

Code: **CONCF-213 - COBBLE WAY IN PROVENCE**

Country: **France**

Workcamp type: **Workcamp (1-29 days)**

Start date: **13-07-2022**

End date: **03-08-2022**

Work type - Primary: **RENO Renovation**

Work type - Secondary: **CONS Construction**

Places for male volunteers: **6**

Places for female volunteers: **6**

Teenager volunteers: **0**

Min age: **18** Max age: **99**

(The INJ only handles applications from people between the ages of 18 and 30, both ages included)

Workcamp Location:



Details

The place where the project/workcamp will take place: **ROUGON**

Description of the partner organizing/hosting the project:

The municipality wanted to organise for the first time a workcamp partnering with Concordia. The renovation of the town centre is and will be a big project! The 2022 workcamp will focus on the renovation of the cobble way in the heart of the village. The inhabitants are very engaged with the project and are looking forward for the project to happen!

Description of work:

Participate in the renovation of the alleys of the village of the vultures in Provence!
The village of Rougon is located in the heart of the Gorges du Verdon, at a sublime point allowing to observe the vultures and the gorges in their length.
The municipality of Rougon wishes to start the renovation of the village with a first workcamp of young volunteers. The project will consist in restoring a cobblestone street in the village.
To do this, we will first remove the vegetation from the site, in order to be able to check the state of the old way (vegetation on 4 to 5 cm). Then, we will have to repair the cobblestone road, which is about 20 meters long and 1.5 meters wide. The extent of the project will thus push us to carry out this project in two times, with for this year a main objective (to clear the street from plants and to establish an overview for the continuation) and a secondary objective (to begin the renovation of the street on the least damaged parts)

Description of accommodation and food:

You will be accommodated in tents. Don't forget your sleeping bag, camping mat and pillow! The place has access to water and electricity. The adjoining room has a kitchen, showers and toilets.

The group will be sharing the cleaning chores and preparing meals together. The budget will be allocated to the group leader and you will participate in the grocery shopping and in the preparation of meals, prioritising products from the market and local producers.

Description of location and leisure:

Rougon is located in the heart of the Verdon Gorges. The Verdon River is one of the most beautiful rivers in France. Its emerald green colour, from which the Verdon takes its name, results from a reaction between fluorine and micro-algae. The water is particularly clear, fresh and relatively rich of fish. Identified as one of the most remarkable sites in Europe, the "Grand Canyon du Verdon" attracts many tourists every year.

The Verdon region is 50 km from the Mediterranean Sea, with more than 8 months of sunshine per year.

With a long history that goes back to at least 814, Rougon is located at the foot of the audacious remains of its medieval castle.

In Rougon, you will be able to see Griffon vultures, introduced between 1999 and 2004, Monk vultures introduced in 2005 and Percnopter vultures nesting in the Gorges du Verdon since 2007. We will have a minibus at our disposal during the whole duration of the site, which will allow you to visit the surroundings.

Number of total volunteers: 12

Number of places available for male volunteers: 6

Number of places available for female volunteers: 6

No gender if free places below: 13

Maximum number of volunteers per nationality: 3

Maximum number of national (local) volunteers: 4

Latitude of the project location: 43.7989923

Longitude of the project location: 6.4021491

Short remarks for the project:

Remember to bring clothes and shoes for work and hiking. Nights can be cool, so bring a good warm sleeping bag. To avoid mosquito bites, remember to bring mosquito repellent and loose, covering clothes for the evenings. As we are in an area where it can be very hot during the day, bring a hat or cap, sunglasses, sunscreen, a small backpack and a reusable water bottle. For the public meals and the open house, you can bring a few specialties from home that are easy to carry with you. The village is far from the meeting point (Train Station Les Arcs Draguignan) and has no public transport; it is imperative to be on time at the meeting point!



Requirements

Minimum age required for participation: 18

Maximum age required for participation: 99

First Language: English

Participation of volunteers with disabilities: Yes

Available vegetarian food: Yes

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

Travel & Info sheet

The nearest airport: MRS in Marseille, France

The nearest terminal (train-, bus-, taxi station): LES ARCS DRAGUIGNAN train station

Meeting Point and Time: The meeting is fixed at LES ARCS DRAGUIGNAN train station on 13/07 at the end of the afternoon. The exact meeting time will be communicated with the infosheet, sent no later than 4 weeks before the start of the work. Several direct or with connections trains leave from PARIS - Gare de Lyon train station to LES ARCS DRAGUIGNANS train station. The journey can take 4 to 6 hours from. More regular departures leave from the train station of MARSEILLE - Saint Charles, NICE, CANNES or TOULON. If you are flying to Paris, we strongly advise you to arrive either a day before or very early in the morning. You will need time to get your luggage, exit the airport and commute from the airport to the train station in Paris from where you will be able to take the train to Les Arcs Draguignan. Marseille or Nice airports are closer. The trains are open to booking about 4 months before the departure dates, accessible on the following website: <https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/>

Contacts

The name for the organization that manages the project: Concordia France

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