

WORKCAMP 1 - Landscaping and natural heritage

Where: FARGUES-SAINT-HILAIRE

When: 04/05-19/05

18 +

Project:

Concordia and UFCV have been partners for many years. UFCV's leisure center is located in the beautiful Frayse's estate, a former wine estate of 24 hectares in which you can find sports areas, an educational farm and an intergenerational garden plot.

This year, UFCV and Concordia offer you a workcamp on landscaping and preservation of the natural heritage of the Frayse's estate. You will help in the renovation of the walking trails and the watercourses. You will participate in the building of natural wooden barriers and to the creation of common spaces in the park. You will also have the opportunity to create an insect hotel that will allow you to discover the importance of these creatures in the environment.

Work:

You will help in the rehabilitation of the walking trails of the park: weeding, bush clearing and also building natural barriers in woven wood to protect the two ponds of the estate. You will also build outdoor furniture creating welcoming spaces in the outside for an area dedicated for the local youth that will be joining the project.

Accommodation and food:

You will be housed in tents with a collective room available for cooking and different activities. The estate will provide you open air living rooms to enjoy your free time out in the sun. <http://www.domaine-de-la-frayse.fr/>

Location and leisure:

The Frayse's estate is located 15km away from Bordeaux in Fargues-Saint-Hilaire, just next to Entre-Deux-Mers region. This area is well-known for its vineyards between Garonne and Dordogne rivers. Not too far south are Marmande and Langon, to the West Bordeaux, Libourne in the North, and Bergerac in the East. You will be charmed by the ancient cities, the mills and castles around.

Special requirements and remarks:

Please bring a good sleeping bag, working clothes, sport shoes, warm and rain clothes, a flashlight, a swimsuit and sun cream.

Foreigners belonging to the European Union must bring with them a personal EHIC (European Health Insurance Card), and everybody must, in any case, bring their insurance certificate. If health issues happen on the project, volunteers will have to pay for it, and then be reimbursed once back in their home country.

Language:

English.

Meeting point:

BORDEAUX's train station (33), Belcier exit.

Closest airport:

Bordeaux

WORKCAMP 2 - Among France nicest village

Where: DOMME

When: 05/07 - 26/07

18 +

Project:

In visiting Domme village, you will get into in the medieval history of a village from the 13th century. Domme has the most famous panorama of Périgord region, plunging on the Dordogne River. Under the fairness of its masonries from the 14th and 18th centuries, lives a fantastic world of natural caves and mirrors of water, emphasized by surreal lighting. This year the workcamp will take place along the ramparts of city to contribute to the rehabilitation of the walking trails.

Work:

With the help of a technical facilitator, you will work on the restoration of walking trails, started last year. Along the city's fortification walls, you will also work on the restoration of a drystone wall using traditional masonry techniques.

Accommodation and food:

You will be accommodated in a rustic communal area with access to a kitchen and shared bathrooms.

Location and leisure:

Located a little over 10 Km south of Sarlat city, Domme, perched on a steep cliff, offers a plunging view on Dordogne valley. This golden walled town holds architectural gems and offers a vast gastronomical experience. For more information, visit <http://www.ot-domme.com/> and www.domme.fr

Special requirements and remarks:

Rural village without a public transport system: volunteers should love nature and walking. Bring a sleeping bag, working clothes, sports shoes, warm clothes as well as waterproof boots. You will be working in dense vegetation at times.

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Meeting point:

Sarlat-la-Canéda train station.

Closest airport:

Bordeaux, Toulouse or Paris.

WORKCAMP 3 - Medieval heritage

Where: MOIRAX

When: 05/07 - 26/07

18+

Project:

Moirax is one of the most beautiful village in the Agen city region, for its amazing natural landscapes and its beautiful built heritage.

The village strives to preserve its natural and rural lands while promoting tourism, helped by the presence of a remarkable historical monument: the Cluny Priory. Major restoration work were undertaken in the 1950s to save the monument while respecting the original architecture. But the fragile walls are still degrading. The project for this summer will be to consolidate and rebuild these walls. This year Moirax will host participants from other workcamps on the 21st of July to work together on the walls and share the day all together!

Work:

You will start the restoration of the walls surrounding the borough. You will reinforce the damaged parts using traditional masonry techniques and rebuild the destroyed parts to allow the preservation of the heritage and to perpetuate the history of the village. Please note that you will have to work on scaffoldings. Last year volunteers work with several locals that want to renew the experience this year!

Accommodation and food:

You will have a basic roofed accommodation including a kitchen and a room for collective life. You will share the various collective tasks and prepare meals as a group. A budget that you need to manage will be allocated by the animators. You will participate in grocery shopping and meal preparation, emphasizing on healthy and local products.

Location and leisure:

Looking over Agen city and the Garonne river valley, the village of Moirax is located south-east of the Lot-et-Garonne county, 9 Km from Agen city. It benefits from the proximity of the city and the countryside. Its territory spreads to the hills of Gascogne region, on the left bank of the Garonne River, which forms the northern communal boundary.

Special requirements and remarks:

Bring a sleeping bag, working clothes, sports shoes, warm clothes and rain gear, a flashlight, a swimsuit and sunscreen.

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Meeting point:

Agen train station

Closest airport:

Bordeaux or Toulouse

WORKCAMP 4 - Between forests and rivers

Where: SAUBUSSE

When: 05/07 - 26/07

18+

Project:

Come to discover Saubusse, a charming village surrounded by the Landes forest. Saubusse history is marked by water. It is an ancient trade harbour, lying on the shores of the Adour River and bordered by several tributary streams. This year the work will mainly be about cleaning the Jouanin stream from invasive weed, but also about some little renovation works on the reception hall.

Work:

The Jouanin stream needs a serious cleaning to avoid invasive weed to destroy the natural habitat of several species. These invasive weeds are stopping the natural flow of the water and the evacuation of the sediments. This is causing floods during which the municipality suffers serious damage. The cleaning will be done by hands. You will also participate in the local village life by renovating the reception hall of Saubusse, mainly doing little works.

Accommodation and food:

You will be staying on the municipal stadium. Tents for 2 will be provided. Please bring your sleeping bag. There will also be a collective tent for cooking and collective life. You will share collective tasks and prepare meals as a group. You will also have to manage a budget provided by the group facilitators and participate in grocery shopping, giving priority to healthy and local foods.

Location and leisure:

Saubusse (1000 inhabitants) it's a charming village located in the Landes department, 30 kms from Bayonne and 20 kms from the Atlantic Ocean beaches.

Special Remarks:

Bring a warm sleeping bag, working clothes, gloves and shoes, warm and rain clothes and a flashlight.

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Meeting point:

Dax SNCF train station (40).

Closest airports:

Bordeaux, Toulouse or Paris

WORKCAMP 5 - Wash-house restoration

Where: LANGOIRAN

When: 11/07 - 31/07

18+

Project:

The Langoiran municipality, embedded between cliffs and water, is part of the Gironde department. By participating to this workcamp you'll contribute to the preservation of its heritage by renovating a wash-house in order to open it again to the public.

Work:

Supervised by a technical leader and a group life leader of Concordia, you will continue the work started last year. You will work with wood to build the framework and will set the roof tiles.

You will also be invited to participate in the local traditional celebration, the Saint Pey, which will take place the last week end of the workcamp, and to run some stands.

Accommodation and food:

You will be accommodated under tents, you should expect basic collective life conditions. The group will be sharing the cleaning chores and preparing meals together.

Location and leisure:

Langoiran is a municipality located on the Garonne shores around 20 km from Bordeaux.

Special requirements and remarks:

Bring a sleeping bag, working clothes, hiking shoes, warm clothes and a raincoat.

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Meeting point:

Bordeaux train station.

Closest airport:

Bordeaux or Paris.

WORKCAMP 6 - Renovating the tower

Where: LATRESNE

When: 01/08-22/08

18+

Project:

Latresne is a nice village close to Bordeaux along the Garonne River, offering nice green areas and several old buildings, testimonies of a rich heritage. Latresne municipality asked Concordia to help them preserve a part of their heritage. The aim is to renovate the tower of the "Maison des associations", where several community groups such as music, tennis or even oceanography are organised. A second aim will be to create links between local youngsters and international volunteers.

Work:

The old building hosting the community groups needs several renovation works: you will strip the tower of its coating and then grout it with traditional masonry techniques. You might also have to cut some stones depending on the condition of the stones under the coating. Please note that the work will be done on scaffolding.

Accommodation and food:

You will be accommodated under tents. You will have access to a room for cooking and collective life. You will be staying in the building used by the tennis or music associations. In case of bad weather you will have access to "La maison des associations" premises. The area will provide you open air living rooms to enjoy your free time out in the sun. The group will be sharing the cleaning chores and preparing meals together.

Location and leisure:

Really close to Bordeaux, Latresne is a town along the Garonne River with several old building, quite lively, just next to the Entre-Deux-Mers. For more details please see: <http://www.mairie-latresne.fr/tourisme/patrimoine.php>

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Meeting point:

In Bordeaux, at the Stalingrad tram station a few stop after Bordeaux train station.

Closest airport:

Bordeaux.
