

Summer workshops at Boisbuchet

We wish you an exiting and creative week at Boisbuchet. You will be welcomed by Malene Anthon, who is responsible for the workshops on the site.

Outline of the week

Arrival: Sunday evening*

Participants who come by car to Boisbuchet can check from 6 pm on the Sunday. The persons taking use of the shuttle bus will arrive an hour later. Around 7pm there will be a welcome drink with for everybody. Afterwards, you will be shown your room and at 8pm dinner will be served. This evening offers an ideal opportunity to make initial contacts.

*check your arrival day for the glass and porcelain workshop.

Workshop

The workshop starts on Monday morning after a guided tour of the Domaine de Boisbuchet. After an introduction to the topic, ideas are developed that will be realised during the following days. The fruits of the labours are presented on Friday. Participants will work in the morning and in the afternoons; the exact times will be defined by the teacher and by the participants.

Leisure time

Domaine de Boisbuchet's extensive, park-like grounds are perfect for jogging and rambling. There is a lake where participants can go for a swim, row or try their hand at fishing. Canoeing tours on the river Vienne, one of the last rivers running its natural course in France can be organised. In the evenings an accompanying programme will take place, including, amongst other things, lectures, discussions and joint leisure activities.

Departure: Saturday morning*

The course ends on Saturday after a final joint breakfast. The bus will take people back to Poitiers station at 10 am. We advise you not to make a reservation for trains leaving Poitiers before 12 o'clock!

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Accommodation

Participants will be accommodated in the Dépendance, the former service building of the Domaine, which has been turned into a guest house. There you find several rooms with 3 – 6 beds and one dormitory. All rooms have their own sanitary facilities (WC/shower). The rooms are furnished with comfortable, old furniture, and they are very charming. The participation fee includes accommodation in a shared room. However, you can rent a single or double bedroom at additional cost. Unfortunately, we cannot make a reservation, because the number of rooms is limited. But we will try our best to meet your wishes. Valuable items can be locked in the office.

Board

The day begins with breakfast of fresh baguettes, cheese, muesli and coffee and tea at 8.30 am. At lunchtime (around 1 pm) there is a selection of cold dishes with patés, quiches and salads in warm weather and vegetable soup, hotpots etc. if the weather is cooler. The evening meal consists of salads, a main course and a dessert, accompanied by wine, beer and water. At Boisbuchet, meals play an important role: They not only satisfy culinary needs, they also provide a basis for communication. In warm weather, we will eat outside, in front of the Dependance. If it rains, we will eat in the barn's side wing. The cuisine is international; the kitchen is run by an experienced chef. We are happy to cater for vegetarians.

Things which are necessary to bring along

Bed linen will be provided, but not towels. What you need are working clothes, solid shoes, a warm pullover, and a rain coat. The climate in Boisbuchet is similar to the Atlantic area, so it may be quite cold at night even in the middle of summer.

Do not forget your swimming clothes and your first-aid-kit which should include Aspirin as well as medication for insect bites and against gastrointestinal infections. And don't forget to bring some EURO (for your extra drinks etc.) as we can neither accept any other currency nor credit cards.

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Things which are available at Boisbuchet

At Boisbuchet we have a little shop. Catalogues published by Vitra Design Museum, miniatures, T-shirts, postcards and some other souvenirs can be bought. At the end of the week a CD with digital photographs of the whole workshop week is available.

IMPORTANT - Insurance and medical issues

Each participant is responsible for arranging sufficient insurance coverage for the duration of the workshop: accident, liability and health insurance for travel abroad including return transport to your country (evacuation) as well as theft insurance for one's personal effects. If you are on special medication, make sure to bring enough with you. Confolens, the biggest nearest town 9kms away, has pharmacies and a hospital, but if special medicines need to be ordered, it may take a few days. If you suffer from allergic reactions, please inform us in advance.

How to reach Boisbuchet

Boisbuchet is located in the Southwest of France, between the cities of Limoges, Angoulême and Poitiers, near Confolens. Participants who wish to make use of a shuttle service from Poitiers station to Boisbuchet are requested to meet in front of Poitiers train station on Sunday at 5 pm, where you will be met by one of our crew members. It then takes around 70 minutes drive to arrive to Boisbuchet. Make sure to be there ON TIME: Boisbuchet cannot be reached by public transport and a taxi ride will cost you minimum 100 €! People flying from London will be collected at Poitiers airport at 6 pm, if we are notified in advance.

Travelling by airplane

If you travel from overseas or from a distant country, the easiest is to fly into Paris (note there are direct flights from London to Poitiers). In Paris you take the TGV train to Poitiers (in 90 minutes). Most of the trains leave from Gare Montparnasse, but there are some direct trains from the Airport Charles de Gaulle. Make sure to tickets for the TGV in advance, because you are not allowed to board the train without a valid reservation. Check for trains on www.voyages-sncf.com and for local traffic in Paris www.ratp.fr.

Travelling by train

Travel to Poitiers. Participants who arrive from Portugal or Spain will travel via Bordeaux–Angoulême–Poitiers. For further information, please contact your travel agent or visit the following website: www.sncf.com.

Travelling by car

We recommend the website www.viamichelin.com with the following information for the search engine:

Country: France

Address: Boisbuchet

Place: 16500 Lessac

If you arrive from Poitiers, driving through Pressac to Lessac (North entrance), take the street on the left side of the church and at the end go left. After hundred meters you will see a sign to Boisbuchet. If you arrive from Confolens or Bellac, follow the road signs to Lessac and find the church. We strongly recommend that you print out a map of Lessac and its surroundings.

Price list Boisbuchet

The participation fee includes full board, lodging in a standard room, the tuition fee and all the materials. We charge an extra fee for drinks outside of meals and for the items which are listed below:

Shuttle bus Poitiers – Boisbuchet – Poitiers 30 €

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Extra person, not taking part in the workshop (board and bed) per person/per day	60 €
Child up to 8 years/per day	35 €
Extra charge for accommodation in a single room	35 €/per night
Extra charge for accommodation in a single room	18 €/per night
Internet – flat fee for the week	5 €
Internet – for 10 min.	1 €
Laundry	2,5 €
Tumbler	2,5 €
CD with pictures of the week	10 €

Contact address

During your stay at Boisbuchet you can be reached by e-mail. You may use our computers with internet access at a small additional cost. In case of an emergency, you can be contacted through our office:

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In order not to disturb the workshops, we kindly ask you to call participants only around 1 pm and 8 pm.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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