



Volunteer Booklet



REMPART
LE PATRIMOINE COMME TRAIT D'UNION

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UNION REMPART

The REMPART union sees heritage as a **link between individuals** to build a **sustainable** and **united future** together.

Make heritage everyone's matter



200
associations in France
50 partners abroad in 30 countries



1000
restored sites since 1966



20 000
citizens involved every year



25 000
pupils and students involved every year



175 000
visitors and spectators every year



+300
workcamps every year, in France and around the world

Union REMPART is certified by the French government as an institution of **public utility** since 1982.

OUR NETWORK



OUR MISSION

The mission of Union REMPART is to **restore**, **promote**, and **pass on heritage** through its network of member **associations** and **international partners**.

Through **collective action**, **education**, **training**, **mediation**, and **integration**, REMPART preserves **built and natural heritage** and **traditional skills**.

As an **informal education movement** founded in 1966, REMPART promotes **citizenship** and **responsibility** through voluntary and **community-based initiatives**.



A wide range of sites and techniques



Castles, fortresses,
traditional and
contemporary houses,
boats, churches ...

Everyone can join us regardless of their social background, their gender or experience. We make it a point of honor to integrate everyone on heritage sites.

Each chantier is thought as a **long term heritage project** and the result is meant to stay across the ages.

Everyone can take a part in those projects regardless of their diplomas or experiences.

Every chantier is **supervised by experts** that would teach you everything you need to know.



Carpentry, woodwork,
masonry, stone cutting,
sculpture, frescos,
blacksmithing,
archeological diggs...

What is a "chantier"?



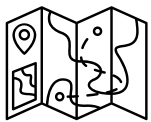
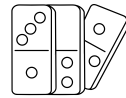
A chantier is a **commune living experience** where the purpose is restoring and taking care of heritage. It is a place to discover new activities, **learn from each other** and make great memories! It is the occasion to **engage for the greater good** and help to rebuild French heritage.

To organise commune life, associations create schedules that differs from one chantier to another. The **program is an indicative** and can change because of weather or other factors. Chantiers last about 10 days generally.



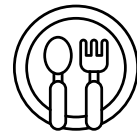
On average volunteers work about 35h/week. To ensure the good proceedings of group life, **you will be required to carry out daily tasks** (cleaning, cooking, dishes ...). All volunteers must participate.

Evening and days off are perfect for some **games** and indoor and outdoor **leisure** activities to connect with other participants.



Beyond the work on the site, a chantier is an opportunity to discover a new culture, a region, and its **local heritage**. Volunteers take part in organized **visits** during their stay and also meet other members of the **local community**.

Each association proposes a substitute meal (vegetarian for instance) if your diet prohibits certain foods. Do not forget to **mention your food allergies or specific diets** upon arrival. If you want to share your culture, you are welcome to prepare a meal of your wish.



Mind your valuable belongings during your journey. In the event of a thief, REMPART isn't responsible.



Accommodations could take various forms such as **indoor** accommodation or **tent**. If you have any doubts on the supplies you need to bring (sleeping bags; safety shoes etc), ask the association before your departure. The type of accommodation is always indicated in the notice (so-called "feuille de route")



The site manager can require a volunteer to leave if their integration within the group causes major concerns.

Travel

Every volunteer is in charge of booking their trip with their own resources. REMPART isn't responsible for your trip but we know that organizing a trip could be complicated therefore there's a few information to help you :

There are **3 airports in Paris** :

Roissy-Charles-de-Gaulle (CDG) ; **Orly** (ORY) and **Beauvais** (BVA) (which is far from the city).



You could then take the train to go to the chantier. The french train company is **SNCF connect**. You could also take your train tickets through **Train line**.

You could also choose an airport closer to the heritage site.

There's the **main french airports** : Nice Côte d'Azur; Lyon-Saint Exupéry; Marseille-Provence; Nantes Atlantique; Toulouse-Blagnac; Bordeaux-Mérignac.

Many regions in France have an app or a site for public transport where you can buy your ticket. Examples: Paris (Oui RATP)



Image right

When you register, you agree that pictures of you taken on heritage site could be used as communication support. If you disagree, please let us know.

Language

The volunteer team is made of **mostly French volunteers** and sometimes a few participants of other nationalities.

Bilingual lexicons (French/English, Chinese, Spanish, Italian) have been created by REMPART to manage with **French basic vocabulary** and technical terms. They are available on your member space.



We recommend you to bring something from home to make others discover your culture. It can always be fun.

Contact

Once registered **it's mandatory to contact your hosting association**. You can find their phone number on the workcamp page on the website.

For **every practical information** such as questions about living cost, place and time to meet, living conditions, what to bring... the **association is your representative**. You can call as well to get to know them.

Don't forget to indicate any specific need you could have so they can be taken into consideration.



If you experience or witness any inappropriate comments or behavior, harassment, or assault, please contact us at ecoute@rempart.com

We will respond as soon as possible.

The message can be anonymous and only has to mention the chantier name.

Administrative recap



Passeport

You will need your passport to apply for a visa and to obtain an invitation letter from REMPART. The passeport has to be valid at least 6 months after the chantier end date.

BE CAREFUL! The time required to get a Visa can be long. **Allow at least one month.**

Visa

If you need a visa, you can ask REMPART for an **invitation letter**. You'll need to add your stay dates and the chantier you're registered for.

Internship

Your project may count as an internship for your studies. Contact international@rempart.com to have an **internship agreement** signed.



Cancellation

If you must cancel your stay **less than one month before, the registration fees remain entirely acquired by REMPART**. Be aware that every association organizes their chantier depending on the number of participants. Every last-minute cancel can have heavy consequences for them.

Health

For Europeans :

European Health insurance card (EHIC)

The European Health Insurance Card is essential if you live in a European union member state and come to France. This card enables you to get emergency healthcare for free, or at a reduced cost. Ask your health insurance company for it at least two weeks before your departure.

For other countries:

You will need a specific insurance for long distance travel. See more below.

Vaccination

Ask your doctor about vaccinations recommendations for France. In all cases, tetanus vaccine is mandatory on all sites.

Administrative recap

Insurance

All volunteers must be insured with world assistance insurance and **attach proof** of it to their registration.

An accident insurance is included in the registration fees you paid to REMPART. It covers you for injuries for all activities organised during your stay as well as death, total or partial disability, permanent or temporary incapacity, search and rescue costs.

Yet, **neither travel between home and heritage site nor illness are covered** by this insurance.

For those matters, REMPART offers MMA “assistance, repatriation expenses” insurance policy for an amount of €25. This insurance covers personal civil liability, international repatriation or premature return and urgent and unpredictable medical care for a stay of up to 30 days. All details of this insurance are available on the [table of benefits](#).

If necessary, you could call the emergency number (+33.1.40.25.59.59) before going to a doctor to make sure that the costs will be covered. We recommend you communicate this number and the procedure to the site manager, in case they need to make the phone call for you.

Be aware that volunteers who need a Schengen visa already need insurance to obtain the visa.



Fees

There are two types of fees to participate :

- **Registration fees** of €50 (or €40 if you benefit from a partnership) must be paid on REMPART's website.
- **Accommodation fees** are due to the association, therefore you'll have to pay them on site. Usually between €100 and €250 for food, accommodation and activities during the whole stay.



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