

SOLIDARITÉS JEUNESSES
SUMMER WORKCAMPS – 2020 SEASON

SJ62 IMMERSION AT THE ROCHARD LODGE 15/08-01/09 RENO 9 vols 18+

Project: Rochard is a former farm that has been transformed into a rustic lodge by an association that welcomes groups of children, hikers, and campers into their yurts. The lodge is located in Béceleuf, a small village close to Marais Poitevin, 70km from the Atlantic ocean, between Nantes and Bordeaux. The venue, surrounded by nature, encourages respect for the environment and a sustainable developmental approach. Thus, different projects were executed by the association Camping-Club des Deux-Sèvres through previous international workcamps, which include the construction of a pool with a phyto-purification system, and dry toilets suitable for communities. This association is a loyal partner of the association Maison des Bateleurs-Solidarités Jeunes, and in 2019 celebrated its 12th international workcamp!

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

Work: This year, the objective of the workcamp will be to continue the restoration of the lodge and most notably to produce new amenities (restoration room, stairs, loft, etc.) Techniques related to traditional masonry, painting, and woodwork will be shared with you. These activities will be accomplished under the guidance of the association's experienced technical supervisors that have volunteered.

Accommodation and food: Communal, under a yurt next to the lodge! Food will be provided for you and meals will be prepared alternately by participants as needed. »
Location: Béceleuf, department of Deux-Sèvres, 20km north of Niort.

Leisure activities: Excursions into the region and activities with residents will be organized in order to have time dedicated to intercultural exchange. You will have the opportunity to conduct visits to Marais Poitevin, artistic expositions, concerts, festivals, the pool, the museum, while also have outings to the ocean, Rochelle, Poitiers, Niort, etc.

Closest train station: Niort (79000) **Closest airport:** Paris or Bordeaux.

SJ66 SAINT PIERRE WASH HOUSE 02/09-23/09 RENO 12 vols 18+

Project: Every year, by hosting volunteers and international work camps, this town of 3000 residents works toward the restoration of its heritage and contributes to the promotion of intercultural exchange. In fact, Montendre is home to one of the international centers of Solidarités Jeunes: La Maison Des Bateleurs, to preserve and enhance its historical heritage and identity. Each year for the past ten years now, the town sets up an international work camp around its castle.

This year however, the town wishes to bring new life to its wash house: the washhouse of St Pierre, a couple steps away from the host center La Maison Des Bateleurs. With this project, you will be actively working for the Sustainable Development Goal n°11 from the United Nations: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Work: You will be involved in the restoration of the washhouse while accompanied by two technical leaders. The objective will be to carry out traditional masonry work: to disassemble, dig up, and re-join the existing stone work with lime mortar. You'll also be engaged in roofing to refurbish the existing roof which is in very poor condition, as well as do some finishing of the interior space.

Accommodation and food: Accommodation will be in dormitories at the host center La Maison des Bateleurs. Food will be provided, and the meals will be prepared alternately by participants.

Location: Montendre, Charente maritime 65kms from Bordeaux

Leisure activities: You'll have the opportunity to participate in national heritage days, visits of the region organised collectively according to yours wants, excursions to the ocean, museums etc. Activities with the house volunteers will be organised, such as pizza parties and movie nights. You will also be able to discover how a dynamic association like Solidarités Jeunesses functions, and have the chance to share the richness of your culture with the residents of the associations of Montendre.

Closest train station: Montendre (17130)

Closest airport: Bordeaux

SJ69 THE REAL STORY BEHIND ARZELIERS CASTLE 06/09-19/09 RENO 12 vols 18+

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 : You'll be living under tents on the « Montéglin » campgrounds in Laragne, a small town steeped in history and typically provençal. On the campgrounds,

you will 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. You'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 : You 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, you'll decide the activities and outings that you'll want to set up (subject to distance).

Closest train station : Laragne Montéglin (05300)

Closest airports: Lyon or Marseille.