and reconstruction of the wall according to the very precise technique of dry stone construction (theoretical and practical input). You can also discover the technique of restoration of the dry stone path: punctual recovery of the damaged parts of the path, realization of stone steps.

The workcamp will be supervised by a professional in dry stone construction techniques. A daily work of 6 hours is planned, the organization of the days will be discussed and decided by the group of participants. The pedagogical objective is to discover a traditional construction technique which does not require any material, except stones from the stoning of fields intended for agriculture or recovered from old buildings. Theoretical, historical and practical contributions will be disseminated. It should be noted that this workcamp is part of a more global action to enhance the site of the chapel. The population of the village is invited to take part in the work of clearing the brush and creating a calade on the chapel square.



SJ05**A sustainable wall (2/2)****22/05 - 05/06**

Accommodation and food : You will be accommodated in tents at the Barillons campsite located in Serres. An animation team will be present to help you in the organization of the collective life: planning of household chores, elaboration of menus and preparation of meals in turn, organization of leisure activities and outings. The purchase of local products is widely favoured.

Location : Serres is a small town in the South of France, nestled between the Alps and Haute Provence (30 km North of Sisteron, 140 km South of Grenoble). It has several services: train station, shops, Provencal market...

Leisure activities : Land of light, scents and flavours, the Baronnies Provençal is a land where the sweetness of life is combined with the practice of outdoor sports like idleness! Rich in natural and agricultural heritages adapted to the Mediterranean climate under alpine influence, the Provencal Baronnies are marked by fragrant, aromatic and medicinal plants: wild thyme, rosemary, lavender. Near Serres, you can discover many major sites in the south of the Hautes-Alpes: Aujour mountain and Clausonne abbey, Saint-Genis mountain, the Méouge gorges, Orpierre site, the Riou lake where you can practice many sports activities (climbing, mountain biking, hiking, swimming in lakes and rivers).

Closest train station : Serres (05700). Access via Valence TGV, Valence ville, Grenoble, Marseille Saint-Charles and Aix en Provence train stations.

Closest airport: Marseille or Lyon

SJ06

Free music festival

04/06-25/06

Project : Launched in 2001 in Montendre - charming town in the south-west of France - it's a contemporary music event, which has contributed to highlight this town. It's supported by A Donf NGO aiming to promote education and artistic practices for all. The international workcamp, at the heart of the festival, brings a rich intercultural dimension to the event's artistic and intergenerational dynamic. 2021 is the 20th edition!

Work : You'll work with others volunteers in the preparation, setting up and accommodation (camp, food/rest/volunteers areas...). It consists of arranging the park to make it more attractive. You'll welcome the public and help volunteers with the logistics. After the event, you'll participate in cleaning and tidying the place in a friendly atmosphere!

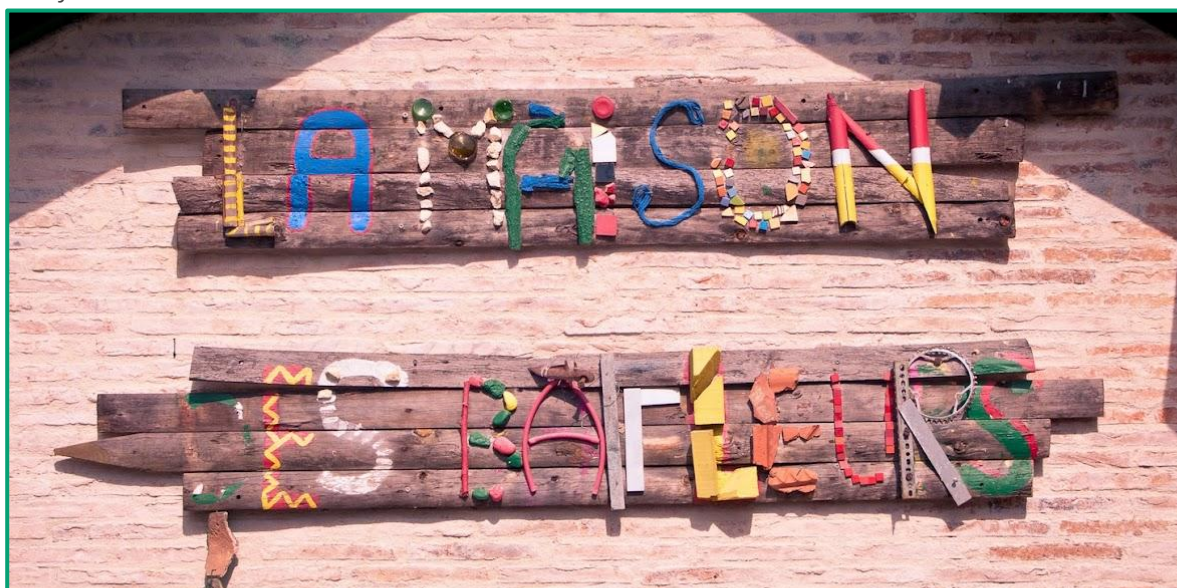
Accommodation and food : Dorms (8 people) at Maison des Bateleurs, Montendre. Food included and everyday, someone will be chosen to cook

Location : Montendre, Charente-Maritime, 75 km away from Bordeaux

Leisure activities : Between some nice villages in south Saintonge, you'll enjoy the local heritage. Aside from work, you'll take part in summer activities: music events, nightmarkets, farmer markets or local products tastings. City tours, like Angoulême or Bordeaux and beach days can be organized. Cognac and St Emilion, two traditional towns of wine, are very close!

Closest train station : Montendre (17300)

Closest airport: Bordeaux



SJ10

Eco-grazing in the city of Saintes

04/06-24/06

Project : The city - with a long history - has a large ecological area. With the will of opening it to the citizens, the city of Saintes asked Solidarités Jeunesses to help to develop this natural area in a spirit of solidarity and Interculturality.

Work : Supervised by landscaping and wildlife protection professionals, you'll develop Palu meadows in a spirit of protecting these vulnerable areas, for example, building a permanent fence to define the eco-pasture. The workcamp will be from Tuesday to Saturday to let locals help you on Saturday.

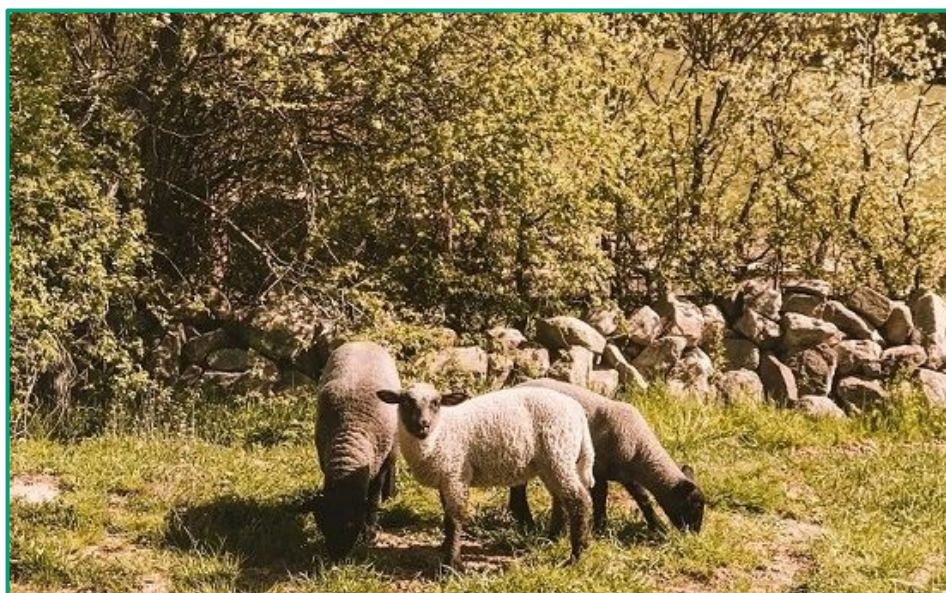
Accommodation and food : Tents, at the city campsite. Meals prepared by you.

Location : Saintes

Leisure activities : You'll learn many things about ecology thanks to the city of Saintes. In addition, the Social Center will gather inhabitants to offer you a rich experience of encounters and exchanges. Located in the heart of Charente-Maritime, you'll discover this area full of history.

Closest train station : Saintes (17100)

Closest airport: Bordeaux



SJ07

Aiguille Fort 2-1

10/06- 01/07

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Work : It will consist of delimiting the spaces that are part of the redoubt, thus securing and protecting the site for future cultural events. You'll build and install a barrier and a fence around the fort, on the eastern front. You'll also remove the old gate, which is in poor condition and unsightly, in order to replace it.

Accommodation and food : Collective, tent at the Fouras campsite (pool, multi-sports area, WIFI, snack...). Food provided, meals prepared by you.

Location : Fouras-les-Bains, Charente-Maritime

Leisure activities : You'll be able to experience some water activities, like fishing or sailing. During your free time, you'll have the opportunity to interact with locals, already excited about meeting you. Finally, you'll have time to discover the beach, go on bike rides along the ocean, play beach-volleyball, and participate in many other activities. You'll also be able to visit forts and museums as well as cities like La Rochelle and Rochefort.

Closest train station : Rochefort

Closest airport: Bordeaux



SJ08

Aiguille Fort 2-2

10/06- 01/07

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Accommodation and food : Collective, tent at the Fouras campsite (pool, multi-sports area, WIFI, snack...). Food provided, meals prepared by you.

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Closest train station : Rochefort

Closest airport: Bordeaux



SJ09 Historical wandering in Clausonne Abbey

13/06- 03/07

Project : Participate in the valorisation of a historic site at the heart of idyllic mountain landscapes ! Join us and come discover l'Abbaye de Clausonne and its natural environment at 1140 meters of altitude!

It is in the XII century that the Abbaye sees the day. After multiple periods of deconstruction and of reconstruction over the centuries, in the 20th century, it became an agricultural building, which was abandoned in the 1950s. It is in 1994 that the association of friends of Abbaye of Clausonne was created to conserve the vestiges of this exceptional architecture, on an exceptional site. Since then, the association wanted to make this place a place of discovery, learning and knowledge.

Work : Do you want to learn ancient techniques of masonry, the use of ancient material and ecology? This year, we will work to continue the masonry in stone, on the ancient sheep herding, in order to make it, in a few years, a room for cooking, storing tools, etc. We will continue as well to work on putting value in the site and hiking trails. And if the time allows, we will participate in the construction of stone stairs in the sheepfold with the help of masons that will there to transmit their knowledge! The work represents 30h in a week. The nights and weekends are free for activities that you will choose to organise together.

Accommodation and food : Our principal place of living is the Ferme du Fai, it's an international welcoming center. You will sleep in rooms of 3 to 6 beds and will have access to bathrooms, toilets, and the kitchen. There is no WIFI. But you will meet people coming from the whole world! This center is found 30 minutes walking distance from the Abbaye. You will cook in a rotation of roles, so that you can taste several specialties! Here, we pay attention to what we eat, to reduce our impact on the planet we try to eat a maximum of local products and we eat meat two times a week.

Location : The farm of the Fai, at 3km of the village of Saix is 15 km far from the first town, Veynes. Once or twice a week, we will organize a trip to the nearest town to go shopping.

Leisure activities : You will be in an exceptional setting to discover the pleasures of mountain hiking, its rivers, its lakes, the farmers and producers markets, the festive nights organised in surrounding villages. In group, you will decide activities and discovery outings that you wish to set up. The reception center usually organizes one musical evening per week with homemade wood-fired pizzas.

Closest train station : Veynes Dévoluy (05400), the meeting times are generally between 4pm and 6pm at the station

Closest airport: Marseille, Lyon



SJ12

On Dronne's banks

13/06 - 03/07

Project : The municipality of La Roche Chalais is hosting an international workcamp of volunteers for the fourth year: after carrying out paths which connect the village to the river and redeveloped the banks of the river we continue to work on the heritage and natural spaces of the village. In connection with the various political, cultural and technical actors of the territory, this camp will bring you to meet a rural territory and to participate in its dynamism. It will also be an opportunity to participate in a broader program of support for the integration of refugees in this territory through voluntary actions. Indeed, a group of local inhabitants mixing "original" inhabitants and newcomers will participate with you at the different times of the construction site, helping to break down the labels and stereotypes around migration and to enhance their involvement in this territory.

All these different local people and the regulars of the campsite where you will be accommodated will offer you many ways to participate in local life: meals, activities with the children of the school, local associations... You will discover the hospitality of the population and the charm of the landscapes and local heritage, by organizing with the other volunteers and leaders your program of activities.

Work : Various works of environment and enhancement of the built and natural heritage (maintenance of sports course, approaches to a pond, restoration of wash houses and calvaires, ...) You will work in various spaces in and around the village frequented daily by the Chalaisiens. to improve their living environment. Worksite in the mornings and discoveries of the surroundings and collective life in the afternoons.

Accommodation and food : You will be welcomed at the municipal campsite, very comfortable! Sleeping under tents, camp beds provided. A covered dining area is reserved for you, with a kitchen where you can prepare good food in turn.

Location : La Roche Chalais is located on the Greenwich meridian, at the crossroads of four departments and 70 km from Bordeaux, Périgueux and Angoulême.

Leisure activities : Swimming, canoeing, sightseeing and on the camping site, tennis court, pétanque, football field, entertainment around fishing with the local fishing club...

Closest train station: : reception on Saturday 15 June in the late afternoon at Saint-Aigulin station (17360).

Closest airport: Bordeaux – Mérignac.



SJ11

Solidarity summer 1

20/06- 03/07

Project : In one day, the large-scale “Mediterranean episode” on 2 and 03 October 2020, the raging rivers of Alpes-Maritimes (storm Alex) devastated the roads along the Roya valley, destroyed part of the access path to the “Neige et Merveilles” site, damaged two reception buildings and scarred the landscape. You will participate in a solidarity work project that will bring together the association’s members, young European volunteers, and voluntary work project associations in the Provence-Alpes-Côte-d’Azur region; we want to welcome everyone who sent us their kind and supportive messages and who want to participate in rebuilding the site.

Work : The works involve rebuilding the banks of the river, maintaining and/or recreating the footpaths, clearing landslides, rebuilding the supporting walls, and more. You will work 4 days a week from 8.30 am to midday and from 2 pm to 5.30 pm. You will be accompanied in your work by a technical supervisor.

Accommodation and food : You will be sharing a room for 4 people with bathroom facilities. The meals are not prepared by the volunteers but by the kitchen staff. You will be asked to help with some food preparation, tidying the dining areas, and the washing-up.

Location : Tende, Alpes-Maritimes, 2 hours from Nice

Special requirements: Walk to access the site and supplies carried by the volunteers (about 45 mins).

Leisure activities : Leisure time will be based around mountain activities, hiking, bivouac, food transportation, visits to archaeological and mining sites, discovery of the flora and fauna in the surrounding alpine environment. Your daily life will be supervised by an activity coordinator.

Closest train station : Tende (06430) Train from Nice station in the early afternoon

Closest airport: NICE (tram between the airport and the station)



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SJ13

FESTIF L'ART FESTIVAL

26/06 - 07/07

Project : The Festif l'Art is a festival of contemporary music created in 2008 and organised by the members of association Asso Siff'l'Art. It aims at favoring access to culture to the larger number of people, so the festival proposes concerts with a wide range of styles (pop-rock, reggae, electro...) and various shows and workshops: painting walls, circus, chill-out, trash art... The association also applies a price policy based on donation. Each year the Festif l'Art follows a theme in order to encourage the public imagination. The association wants to host for the first time an international workcamp, in order to develop the intercultural dimension of the festival and also to support the organisation team.

Work : you will collaborate with the members of the association in order to install, organise and dismantle the festival. You will be involved in different tasks: wood and building work, cooking, helping the Green team to organise eco-friendly practices, material installation and decoration. During the festival you will also be able to help with the service and some activities for children.

Accommodation and food : You will sleep in collective tents near the festival place and near the camping area for the members of the association. Please bring a sleeping bag with you. Some bathrooms and showers are close to the camp site. Food will be provided and cooked by teams of volunteers and association members.

Location : The festival is organised in the town of Chauconin-Neufmontiers which is located 40 km east from Paris.

Leisure activities : During your free time, you will have the possibility to visit the town of Meaux, the local cultural heritage, and to enjoy the local activities organised in summer. Free-time activities will be organized collectively, depending on the wishes of the group and the available budget.

Closest train station : Meaux train station 77100.

Closest airport: Nearest airports are Paris Roissy Charles de Gaulle airport, Paris Orly and Paris Beauvais.

Observations: This project should not be seen as a sightseeing trip to Paris. If you wish to visit Paris, you should arrive some days before or leave some days after the dates of the workcamp.



SJ15

Wall and memory, History in Fericy

3-24/07

Project : Fericy is a village in the Essonne region, with traces of human life going back up to 6000 years ago. It is said that the village's water spring possess exceptional healing qualities and help in easing childbirth. These waters have attracted many people through out the ages, quenched the thirst of numerous travellers and supposedly helped give birth to Louis XIV 9 months after his mother Anne of Austria had drunk from the water spring of Fericy. Nowadays Fericy, whose name comes from a Roman who settled in the area (Fericius or Fericiatus) is a still inhabited small village. The church of Saint Osmane has witnessed many centuries of the village's rich history, yet the surrounding outer wall has collapsed.

Work : The project, with the support of locals from Fericy, consists of refurbishing the stone wall and to clear the vie of the church and its park, in order to properly display its historical heritage. During the simple masonry work, you will be working alongside the village volunteers, who have organised themselves to refurbish the village centre, called « Domaine de la Salle ». The wall renovations is just the first of many steps in a much larger project of conservation and promotion of this natural and historical jewel.

Accommodation and food : You will be accommodated in the village hall provided by the municipality. Bring a sleeping bag. Meals will be prepared by the team of volunteers.

Location : Fericy (60km from Paris)

Leisure activities : Fericy is located at the crossroad of several hiking trails and the trail of 3 castles, which will allow you to discover the castles of the Seine and Marne region. Located a few minutes walking from the Seine, the village borders the largest forest in the Ile de France region, the Fontainebleau forest, where splendid ballads shall be carried out. Last but not least, by the banks of the Seine river during summer there will be a wide variety of cultural events, offering many aspects of French culture to discover and enjoy!

Closest train station : Meaux train station 77100.

Closest airport: Nearest airports are Paris Roissy Charles de Gaulle airport, Paris Orly and Paris Beauvais.

Closest airport: 35 minutes by train on the R line (Ligne R) from Paris-Gare de Lyon train station. Head to the « Fontainebleau-Avon » stop between 14 :30 and 17 :00.



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SJ17

Heading for Oleron Island 1

6-27/07

Project : The town of "Grand-Village", a resort in southwest "Oléron" Island, by the Atlantic, is a loyal partner (since 1996). For some years now, the intercommunity has worked to enhance the local lifestyle, since the 19th century. It relies on the Oléron's traditional cottage, reflecting the insular life in the late 19th century. In order to restore this "eco-farmhouse", due to be a site to explore and experience, local municipalities have again wished to set a workcamp.

Work : Led by an expert. you'll learn several traditional masonry's techniques: renovating and erecting the dry stone walls that surround and delimit the spaces of this traditional house.

Accommodation and food : Campsite, tents with all facilities. Meals will be offered and made in turn.

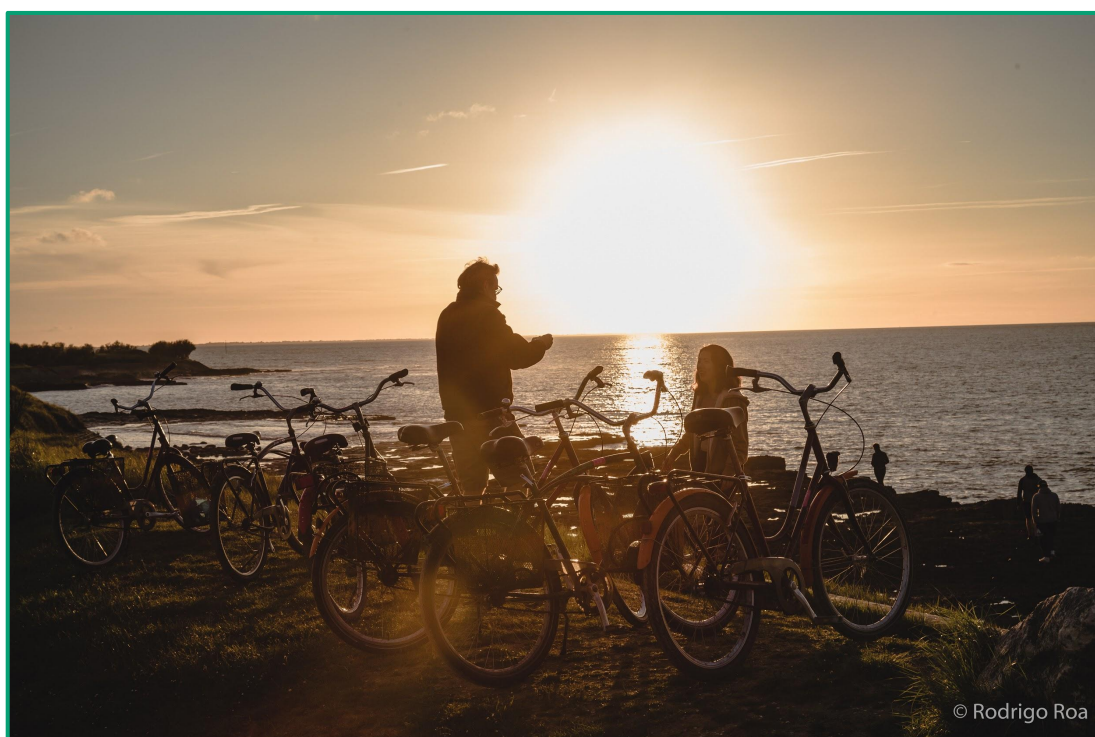
Location : In the middle of the sea, 35 km of Rochefort-sur-Mer, Charente Maritime.



Leisure activities : You'll have many sea activities, as fishing and surfing at local clubs. Beach, seaside bike rides, beach volleyball... There are also cities to enjoy like La Rochelle and Rochefort. Entertainment and excursions will be held with locals and in particular with the young people of the "Grand-Village" youth center. Free time will favor encounter locals waiting for you!

Closest train station : Rochefort 17300.

Closest airport: Bordeaux



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SJ18

Mountain Holiday Chalets for all

7-26/07

Project : Participate in the reconstruction of old chalets, to offer vacations to all, does that mean anything to you?

Join us and come discover the Hameau de Vaunières and its natural setting at 1173 meters above sea level ! Vaunières, a hamlet unlike any other ! Lost at the end of the Buëch valley, at the heart of the Hautes Alpes, the association Les Villages des Jeunes has managed, organised, and renovated the residential center of Vaunières since 1964 ! Vaunières was a former small mountain village that today has become a sort of launching pad for local youth and adults, but it's also a venue used to host French and international volunteers. Vaunières is a vacation destination for many families, tourists, and constituent groups who come to take advantage of the calm mountain atmosphere and the dynamics of the environment. The workcamps that we organise at Vaunières with volunteers from all countries allow us to reinforce the cultural diversity of our engagement and make this site a place that is open to the world, where people of all ages and of all social and cultural backgrounds agree to meet each other and work together while participating in life within a community. We hope that you too, a volunteer from France or abroad, will come with this spirit of openness and collaboration that fuels our project !

Work : Since 2019, we have been working on the renovation of abandoned chalets for over 20 years. We have changed the roofs and frames and we still have to carry out the interior fittings. With the help of the technical leader, we will work on removing the old floors, then we will install the water and electricity networks before laying the insulation and finally the floor. Ideal for those who want to learn about carpentry!

Accommodation and food : Housing will be in individual tents, that we furnish and provide mattresses for, on the campgrounds of the hamlet of Vaunières. The campgrounds have access to showers, restrooms, and the kitchen. There's no WIFI, but you'll be able to meet people from all over the world ! We'll take turns cooking, that way we'll be able to taste a number of different specialties ! Here, we pay attention to what we eat, and to reduce our impact on the planet, we try to eat a maximum of local products and we limit eating meat to twice a week. Community life will be organised together : organization of menus, grocery shopping, activities, etc.

Location : Le Hameau de Vaunières, 6km from the village St Julien en Beauchêne, is 23km away from the main city, Veynes. Grocery shopping, which will be conducted once or twice a week, will be organised using our vehicles.

Leisure activities: We will be in an exceptional location to discover the joys of hiking among the mountains, its rivers, its lakes, the farmers markets, and festive events organized in the surrounding villages (depending on programming). As a group, we'll decide the activities and outings that we want to set up (subject to distance). Once a week, the welcome center generally organises an evening of music with homemade woodfired pizzas.

Closest train station: Lus-La-Croix-Haute (26620)

Closest airports: Marseille or Lyon.



SJ20

Beaufiest'yval

9-30/07

Project: Festival of live shows and performances for all ages, set in "Beaufief" Park, "Mazeray", in an 8-hectare site in "Charente-Maritime". Organized by "Beaufief" Recreation Center Association, working to bring a real entertainment in local life and raise awareness for culture for everyone. It's a way to live together, share and fun. Longtime partner, the workcamp celebrates its 6th anniversary at the festival's 10th edition, which is a big hit.

Work: You'll coordinate with "Beaufief" Recreation Center's volunteers, kids and teens, preparing and setting up the event. Job will consist of arranging the site to make it appealing, assisting to put tents, scenes and stalls. And plan activities with Recreation Center's children along the set-up. At the festival, you'll welcome guests, help volunteers and get to join an open stage. At the end, you'll participate in clearing and tidying the place. Games, crafts, sharing and socializing will enrich this unique adventure! You may have a chance to perform a mini show at the festival.

Accommodation and food: In tents, in an 8-hectare park which is the grounds of the Beaufief association in Mazeray. Meals will be offered and made in turn

Location: Mazeray, Charente-Maritime, 1 hour of La Rochelle

Leisure activities: "Beaufief" Recreation Center's volunteers will provide you activities aimed to involve you in local lifestyle so you can discover the rich cultural heritage of its surroundings (castle, abbeys, arboretum...). This is also an excuse to see the area, to enjoy "Bernouet" lake and its "guinguette", and tour cities such as La Rochelle and Poitiers.

Closest train station: Saint-Jean d'Angély (17400)

Closest airports: Bordeaux



SJ21

A la bio'sphere de Melle

9-30/07

Project: The town of "Melle" is deeply devoted to the environment and involved in protecting and promotion of biodiversity. On an "environment" topic, the workcamp aims to encourage biodiversity on a "Natura 2000" listed site (EU network of nature protection areas), right on the "pré des Demoiselles", a preserved field enabling practical acts for wetlands and bats.

Work: There are various tasks in this workcamp. Main goal is to finish the dragonfly observatory and build an educational pond. You'll equip a bat hibernatorium. Sometimes, you will contribute in the realization of educational nights or concerts.

Accommodation and food: In tents, city campsite. Meals will be offered and made in turn.

Location: "Melle, Deux-Sèvres", 60 km of the sea, between "La Rochelle" and "Poitiers".

Leisure activities: Besides workcamp hours, you'll attend concerts, shows and summer events that are plentiful in town! You could go to historic, cultural and scenic spots making the charm of our region.

Closest train station: F-79000 "Niort"

Closest airports: Bordeaux



SJ35

Solidarity Summer 2

18- 31/07

Project: In one day, the large-scale "Mediterranean episode" on 2 and 03 October 2020, the raging rivers of Alpes-Maritimes (storm Alex) devastated the roads along the Roya valley, destroyed part of the access path to the "Neige et Merveilles" site, damaged two reception buildings and scarred the landscape. You will participate in a solidarity work project that will bring together the association's members, young European volunteers, and voluntary work project associations in the Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur region; we want to welcome everyone who sent us their kind and supportive messages and who want to participate in rebuilding the site.

Work: The works involve rebuilding the banks of the river, maintaining and/or recreating the footpaths, clearing landslides, rebuilding the supporting walls, and more. You will work 4 days a week from 8.30 am to midday and from 2 pm to 5.30 pm. You will be accompanied in your work by a technical supervisor.

Accommodation and food: You will be sharing a room for 4 people with bathroom facilities. The meals are not prepared by the volunteers but by the kitchen staff. You will be asked to help with some food preparation, tidying the dining areas, and the washing-up.

Location: Tende, Alpes-Maritimes, 2 hours from Nice

Leisure activities: Leisure time will be based around mountain activities, hiking, bivouac, food transportation, visits to archaeological and mining sites, discovery of the flora and fauna in the surrounding alpine environment. Your daily life will be supervised by an activity coordinator.

Special requirements (optional): Walk to access the site and supplies carried by the volunteers (about 45 mins).

Closest train station: Tende (06430) Train from Nice station in the early afternoon

Closest airport: NICE (tram between the airport and the station)



SJ36

The old Rosans path and its treasures

23/07 - 07/08

Project: How would you like to revive the old cobbled road of a small historic village? Rosans is a very beautiful site to appreciate the stone streets of a village nestled between the Alps and Provence! Open your eyes wide to the flora and fauna, take a deep breath, the air here is as pure as the sky!

On the outskirts of the village, the inhabitants have created a dense network of paths and canals irrigating the gardens and meadows. The work involves a set of dry stone walls located on the edge of a communal road near the village. This path, which corresponds to the old Nyons path and now connects the village to the site of the Rosans lake, is very popular in the summer. The path of about 2 km, is quite shaded and very pleasant; it offers a panoramic view over the valley with the Clavelière and Vanige mountains in the south, as well as Mont Risou in the east, in the background.

The two previous years, the municipality hosted an international youth workcamp over 2 weeks as well as a few participatory workcamps lasting 2 to 3 days. The participants discovered the technique of dry stone masonry through the creation of a calade and the restoration of the breaches in the retaining wall of the path.

Work: In 2021 we will continue to build the calade over the entire width of the path in order to level the slope and thus avoid any stagnation of the water. The part installed to collect the flow from the source will also be enlarged in order to better direct the flow during heavy rain events. The retaining walls on the linear will also be repeated along the path to the right of the breaches and collapses of the wall. It is with a skilled heritage workcamp leader who is passionate about dry stone masonry that we will be able to discover this restoration technique and the hidden treasures of Rosans' heritage.

Accommodation and food: We will be accommodated in tents at the Paul Bert holiday village and will have access to all the centre's facilities. A facilitating team will be present to accompany the participants in the organisation of collective life during the two weeks of the camp : planning housekeeping tasks, developing menus and preparing meals alternately, organizing recreational activities and outings. The purchase of local products will be prioritized, and everyone will come with their own ideas, talents, and tips and tricks to help prepare the meals.

Location: Rosans is a village in the south of France, nestled between the Alps and the Haute Provence (23 km to the west of Serres, 40km to the east of Nyons). The village is home to various shops, and festivities are usually organised during the summer period.

Leisure activities: The land of sunshine and amazing flavors, the provençale Baronnies massif is a good living personified where we can enjoy outdoor activities in the heart of nature while also just lounging around ! Not far from Rosans, we will be able to explore numerous sites : the Saint André de Rosans priory, Saint-Genis mountain, Clavelière mountain, the village of Rosans, the geological curiosity « dinosaur eggs » etc. The Saint May canyons, located closeby, house an important colony of vultures (wild vultures, black vultures, bearded vultures, egyptian vultures) that one can observe easily while hiking a trail that offers spectacular panoramic views of the canyon and the massifs of Baronnies. To refresh ourselves, the lake of Rosans is only a ten minute walk away from the village and is a great escape for those looking to relax.

Closest train station: Serres (05700). Accessible via the stations Valence TGV, Valence ville, Grenoble, Marseille Saint-Charles, Aix en Provence.

Closest airports: Marseille or Lyon.



SJ39

Historical wandering in Clausonne Abbey 2

24/07- 7/08

Project: Participate in the valorisation of a historic site at the heart of idyllic mountain landscapes ! Join us and come discover l'Abbaye de Clausonne and its natural environment at 1140 meters of altitude!

It is in the XII century that the Abbaye sees the day. After multiple periods of deconstruction and of reconstruction over the centuries, in the 20th century, it became an agricultural building, which was abandoned in the 1950s. It is in 1994 that the association of friends of Abbaye of Clausonne was created to conserve the vestiges of this exceptional architecture, on an exceptional site. Since then, the association wanted to make this place a place of discovery, learning and knowledge.

Work: Do you want to learn ancient techniques of masonry, the use of ancient material and ecology? This year, we will work to continue the masonry in stone, on the ancient sheep herding, in order to make it, in a few years, a room for cooking, storing tools, etc. We will continue as well to work on putting value in the site and hiking trails. And if the time allows, we will participate in the construction of stone stairs in the sheepfold with the help of masons that will be there to transmit their knowledge! The work represents 30h in a week. The nights and weekends are free for activities that we will choose to organise together.

Accommodation and food: We will be accommodated in tents on the Clausonne site in order to take full advantage of the magical natural environment offered by the site in summer. On the logistics side, a kitchen and dining room tent will be set up for shelter in the event of rain. On the sanitary side, the site has very functional dry toilets and on the shower side, we will have to rely on the pretty river Maraize which flows below. We will also be able to meet the volunteers and residents of our reception center, the Ferme du Faï, located a 20-minute walk away. There is no WIFI on site and the phone has difficulty picking up, you have to move a few meters away!

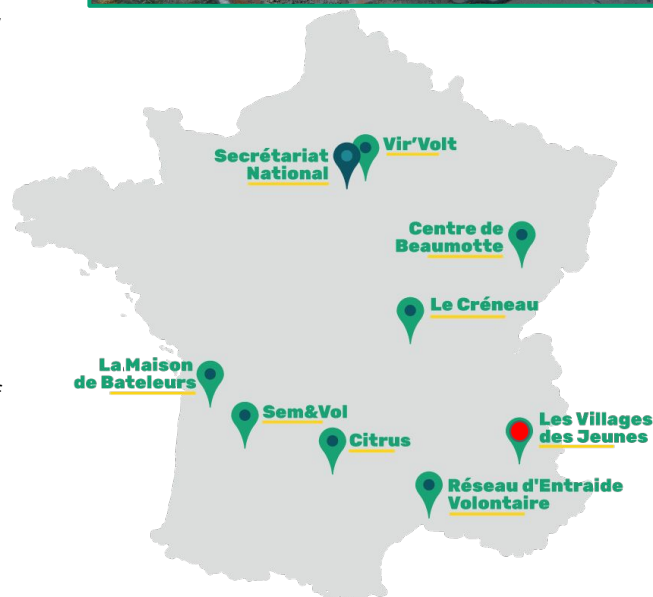
We will cook in a rotation of roles, so that we can taste several specialties! Here, we pay attention to what we eat, to reduce our impact on the planet we try to eat a maximum of local products and we eat meat two times a week.

Location: The Clausonne Abbey, at 4km of the village of Saix is 15 km from the first town, Veynes. Once or twice a week, we will organize a trip to the nearest town to go shopping.

Leisure activities: We will be in an exceptional setting to discover the pleasures of mountain hiking, its rivers, its lakes, the farmers and producers markets, the festive nights organised in surrounding villages. In group, we will decide activities and discovery outings that we wish to set up. The reception center usually organizes one musical evening per week with homemade wood-fired pizzas.

Closest train station: Veynes Dévoluy (05400), the meeting times are generally between 4pm and 6pm at the station

Closest airports: Marseille, Lyon



SJ44

Vintage Dance and Music Festival "The 60's
in France"

28/07- 18/08

Project: For the fifth year, the town of Coulaures hosts an international group to help to prepare and animate their dance and music festival who host more than a thousand people for a day. This year, the sixties will be revisited. Yéyé, rock'n roll, t'cha t'cha t'cha, Johnny, Sylvie Vartan, Brigitte Bardo, or when the musette ball has given way to rhythms and melodies from elsewhere. Come participate in the celebration with the very dynamic team of volunteers from the village! Creativity is in the spotlight, with the setting up of decoration, the creation of group choreographies or musical buffs.

You will discover the sense of welcome of the population and the charm of the landscapes and heritage, by organizing with the other volunteers and the animators your program of activities.

Work: Every afternoon, you will help with the logistics and communication about the festival, and you will prepare happenings and choreographies for the festival.

Accommodation and food: You will be host in the community room, with kitchen and shower access. You will prepare all together meals. We borrow you camp beds.

Leisure activities: Swimming in the river, canoe, historical and patrimonial visits, local parties...

Special requirements: predisposition to dance and show welcome

Closest train station: Thivier (24800)

Closest airport: Bordeaux



SJ45

Mountain Holiday Chalets for all 2

28/07 -17/08

Project: Participate in the reconstruction of old chalets, to offer vacations to all, does that mean anything to you?

Join us and come discover the Hameau de Vaunières and its natural setting at 1173 meters above sea level ! Vaunières, a hamlet unlike any other ! Lost at the end of the Buëch valley, at the heart of the Hautes Alpes, the association Les Villages des Jeunes has managed, organised, and renovated the residential center of Vaunières since 1964 ! Vaunières was a former small mountain village that today has become a sort of launching pad for local youth and adults, but it's also a venue used to host French and international volunteers. Vaunières is a vacation destination for many families, tourists, and constituent groups who come to take advantage of the calm mountain atmosphere and the dynamics of the environment. The workcamps that we organise at Vaunières with volunteers from all countries allow us to reinforce the cultural diversity of our engagement and make this site a place that is open to the world, where people of all ages and of all social and cultural backgrounds agree to meet each other and work together while participating in life within a community. We hope that you too, a volunteer from France or abroad, will come with this spirit of openness and collaboration that fuels our project !

Work: Since 2019, we have been working on the renovation of abandoned chalets for over 20 years. We have changed the roofs and frames and we still have to carry out the interior fittings. With the help of the technical leader, we will work on removing the old floors, then we will install the water and electricity networks before laying the insulation and finally the floor. Ideal for those who want to learn about carpentry!

Accommodation and food: Housing will be in individual tents, that we furnish and provide mattresses for, on the campgrounds of the hamlet of Vaunières. The campgrounds have access to showers, restrooms, and the kitchen. There's no WIFI, but you'll be able to meet people from all over the world ! We'll take turns cooking, that way we'll be able to taste a number of different specialties ! Here, we pay attention to what we eat, and to reduce our impact on the planet, we try to eat a maximum of local products and we limit eating meat to twice a week. Community life will be organised together : organization of menus, grocery shopping, activities, etc.

Location: Le Hameau de Vaunières, 6km from the village St Julien en Beauchêne, is 23km away from the main city, Veynes. Grocery shopping, which will be conducted once or twice a week, will be organised using our vehicles.

Leisure activities: We will be in an exceptional location to discover the joys of hiking among the mountains, its rivers, its lakes, the farmers markets, and festive events organized in the surrounding villages (depending on programming). As a group, we'll decide the activities and outings that we want to set up (subject to distance). Once a week, the welcome center generally organises an evening of music with homemade woodfired pizzas.

Closest train station: Lus-La-Croix-Haute (26620)

Closest airports: Marseille or Lyon.



SJ51

The Pinson Mound Redoubt

31/07- 20/08

Project: The Pinson Mound Redoubt is a military fortification dating from the late 19th century which used to protect the city of Paris. It was stocked with armaments and supplies such as gunpowder, alongside many artillery pieces. Nowadays, the towns surrounding the fort are working together to give a new life to the site. The redoubt will become a place for meeting up, leisurely strolls, cultural and ecological events. Since 10 years ago, international workcamps have contributed to the renovation and management of the site. This allows youths from 4 neighbouring towns and international volunteers alike to meet and work together to transform the area. Furthermore, a beekeeping organisation and amateur winegrowers will also participate in giving the Pinson Redoubt a second life.

Work: The meetup between volunteers and the local youth is one of the main objectives of the project. This year, you will participate in continuing existing work alongside local town youths.

- Restoring part of an original outer wall. (Removing vegetation and rebuilding the top of the wall, using simple stone masonry work to build a cover for the top to prevent further damage.
- Cleaning up and removing vegetation from two former firing lines (where cannons used to be) to install convivial areas for locals to gather around and enjoy the view.
- Renovating wooden stairs which allow people going for walks to explore freely in the hills around the site.
- Restoring original metal grills, which protect the entrances and the windows of rooms and stone corridors, some of which were dug on the redoubt itself.

During the project you will work alongside neighbouring town youths., as well as share meals and organise leisure activities with them. Plenty of opportunities to make

Accommodation and food: You will sleep on inflatable mattresses in dormitories in a leisure centre. You will need to bring a sleeping bag. Food will be provided and cooked in turns by mixed teams of volunteers and local young people. One kitchen is located at the leisure centre and another kitchen for lunches is located in the fort. Showers are available in the leisure centre.

Location: The fort is located at the top of a small hill in the middle of a 110 hectare regional park, near some urban areas. The town of Montmagny is located 15 km North of Paris.

Leisure activities: During the workcamp you will be able to take part in cultural outings and social exchanges organised with local partner associations in order to create more connections between international volunteers and local young people. Other free-time activities can be organised collectively, depending on the wishes of the group and the available budget.

Closest train station: Deuil-Montmagny train station, Montmagny 95360

Closest airports: Paris Roissy Charles de Gaulle, Paris Orly and Paris Beauvais.

Observations: This project should not be seen as a sightseeing trip to Paris. If you wish to visit Paris, you should arrive some days before or leave some days after the dates of the workcamp.



SJ52 On the way of encounters

31/07-21/08

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Closest airports: Paris Roissy Charles de Gaulle, Paris Orly and Paris Beauvais.

Observations: This project should not be seen as a sightseeing trip to Paris. If you wish to visit Paris, you should arrive some days before or leave some days after the dates of the workcamp.



SJ55

Walls and people

5-27/08

Project: "La Crèche" is a town next to the "Marais Poitevin", dating from the Paleolithic. The town has already welcomed workcamps. They repeat the experiment.

Work: Create a dry stone wall dividing a city from a private property. There will be construction experts. It's between the stadium and the pool, you'll meet lots of natives along the workcamp. There's an inclusion center and an asylum seekers welcome and shelter program. You'll work with the public of these structures.

Accommodation and food: Tents, on the workcamp place. At your disposal, a bar to cook.

Location: "La Crèche, Deux-Sèvres", 15 km north of "Niort".

Leisure activities: Trips around and activities with locals will be arranged for meeting and intercultural discussions. You can discover the "Marais Poitevin", do sports with locals, travel to cities such as "Angoulême", "Niort" or "Poitiers", reach the Ocean...

Closest train station: Niort

Closest airport: Bordeaux



SJ56

Immersion at gîte de Rochard

6-24 août

Project: The "gîte" is situated in "Béceleuf", village nearby the "Marais Poitevin", 70 km off the Atlantic, between Bordeaux and Nantes. "Rochard" is a former farm turned into a "gîte" thanks to a NGO, accommodating groups of kids, hikers and campers. Surrounded by the countryside, it urges to a sustainable approach. Different initiatives have been realized by the "Deux-Sèvres Camping-Club" association, including: setting of a phyto purification basin and dry restrooms, in earlier workcamps. This organization is a "Maison des Bateleurs - Solidarités Jeunesses" association's true associate since over 10 years.

Work: The objective is restoring the "gîte" using stonework, carpentry, (small equipment) and landscape. Skills will be given to you. Tasks will be done with direction of technicians.

Accommodation and food: In yurts, beside the "gîte"! Food is supplied and cooked, alternately, in teams.

Location: "Béceleuf, Deux-Sèvres", 20 km north of "Niort".

Leisure activities: Trips around and activities with locals will be arranged for meeting and intercultural discussions. Going to the "Marais Poitevin", art expos, concerts, festivals, museum, "La Rochelle", "Niort", "Poitiers", swimming...

Closest train station: Niort

Closest airport: Bordeaux



SJ64

The discovery of an abandoned village

13-28/08

Project: Join us in the heart of the provençale Baronnie, in a stunning setting surrounded by mountains at the site of the abandoned village Saint Cyrice ! A 12th century church is all that remains of this village, and enthusiasts have taken on the job of restoring and showcasing it. Situated at the top of a hill, the view from the church is magnificent.

The principal aims of this workcamp is to upgrade the former main road of the village, to remove the original stone floor located in the square of the church, and to create a supporting wall at the entrance of the site. These works will enhance this site which is frequented by tourists.

In addition to the restoration of local heritage, this operation made it possible to (re) demonstrate to elected officials and inhabitants the interests and challenges of this technique for the restoration and creation of structures: management of runoff water, creation of a biodiversity zone, use of local resources, performance in terms of longevity, assets in the context of landscaping and enhancement of natural sites, interest in the tourism enhancement of certain sites, etc.

Work: These last two years, this site welcomed multiple workcamps : a 2 week long international workcamp and a workcamp open to residents. These workcamps were tasked with 3 different jobs : the removal of the former village's main road, the creation of a stone wall at the entrance of the site, and the removal of the dry-stone floor located in the church's square. This first year allowed the issues related to dry-stone as well as the site to be highlighted in front of elected officials, residents, and tourists. This year, we will continue the work undertaken last year and will be supervised by a professional in dry-stone masonry. A day's work is expected to last 6 hours, and the organisation of the days will be discussed and decided on by the group of participants. This workcamp is a good opportunity to discover a traditional construction technique whose only required materials are stones cleared from fields intended for agriculture, or those that are recovered from former buildings.

Accommodation and food: we will be living at the « Les Catoyes » campsite in tents, a dozen kilometers away from the workcamp site. A facilitating team will be present to help with the organisation of collective life during the two weeks of the camp : planning housekeeping tasks, developing menus and preparing meals alternately, organizing recreational activities and outings etc. The purchase of local products will be prioritized, and everyone will come with their own ideas, talents, and tips and tricks to help prepare meals.

Location: Etoile Saint Cyrice is located in the South of France, between the Alps and Haute Provence (40km from Sisteron). It is close to the village Orpierre, a hot-spot for rockclimbing that has many shops and that also organises festivities during the summer period.

Leisure activities: The land of sunshine and amazing flavors, the provençale Baronnie massif is a good living personified where we can enjoy outdoor activities in the heart of nature while also just lounging around ! Rich in natural heritage with agriculture adapted to the mediterranean climate within the mountains, the provençale Baronnie are known for their aromatic and medicinal plants : wild thyme, rosemary, lavender. In close proximity to Etoile Saint Cyrice, we'll be able to discover numerous sites : the Sisteron citadel, the priory of Saint André de Rosans, Saint-Genis mountain...Orpierre is also an amazing site for rock climbing and the provençale Baronnie are full of varied hiking trails and spots where we can enjoy the surrounding rivers.

Closest train stations : Serres or Laragne-Montéglin (05700). Accessible via the stations Valence TGV, Valence city, Grenoble, Marseille Saint-Charles, Aix en Provence.

Closest airports: Marseille or Lyon.



SJ69

The MERCANTOUR silver mine 1

15-28/08

Project: For the past 10 years, the association Neige et Merveilles has organised archaeological digs at La Minière de Vallauria, a mining site that enjoys great historical and geological prestige among geologists and archaeologists, all this enhanced by its location at the gateway to the amazing Vallée des Merveilles. This former argentiferous lead and zinc mine, exploited from the 11th century, will soon be opened to the public.

Work: The works will take place underground in the sector of the Grande Voûte chamber: construction of a wooden platform (10M²), creation and installation of a wooden walkway (3 M x 1.40 M). You will work 4 days a week from 8.30 am to midday and from 2 pm to 5.30 pm. You will be accompanied in your work by a technical supervisor.

Accommodation and food: You will be sharing a room for 4 people with bathroom facilities. The meals are not prepared by the volunteers but by the kitchen staff. You will be asked to help with some food preparation, tidying the dining areas, and the washing-up.

Location: Tende, Alpes-Maritimes, 2 hours from Nice.

Leisure activities: Leisure time will be based around mountain activities, hiking, bivouac, food transportation, visits to archaeological and mining sites, discovery of the flora and fauna in the surrounding alpine environment. Your daily life will be supervised by an activity coordinator.

Special requirements: Walk to access the site and supplies carried by the volunteers (about 45 mins) – You will work underground and you will be required to carry construction materials (stones and buckets of mortar).

Closest train station: Tende (06430) Train from Nice station in the early afternoon

Closest airport: NICE (tram between the airport and the station)



SJ71

Fouras' Vauban fort

2-23/09

Project: Near the "Charente" River, the "Fouras" peninsula has 3 ports and 5 beaches on the Atlantic coast. In an idyllic setting with a view of "Boyard" Fort, the job will be rehabilitating "Vauban" Fort, named "Sémaphore" Fort, in fact Fouras' medieval castle. It protected the town against future enemy landing via water. Flanked by fortifications: platforms, curtain walls and huge towers. The workcamp follows an ongoing cooperation with the town of "Fouras" in its desire to extend actions ("Aiguille" Fort restoration workcamp as well), through intercultural dimension created thanks to workcamps.

Work: You'll renovate "Vauban" Fort North front facade. Assisted by a supervisor, you'll devegetate the facade, then de-jointing and lime mortar repointing. More traditional bricklaying and stonecutting is foreseen, so you'll gain the techniques.

Accommodation & food: Collective, tent at the "Fouras" campsite (pool, multi-sports area, WIFI, snack...). Meals will be offered and made in turn.

Location: Fouras-les-Bains, Charente-Maritime, 20 km of La Rochelle.

Leisure: You'll have many sea activities, among fishing and sailing with local clubs. Beach, seaside bike rides, beach volleyball... There are also cities to enjoy like "La Rochelle" and "Rochefort". Free time will favor encountering locals waiting for you!

Closest station: Rochefort

Closest airport: Bordeaux



SJ72

Montendre's lake agroforestry development 3-24/09

Project: Each year, through the reception of volunteers, this town of 3000 inhabitants promotes intercultural exchanges. Indeed, "Montendre" is home of one of Solidarités Jeunesses' international centers: "La Maison des Bateleurs". The town of "Montendre" has conducted yearly a workcamp for over a decade, mainly concerning its castle. This season, the town prefers a greener workcamp.

Work: You'll operate to landscape a forest plot. It burnt years ago. You'll clean and maintain the parcel, for the best tree regrowth. The aim is that it regrow naturally, privileging hardwood over conifers.

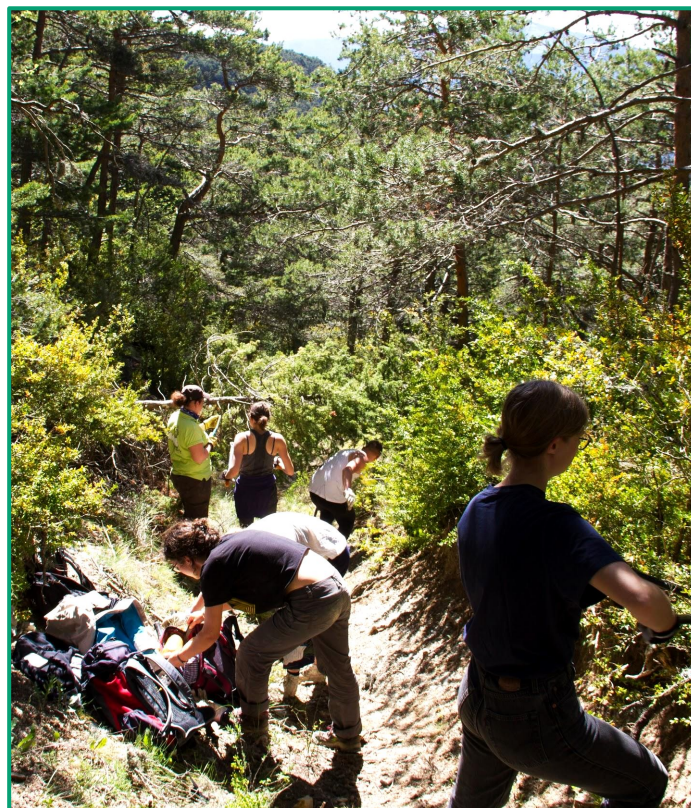
Accommodation & food: Dorms at "La Maison des Bateleurs". Meals will be offered and made in turn.

Location: "Montendre, Charente-Maritime", 65 km of Bordeaux.

Leisure activities: You'll attend the European Heritage Days (Doors Open Days). Tour of the region will be collectively planned as you wish: city visits, ocean, museums... Interactions with house volunteers will be provided like pizza party... This will allow you to see how "Solidarités Jeunesses" works. Share your cultural heritage with the locals and Montendre's organizations.

Closest train station: Montendre

Closest airport: Bordeaux



SJ73

The real story behind Arzeliers'castle

5-18/09

Project: At the gates of the provençale Baronnie, the site of Arzeliers lies perched on a small mountain where one can marvel at a beautiful view of the Durance valley. This former village that today is in ruins is the birthplace of the Laragne commune. There, we can still find the remnants of a chapel as well as the ruins of several homes. For some years now, the commune of Laragne has mobilized to bring the ruins of the Arzeliers castle, a witness to the rich past of these communities, back to life by upgrading and maintaining it. Since 2013, international workcamps of young volunteers have been organized for this purpose.

Work: Do you want to learn ancient masonry techniques? How to use ancient and ecological materials? This year, we will continue to work on protecting former homes in close proximity to the castle. With the aim of preserving this heritage and its remains, we will use the same materials used at the time, namely, plaster. We will collect the gypsum on site, and cook it (thanks to an oven built on location), in order to reuse it in the masonry. All of this will be accomplished with the help of a technical supervisor who will be there to share their knowledge! Warning, this will tone up your arms! You'll work for 30h a week. We will use a scaffold at times for work at heights. Evenings and weekends are free for activities the you will choose to organise together.

Accommodation and food: we'll be living under tents on the « Montéglin » camping in Laragne, a small town steeped in history and typically provençal. On the campgrounds, we have access to amenities like sanitary facilities, a barbecue, a pool, a bocce ball court, a bar, a restaurant, and WIFI. We will install a large kitchen tent in order to prepare our meals. We'll take turns cooking, that way we'll be able to taste a number of different specialties ! Here, we pay attention to what we eat, and to reduce our impact on the planet, we try to eat a maximum of local products and we limit eating meat to twice a week. Community life will be organised together: organization of menus, grocery shopping, activities, etc.

Location: The small town of Laragne is a welcoming town with all kinds of shops (10km from Sisteron and 40km from Gap).

Leisure activities: We will be in an exceptional location to discover the joys of hiking among the mountains, its rivers, its lakes, the farmers markets, and festive events organized in the surrounding villages (depending on programming). As a group, we'll decide the activities and outings that we want to set up (subject to distance).

Closest train station: Laragne Montéglin (05300)

Closest airports: Lyon or Marseille.



SJ74, Together, let's build the middle school wall

7-28/09

Project: "Saint-Genis-de-Saintonge" is a town in southwest France, nestled in the countryside. The town is an association's partner, with which we achieved our first workcamps in "Charente-Maritime". After ten years without projects, the town wanted to revive the workcamps' intercultural spirit in 2019 and notably to refurbish the school. The 2021 workcamp will continue replacing the middle school's wall.

Work: Supervised by two professionals in building, we'll reconstruct a wall at "Saint-Genis-de-Saintonge" Middle School's entrance. We'll begin to strip the wall's bad part. Later, we'll take reusable stones, then install the wall according to traditional practices.

Accommodation & food: Mixed dorms, with all facilities (bathroom, kitchen...). Meals will be offered and made in turn.

Location: "Saint-Genis-De-Saintonge, Charente-Maritime", 80 km of Bordeaux.

Leisure activities : Share your cultural heritage with the locals and Saint-Genis-de-Saintonge's organizations. Tour of the region will be collectively planned as you wish (visits, ocean, museums...). There are regional cities to enjoy like Bordeaux, La Rochelle, St Emilion... Free time will favor encountering locals, in particular with the middle school's young people, waiting for you!

Closest station: Jonzac

Closest airport: Bordeaux (33000)



SJ75

Biodiversity by the lake

10/09-01/10

Project: Forget bubbling cauldrons and magic wands, the witches we're dealing with here are a much realer and more dangerous threat, that of an invasive plant species known as the "witch's claws". This workcamp will take place in Leucate, a "Natura 2000" area, that is an area recognized and protected by the European Union for the quality and uniqueness of its environment. For many years now, the city and the syndicate "Rivage", in charge of the preservation of this environment, have organized an international workcamp at the end of the summer to participate in the protection of the area.

With this project, you will be actively working for the Sustainable Development Goal n°11 from the United Nations: Sustainable cities and communities.

Work: The participants will continue the work accomplished in previous years to fight against this invasive species. This plant grows on sandy soil, and is covering the space needed by migrating birds to nest. In order for these protected species of birds to be able to nest in their traditional environment, participants will support this struggle for a more sustainable environment.

Accommodation and food: You'll live in a guesthouse in Saint-Laurent de la Salanque, and transportation will be provided to reach the work area around Leucate's pond. Food will be provided, and meals will be prepared in turns by the participants.

Location: Leucate.



Leisure activities: This project will take place in a seaside area popular with tourists during the summer holidays. At the time of the workcamp however, most of the tourists will have already left and volunteers will be free to enjoy the numerous activities available without being overcrowded. Additionally, the local partner association is excellent at proposing various activities that will immerse you in the local culture and heritage, most notably local cuisine! Participants will also be engaged in the organization and the celebration of a local cultural and ecological festival.

Closest train station: Leucate - La Franqui Train Station.

Closest airport: Montpellier.



SJ02

History of the Atlantic coast 2

27/09 - 18/10

Project: Aix is a small pedestrian island located in the Atlantic ocean. Marked by a strong maritime past, it contains lots of historical places, especially *Liedot* Fort, built by Vauban and classified as historical monument. Close partner of *Solidarités Jeunesses*, Aix Island has hosted international workcamps for several years.

Work: This year, you'll work on the large west stone shooting site restoration, right across *Liédot* Fort. You'll de-vegetate the site in order to start traditional masonry work on rubble stone walls. You'll also replace the stones, to jut in and join with hydraulic lime.

Accommodation: Dorms (4 beds), at the *Armand Fallières* accommodation center, near *Liedot* Fort. Food provided, meals prepared by you.

Leisure activities: What a panel of activities you'll have this year in Aix Island! You'll be able to experience some water activities, like fishing or sailing. During your free time, you'll have the opportunity to interact with locals, already excited about meeting you. Finally, you'll have time to discover the beach, go on bike rides along the ocean, play beach-volleyball, and participate in many other activities. You'll also be able to visit cities like *La Rochelle* and *Rochefort*.



Closest train station: F-17300 Rochefort



SJ77

Time travel Maubec en Lomagne

3-22/10

Project/Background: We conduct an action program with the Association Mémoire de Maubec in Laumagne, whose aim is to research, find and preserve memory through objects, writings and create an entertainment for an audience related to remembrance and heritage. The volunteers will work in collaboration with local volunteers and the AMML association for the creation of a trail showing the life in the countryside life and restoration of a portion of the Gallo-Roman way.

Work: You will work on the development of hiking trails around the village of Malbec-en-Lomagne, in order to make them accessible and enhance the local heritage, by :

- The restoration of a portion of the Gallo-Roman way, the reconstruction of a dry stone wall, the rediscovery of the paving and various other fittings.
- Clearing and development of hiking trails.

Accommodation and food: The volunteers will be accommodated on the site of the Jardin d'en Naoua, an old farmhouse perfectly suited for groups.

The food will be prepared by the volunteers themselves. In this mission of daily life, you will be accompanied by the animators. Choices will be made to promote a healthy food balance between your preferences and local and seasonal products.

Location: Maubec in Laumagne (82500)

Leisure activities: Accompanied by 2 educational facilitators and local volunteers, you will have the opportunity to discover the abundance of local heritage through sports activities such as hiking, cycling, etc. In the evening, give free rein to your desires and organize, with the help of daily life animators, intercultural meals to meet the local population, barbecues, etc.

Closest train station: Toulouse

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