

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS WORKCAMP

with the support of the European Commission – travel costs will be covered according to the Erasmus+ distance calculator and pocket money will be provided for EU and neighbouring countries' participants aged 18 to 30.

Places are also reserved for non EU participants or older volunteers, under traditional workcamp conditions with no financial support.

SJ/ESC04 LET'S DISCOVER THE AIX ISLAND HERITAGE! (2) 27/04-18/05 RENO/CULT 12 vols 18-30

Project: The Aix Island (Ile d'Aix in French) is a small pedestrian island located in the North Atlantic ocean. Marked by an eventful maritime past, this island contains lots of places steeped in history, especially the Fort Liédot, which was built by Vauban and classified as a historical monument. This town is a loyal partner of the association Solidarités Jeunesses. In fact, for several years now, l'île d'Aix has hosted international workcamps.

Work: You will work on the restoration of the large west stone shooting site, which faces the Fort Liédot. The work will consist in de-vegetating the site in order to start traditional masonry work on rubble walls, to replace the stones, to jog and rejoin with hydraulic lime.

Accommodation: In group, indoors, on the island. Meals will be prepared by kitchen teams, in turns.

Location: ile-d'Aix. In the middle of the sea! 20 km from Rochefort-sur Mer, Charente Maritime.

Leisure activities: You will take part to so many activities this year in l'île d'Aix! You will have the chance to setup and host the "Islanders Festival", and to enjoy all the activities it has to offer: concerts, shows, bass bands, local produce markets, exhibitions, and film projections. You could also practice your skills in some aquatic activities, like fishing or sailing, with the local clubs. During your free time, you will also have the opportunity to interact with local residents that are eager to meet you. Finally, you will have time to discover the beach, to go on bike rides along the sea, to play beach-volleyball, and to participate in many other activities. You could also go and visit the villages like La Rochelle or Rochefort.

Closest train station: Rochefort (17300)

Closest airport: Bordeaux

SJ/ESC06 LE FORT DE L'AIGUILLE (1) 17/05-07/06 RENO 12 vols 18-30

Project: Located at the mouth of the Charente river, the peninsula of Fouras-les-Bains contains three harbours and five beaches along the Atlantic coast. In an idyllic setting with views of Fort Boyard, you will work on the rehabilitation of the Fort of the Aiguille. This fort is a redoubt, a fortification system built by the French military engineer Vauban. The redoubt protected Fouras from a potential enemy sea invasion.

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

Accommodation: In groups, in tents on Fouras' campground *** (swimming pool, multi-sports area, WIFI, snacks...) Meals will be prepared by «kitchen teams» in turns.

Location: Fouras-les-Bains, located 20 km away from La Rochelle

Leisure activities: You will be able to visit some tourist areas around, enjoy nature and organize some dinners with the local inhabitants. You will also have the opportunity to visit the ile d'Aix, a small car-free island in the middle of the ocean, by boat. Since it is also a popular sea-side resort, you will be able to participate to several events in the region.

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SJ/ESC14 TRACING THE STEPS OF THE DUKE OF LESDIGUIÈRES 15/06-05/07 RENO 12 vols 18-30

Project : At the foot of the Massif du Dévoluy, in the Hautes-Alpes, are the remains of the castle of Lesdiguières, located at the entrance of a hamlet of the same name, in the district of Glaizil. This castle was built in the 16th century by François de Bonne, the future duke of Lesdiguières and the last constable of France. Today, only the ruins of the old chapel, the towers, and broken down sections of the walls can be found at the site of this once-grand castle, ranked as a French national historic monument. Since 2010, an international youth workcamp is organized here every year.

Work : You will participate in the restoration of an escape wall. This wall, at the time, was used for defense and protection of the castle (outer moat wall). Today, this moat is dry. You will intervene with the help of a technical supervisor to restore this wall using traditional masonry techniques. Searching and sorting of the stones will be done, then you will re-use these stones to fill the gaps. You will be doing small construction work. You will work on a small scaffolding.

Accommodation and food : In tents on the «La Pra » campsite, located at the entrance of the Valgaudemar valley. On the campsite, you will enjoy a calm stay in a green setting. You will have access to camping facilities : toilets, cater fountains, and a communal barbecue. The leaders will encourage you to participate in the community's life: menu and meal preparation using local products, dishwashing, and clean-up...

Location : Lesdiguières, town of Glaizil (30 km from Gap)

Leisure activities : You will be able to organize hikes, swimming trips, sports, games, and sightseeing tours in the surrounding areas. During your free time, you will also be able to organise events with locals such as international meals, joint workcamp days, parties, festivities...

Closest train station : Gap (05000). Access via the train stations : Valence TGV, Valence ville, Grenoble, Marseille Saint Charles.

Closest airports : Marseille Provence, Lyon Saint Exupéry

SJ/ESC29 CHALETS TOUT « LÀ-EAU » (1) 08/07-27/07 RENO 12 vols 18-30

Project: Vaunières, a hamlet like no other! Lost in the depths of Buech, within the heart of the Hautes-Alpes, the association, "Les Villages des Jeunes" www.villagesdesjeunes.org, manages, facilitates, and renovates a reception center at Vaunières since 1964! This hamlet has become a trampoline for youth and adults facing hardships, and is a welcoming place for both French and international students. Vaunières is vacation destination for families, tourists, and people living with disabilities who come to enjoy the tranquility of the mountains and the place's dynamic atmosphere. Our workcamps with volunteers from an endless diversity of countries, allow us to reinforce the cultural diversity of our work, while opening up the site to the rest of the world; making it a place where people of all ages and different socio-cultural backgrounds agree to meet each other by working together and sharing a community life. We hope that you will also join us in this atmosphere of exchange and collaborative work which characterizes our project.

Work: You will participate in a large-scale project. Five cottages used to be inhabited within the hamlet, however a lack of water supply made this no longer possible. In 2017, the association searched for and located a new water source that could supply the these homes. Your mission will be to continue this work begun in 2018 by connecting the new water source to the cottages by pipes that will bring the two together. With a technical supervisor, you will discover several methods and different types of work such as: masonry, clearing work, plumbing, etc.

Accommodation and food: You will be residing in tents in the hamlet of Vaunières. A sanitary block will be at your disposal, including 3 showers and 3 WC. Meals will be shared among the community of villagers, as well as other people and volunteers. In turns, everyone will help with dishes and cleaning the kitchen. <http://www.villagesdesjeunes.org/index.php?page=vaunieres>

Location: Hameau de Vaunières (7 km from the village of St Julien en Beauchêne, 50 km from Gap)

Leisure activities: Located within a remarkable natural environment, Vaunières is an ideal place to go hiking in the mountains and discover the rural life with its farmers' markets and its producers. Sightseeing and sport activities may be arranged, as well as evenings full of organizing games, film screenings, international meals, and more. The village is very active in the summertime! The presence of 80 or more people in the hamlet will give you many opportunities to talk and get to know different people.

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Marseille Saint-Charles.

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