

Spring Workcamps with Solidarités Jeunes

SJ01 LET'S DISCOVER THE AIX ISLAND HERITAGE ! 06-27/04/19

Project: Ile d'Aix 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 Liedot, which was built by Vauban and classified as a historical monument. This town is a loyal partner of the association Solidarités Jeunes. In fact, for several years now, l'île d'Aix has hosted international workcamps.

Work: This year, you will work on the restoration of the large west stone shooting site, which faces the Liédot Fort. The work will consist in de-vegetating the site in order to start traditional masonry work on rubble walls. You will also have to replace the stones, to jut in and join with hydraulic lime. You will work from 4 to 6 hours a day in the mornings from 8.30am to 12.30pm.

Leisure activities: You will be able to do many activities as visiting the tourist places around, enjoying nature, organizing dinners with the local inhabitants...

During your free time, you have the possibility to:

- Visit the city of La Rochelle and Rochefort
- Visit of French heritage: discovery flora and fauna, historical monuments, museums, local producers, ...



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SJ05 Vagabondages Historiques à l'Abbaye de Clausonne 1
HISTORICAL WANDERINGS IN CLAUSONNE ABBEY 1

13/05-25/05

SJ07 Vagabondages Historiques à l'Abbaye de Clausonne 2
HISTORICAL WANDERINGS IN CLAUSONNE ABBEY 2

26/05-08/06

You will take part to the valorization project of a place that is classified as a Historical Monument. Today, only the remnants of this 12th century building are found as the abbey was destroyed, burnt, rebuilt and finally used as a farm and school in the 19th century. Clausonne remains, however, a remarkable site, sharing the beauty of the wilderness that surrounds it: situated in the heart of a vast «circus» of mountains, the abbey became the route point for numerous hikers that visit the Haute vallée of Maraize. Thus, rather than letting the vegetation once again cover the ruins of Clausonne, 20 years ago, the inhabitants of Saix founded an association in order to highlight and maintain this site. Progressively, thanks to numerous international workcamps that have worked there, this place lives again and is currently open from April to October.

Work: In 2018, the work will concern the accessibility of the site and its visibility for hikers. You will highlight the vestiges of the pit by clearing and securing existing walls. You will make a path in the abbey's vestige and will discover the technical creation of a pebble way. You will also participate in the preservation of the carved stone.

Accommodation: In dorms you will share with 3 to 8 people at the Faï farm. You will share this place with other volunteers from others workcamps. You will take care of the collective life (preparation of menus and meals with local products, cleaning...)

<http://www.villagesdesjeunes.org/index.php?page=fai>

Location: Clausonne, 5km from the village of Saix, 30 km from Gap, 200 km from Marseille

Leisure activities: Located in a remarkable natural environment, Clausonne is an exceptional place to discover the pleasures of mountain hiking and life in a rural area, with its local markets and producers. In the evenings, at the Ferme du Faï, you will be able to organise games, international meals and project movies. During the workcamp, touristy visits to discover the towns and villages of the region may also be organized



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SJ10 Destination Insolite pour un Chantier Solidaire

05/06-26/06

SJ10 EXCEPTIONAL DESTINATION FOR A SOLIDARITY PROJECT

Project: This place is where international and French volunteers have chosen to live together for some time to participate in the realisation of a dream: building peace in the world. The challenge is to learn how to live and work together, amongst different people, cultures, and backgrounds. This group of volunteers will host you during three weeks. You will share the daily life as a community, participate in the work and other activities together.

Travail: After two successful projects on the village's main square, this year you will work on a pigeon loft. Building, minor repairs, cleaning, and the construction of a staircase will be the different tasks in order to restore the place. The project is to create a space where the pigeons can live in order to clear them from the centre of the village.

Accommodation and food : In a house accommodated with dorms that also serves as a welcoming center for international volunteers during winter. You will be at a 3-minute walking distance of the village center.

Location : Laguépie, located 90 km northeast of Toulouse, between Gaillac and Villefranche de Rouergue.

Leisure activities : You will organize yourselves together and enjoy many leisure activities like going for a swim or a walk, participating in the festivities of Laguépie and it's surrounding area, pizza dinners, game nights, and visits to the exceptional medieval villages of Najac, Cordes-sur-ciel, and Saint-Antonin-Noble-Val.

Closest train station : Laguépie (82250)

Closest airport : Toulouse

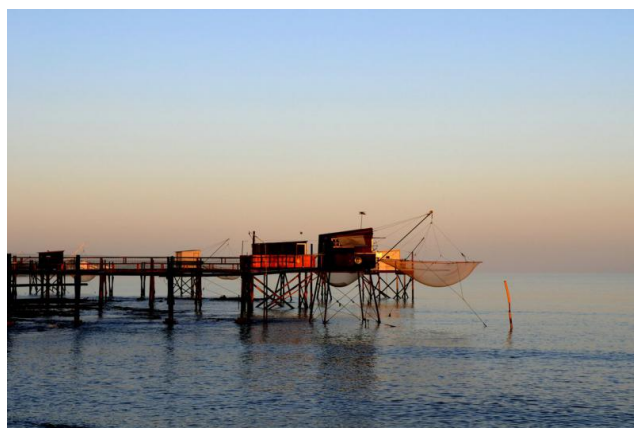
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SJ11 Le Fort de l'Aiguille 2 - 11/06-02/07/2019

Located at the mouth of the Charente river, the peninsula of **Fouras-les-Bains** account three harbours and **five beaches in Atlantic coast**. In an idyllic setting with views on **Fort Boyard**, you will work for 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.

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 in **three stages**. 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 planned, such as **redoing the stone coping** (top layer of the wall) and **stonecutting**.



The international workcamp is mostly a place for exchange and sharing!

SCHEDULE AND TASKS

The project includes 25 hours of work per week, between **4 and 6 hours a day**. Work times will all **weekday mornings from 8:00 to 12:30**. The work will also be adapted according to weather conditions (rain, strong sun ...) and the progress of work. These arrangements can be translated from work during the afternoon or early in the morning ...

Each volunteer will work at their own pace and according to his ability. It is important for everyone to invest in the technical part of this project. For all work, you will be in the presence of a **technical supervisor** or competent people who will be there to **explain and show the gestures** and the following procedure in order that this project will be a success.

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