

Domaine de Boisbuchet Summer Workshops

About Boisbuchet

Boisbuchet was the dream of a design amateur and expert: Alexander von Vegesack. He wanted a place where design meets education, in a large sense. Some 25 years ago, he bought the 150 hectares Domaine de Boisbuchet. Since then, professionals and students come every year to experience how internationally successful professionals structure their work, and how they approach design problems. Our summer workshops, our architectural park, our exhibitions and our rich community, form our many insights and inspiration for a unique creative experience.

The Workshops

Every year, we invite the most inspiring architects & designers from all over the world, to give a week-long workshop at the Domaine de Boisbuchet in South-West France. Every tutor takes into account the inspiring natural environment, and crafts a theme for participants to build upon. Every single workshop is a unique hands-on experience, with the guarantee of learning by doing with materials and tools provided by Boisbuchet. Throughout the week, participants get insight on the process & techniques of top designers, and have the opportunity to connect with like-minded, passionate people.



The Workshops

1. Accommodation

Participants are accommodated in the Dépendance, a 19th century building which now is our guesthouse. All rooms have their own washrooms (WC/shower) and are furnished with comfortable period furniture.



2. Mediterranean cuisine

Food is an essential part of Boisbuchet. You will enjoy delicious, organic, creative and healthy Mediterranean food. We care for special diets and we grow our own vegetables in the garden!



3. Tuition, materials & tools

All the tools and materials are available on location, and our skilled technicians will help you with all your projects.



4. Guided architecture tour in the Domaine

In the context of our workshop programme, internationally renowned architects have constructed a series of buildings over the past years that present a fascinating contrast to Boisbuchet's traditional buildings. They are practical examples of alternative materials and construction methods, sustainability and a harmonious interplay with nature, landscape and architecture.



5. Fun & entertainment

We make weekly campfires to receive participants and meet each other. You will also discover "Porky's", our famous costume party in the castle's "dungeon"



6. A place to breathe free

Boisbuchet is a perfect place to simply relax and reflect. There are yoga sessions in the morning for those who are interested, and you will find many inspiring places to read, to draw, to create, or just to rest peacefully.



7. Leisure activities

Swimming in the lake, long walks, canoe-tours, table-tennis, soccer... exercising in the healthy countryside atmosphere is the best way to whet your appetite!



8. Season exhibition and tutor's presentations

Each week we will have several inspiring conferences where tutors will present their work for all the participants. Every season we also prepare an exhibition in the Château with some of the most interesting objects from Alexander von Vegesack's collection.

