

Agri-culture Summer Campus

One week hands-on Field Course: Saturday July 21st to Friday 27th

On-farm Internship: July 28th to 18th August



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Location

Roquebrun (Hérault) :
100 km S-W of Montpellier

<http://www.ot-caroux.fr/en/roquebrun.html>
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Training objectives

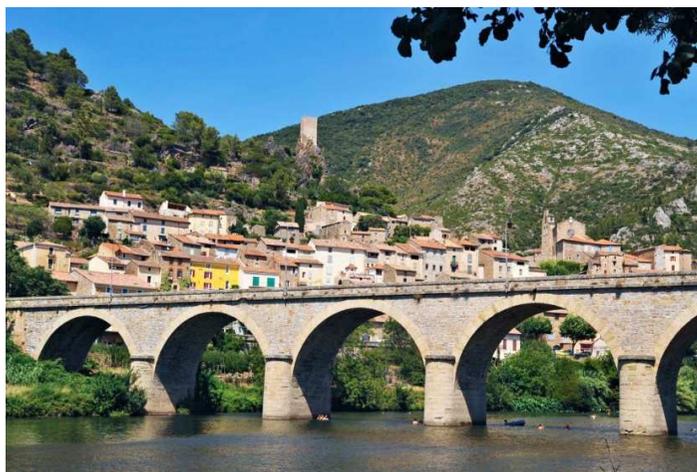
Aims : Short -but intensive- professional training about linguistic and professional challenges in rural /agricultural development in the Mediterranean South of France

Targetted Public : Students registered in the Agri-culture Summer Campus at *SupAgro*. Students to continue with post graduate education in agriculture at Montpellier SupAgro or in equivalent trainings at partner Institutes in France.

Practical Objectives : Initiate students to analysing local farming systems from a triple point of view:

- 1. Cultural capacities:** Assess the diversity of local livelihoods through the local history, the local stakeholders, the crops, animal breeds, natural resources and the environment,
- 2. Agricultural development and capacities to characterise local farming systems:** Outstanding experience « on the field » with interviews of local professionals and farm visits, manipulation of concepts of agricultural practises, cropping systems, farming systems, livelihood systems, agrarian system, intensive and extensive, value chain, yield, productivity, factors efficiency, quality management, initiation to the CAP mechanisms and CAP tools offered at the farm level.
- 3. French language capacities :** According to the initial language level, exercise concepts mostly used in agricultural development and agricultural sciences;

Accommodation



Accommodation: Campotel at Roquebrun (offered by the course)

Guesthouse for 5 people : Kitchen, shower room, room with cupboard, Terrasse

Lunches: Participants will generally have to prepare their picnic for the day trips.

Dinners : Upon personal organisation by the students (at their costs)

Cooking facilities available at guesthouse or several restaurants or foodshops in the village

Wifi and internet access available

Small shop in Roquebrun, Restaurants, Market

Welcome basket in each guesthouse :
Instant coffee, milk, sugar, oil, vinegar, salt
Noodles, rice, potatoes, cans (tuna, lenses...)

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Map of Roquebrun village

ROQUEBRUN, DE PIERRE & D'EAU

Porte d'entrée méridionale du Parc naturel régional du Haut Languedoc, Roquebrun bénéficie d'un climat exceptionnel. Habité dès le IV^e millénaire av. J.-C. ; bergers transhumants, troglodytes, légionnaires romains, rois carolingiens, seigneurs cathares, tous ont goûté le même soleil qui baigne ce village aux ruelles étroites. Parfois entre deux maisons, une place ouvre une vue sur le vignoble, l'Orb ainsi que le pont qui l'enjambe.

Southern entrance to the Regional natural reserve of Haut Languedoc, Roquebrun benefits from an exceptional climate. Lived from the 4th millennium before JC; shepherds, troglodytes, Roman legionaries, Carolingian kings, Cathar lords, all enjoyed the same sun which bathes this village in the narrow alleys. Sometimes between 2 houses, a square opens a sight on the vineyard, the Orb and the bridge which steps over it.

TOUR ET JARDIN MÉDITERRANÉEN
Érigée entre le X^e et XI^e siècle la tour assume deux fonctions : beffroi de surveillance des vallées et donjon de défense du village. A ses pieds s'étend aujourd'hui le jardin méditerranéen, site de visite incontournable.
Tower and garden : Built between 10th and 11th s, the tower assumes 2 functions: beffry of surveillance of valleys and donjon of defense of the village. Today, at the foot of the tower is the Mediterranean garden, a must to visit.

LA FONTAINE INTERMITTENTE ET LE SYSTÈME D'IRRIGATION :
« La Fontaine » alimentait autrefois tout le village. Découvrez l'ancien système d'irrigation fait de « beals » « tanes » et « pousalanges ».
*The intermittent fountain and the irrigation's system.
« The fountain » formerly fed all of Roquebrun. Discover the old irrigation's system made by « beals », « tanes » and « pousalanges ».*

LES PORTES D'ACCÈS
RUE DU BABRY. La « Porte du couchant » vous fait pénétrer l'enceinte médiévale fortifiée. La « Porte haute » seconde intégrée dans les remparts donne accès à la partie la plus protégée.
The doors of access: The « Porte du Couchant » you made penetrate into the strengthened medieval wall. The « Porte Haute » integrated in ramparts gives access to the most protected part.

EGLISE
Ancienne chapelle castrale devenue église paroissiale au milieu du XVIII^e. Point remarquable : son portail en marbre gris de Roquebrun.
Church : Former castrale chapel became a parochial church in the middle of the 18th. Remarkable : the gate in Roquebrun's Morello cherry marble

LA MAISON DES CONSULS
PLACE DE LA SALLE. Ici siégeaient les consuls qui régissaient la destinée du village de 1279 au début du XIX^e siècle.
The house of the consuls : Here sat the consuls who governed the fate of the village of 1279 at the beginning of 19th.

LE PONT
Cet ouvrage à 7 arches en pierre de taille datant de 1870, remplace le « bac » et ouvre un accès sûr et facile à la rive droite de l'Orb.
The bridge: This work in 7 arch cut stone dates to 1870; replaces the « barque » and opens to a sure access to the right bank of Orb.

LES MOULINS
Moulin à grains, à huile et Foulon témoignent de la vie en autarcie de Roquebrun mais aussi de la richesse de ses sols.
Mills : Grain mill, oil mill and Foulon testifies of the self-sufficient of Roquebrun and Iso of the wealth of these lands.

Legend:

Office de tourisme / Tourist office	Table de pique-nique / picnic table	Caveau viticole / Wine cellar	Galerie d'art / Art gallery
Stationnement / Parking	Camping	Tabac	Base de canoë-kayak / canoes & kayaks
WC	Chauffage / Heating	Épicerie / Grocery	Location de pédalos / Pedal boat
Arrêt autobus / Bus stop	Restaurant	Boulangerie / Bakery	Location de trottinettes / All terrain scooters
Alcool de 18° alcool / Selective bottling	Bar - café / Bar - cafe	Coffreur / Handicarer	Boulodrome / Area for playing boules

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Saturday July 21st



3 PM : Departure from SupAgro Students Residence

Welcome to the Campotel

5.00-6.00pm: Install in the guesthouses, Visit of the site

6.00 pm : Introduction to the objectives of the Agricultural week and organisation
Didier Pillot & Sophie Jean

7.00 pm: Welcoming words from the Deputy Mayor

7.30pm: Barbecue with guests from different agricultural backgrounds

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Sunday July 22nd



9.00-9.30 am: Welcoming breakfast

9.30-12.30 am: *Why farmers do what they do?*
Introduction to system approach in agriculture (Didier)

12.30-1.30 pm: Picnic offered by SupAgro

1.30-3.00 pm: Preparation of the farming system survey guide - Group work

3.00-4.15 pm: Introduction to the farm internships & indications about the farms location and activities (Sophie)

4.30 – 6.30 pm :

Group French A2 : Language course (“Environment and Ecosystems” (Sophie)

Group French C1 and more : Farm survey guide (cont’d)

Monday July 23th



8.30-10.00 am:

- **Group French A2** : language course (“Environment and Ecosystems” (Sophie)
- **Group French C1 and more** : Systems concepts (Didier, in French)

10.30-12.00 am: Environment and Ecosystems in the Mediterranean : guided visit of the Mediterranean Garden, Roquebrun

12:00 – 2.00 pm : Picnic on the river side

2.30 to 6.00 pm: Discovering the Mediterranean Valley ecosystems : Canoe Session on the Orb river!

Take your bottle of water, sunglasses (with strings!), swimming suit, cap or hat, water shoes

On the way back from the canoe arrival point, we shall stop at a large supermarket so that you can do your shopping for the rest of the week...

Tuesday July 24th



8.00-9.00am: Preparation of the morning visit (by groups)

10.00-12.00 : Fruits and vegetables farming
Visit Farm 1 « Les jardins d'Elodie » and interview

12.30-1.30 pm: *Picnic*

2.00– 4.00 pm: Debriefing of the visit.

Preparation of the visit Farm 2 (by groups)

4.30-6.30 pm

- Group French A2 : language course (“Environment and Ecosystems”) (Sophie)

- Group French C1 and more : Identification of cropping systems in the case of farm 1 - Characterisation



Wednesday July 25th

Departure: 9.00 am (with good shoes for trekking)



10.00-12.00 am: Visit Farm 2 : Sheep husbandry and milk production farm - Murat (Tarn) – Interviews on livestock systems + forage cropping systems

12.30-2.00 pm: Picnic in Douch, visiting the village



-2.00-4.00 pm :

- **Debriefing** of the Farm 2 visit,
- **Introduction** to the Granite Mountains Ecosystem

4.30-9.00 pm: Trek on the Caroux : Observation natural environments & ecosystems (substratum, soils, climate, water, wildlife & flora) & organization of the landscape

Thursday July 26th



9.00-12.00am: Visit Farm 3 : *Domaine du Vieux Chai*, Ceps - *Sophie JEAN*

- Vineyard (10ha) + olive grove
- Traditional olive trees
- Traditional cellar wine & old varieties of grapes

12.00-1.30pm: Picnic on the riverside

2.00- 3.30 pm: Debriefing Farm 3

4.30- 6.30 pm : Farming System Survey guide

- Elaboration of the survey guide - Group work
- Feed back from the groups and general discussion

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Friday July 27th



9.00 - 10.30 am: Survey guide :

Farming systems descriptors for the survey :
synthesis and wrap-up (Didier)

11.00- 12.30 pm :

- Group French A2 : language course (“Livestock, cattle and cheese” (Sophie)

- Group French C1 and more : Identification of livestock systems in the case of farm 2, and perennial cropping systems in case of Farm3 - Characterisation

12.45-2.00 pm: Lunch

2.00-3.30 pm: Principles/history of the EU’s Common Agricultural Policy and its impact on the farming systems (Didier)

3.30-5.00 pm: Last overview on the internships (Sophie)

5.30-6.30 pm: Back to the guest houses - Cleaning and, packing up!

7.00 pm: Farewell Dinner

9.00 pm: Village festival at Roquebrun - Departure to your internship place on Saturday morning