

World Heritage Volunteers

Leave Your Mark on the Landscape of the Jurisdiction Saint Émilion

Jurisdiction de Saint Émilion

- ◆ Saint Émilion
Aquitaine, France
- ◆ Cultural property inscribed
on the WH list since 1999

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The Jurisdiction of Saint Émilion is an exceptional landscape devoted entirely to wine-growing, with many fine historic monuments in its towns and villages. The Saint Émilion area benefited from its location on the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela and many churches, monasteries and hospices were built there from the 11th century onwards.



Project objectives: In 1999, with Saint Émilion, for the first time ever, a vineyard landscape was acknowledged as a "cultural landscape" worthy of listing as a World Heritage Site. Though outstanding, this landscape remains man built and transmitted till now thanks to traditional know-hows and building crafts. Adichats, member of REMPART, coordinates and promotes locally the idea that heritage is a common value and can be shared through voluntary work. Seven years ago a special partnership was built with the local authority in order to conduct various restoration projects involving international volunteers.

Project activities: In 2016, this association will conduct the group of World Heritage volunteers to work at the restoration and repair of a traditional long stone wall that bounds a property between a small road and the typical vineyards. The restoration work of this rural heritage will be conducted by Adichats and placed under the guidance of a traditional stone mason. The restoration skills used to implement the rebuilt of the wall will be basic but interesting for first hands and new learners and rather applicable on many other sites. REMPART will contribute to make this workcamp oriented to World Heritage values and will help the volunteers to see how civil society can be involved in the preservation of cultural heritage.

Partners: Municipality of Saint Émilion; Ministry of Culture / Regional Office

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