



Project Title	Dour Music Festival
City Location	Plaine de la Machine à Feu 7370 DOUR – BELGIUM
Meeting Point	Brussels Gare Centrale or Dour
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Type	Music Festival
Max volunteers	About 10 volunteers

International Workcamp in Dour Festival, Belgium

Who are we?

We are the SVI, Service Volontaire International (International Voluntary Service), a non-profit youth association managed by and for volunteers, to whom we give the chance to engage themselves in voluntary projects all over the globe. We aim to make our projects accessible to all, regardless of their age, financial resources or skills.

Each year, we send about 350 volunteers to projects all over the globe, as we work with local associations in nearly 70 countries. Our volunteers help local independent organizations, which are not subsidized. Indeed, the local volunteers share our values.

Our workcamp

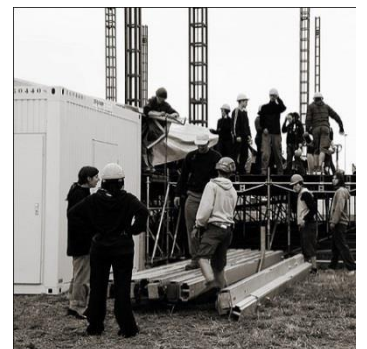
The workcamp will be located in Plaine de la Machine à Feu, 7370 Dour, Belgium. It can host about 15 volunteers.

The project

Dour Festival is a four-day music festival. 200 artists perform on four stages. More than anything, it is a unique concept and a wonderful atmosphere.

More than 1.000 journalists came to the festival. These professionals are generally from Europe. Last year we noted the presence of journalists from Australia, Canada, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Germany, Estonia, Spain, Greece, Ireland, Luxemburg, Poland, Reunion Island and the USA.

The line-up is more international than ever, however we dedicate a large part of our program to home-grown Belgian artists.



Volunteer profile

Volunteers are young people (18-35 years old) who want to work **OUTSIDE** and live in a **VERY BASIC CAMPING**. You have to be flexible and enthusiastic. You **CANNOT** have any physical condition. And most importantly, you must love music!

Work description

Volunteers will be part of the *Croix Verte* (the green cross). Your job is to keep the area clean and tidy. The team will collect and recycle the waste to give the festival-goers a nice and safe ground.

Volunteers will also have to do physical work. **DO NOT IMAGINE YOU WILL SIMPLY ENJOY THE FESTIVAL. IT WILL BE HARD WORK TOO!!!**

Your job will be the same throughout the whole festival. It could be heavy and repetitive. You will have to work during 5 days (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday). The festival dates will be in-between. Volunteers will have to work around 6 hours a day, probably early in the morning. During their free time, you will be free to go to the festival and enjoy the concerts (concerts start at noon and end at 5.00 a.m.).



Food:

The organisation will give volunteers sandwiches, drink tickets and food tickets during the festival. There are a lot of shops, small snacks (pizza, fries, sandwich, Chinese...) and bars in Dour.

If possible, you need to take kitchen material like a camping stove, plates, cutlery... to cook for yourself in the camping.

→ YOU NEED TO HAVE A SMALL BUDGET FOR OTHERS MEALS (about 10€/day)

Accommodation:

A camping site is reserved for the volunteers. It is well located.

There is also a bar.

There are showers and toilets in the camping. You need a flashlight, toilet paper, bath towel, basic pharmacy, ear plugs... You can expect not to have hot water to shower. You need to bring all the things that will be useful to their stay because you will not be able to buy anything during your stay over there!!

You need a tent and a sleeping bag (+ camping mattress, pillow,...) and all you think you need to go camping (there is no kitchen). You need to bring their own material to fix their tent if you need to do so!!! There will not be any building where you can sleep. If you do not bring your own tent and camping material, you will have to sleep in the mud!!!

Clothing and Material:

Boots or walking shoes (you might prefer not to take too nice shoes because they might get VERY dirty).

Working clothes (for the construction work), and comfortable clothes (for the festival). Summer clothes AND winter clothes because it can get really warm or really cold or very rainy or all of them together!! You need to bring clothes that dry really really fast because if you get wet, you might have to change clothes various time a day. If you think about bringing clothes that dry fast, you will not end up with only wet clothes left.

All you need to camp (tent, sleeping bag, pillow...). You must think about bringing material to fix your tent in case it breaks. You must bring everything you need. If you do not have all the material, you might end up sleeping outside in the mud.

If you are sensitive to noise, you can bring earplugs. They might be really useful because it gets very noisy during the festival. Working with a headache is not really nice and sleeping in the noise either!

You must remember that you will be outside all the time.

We will provide t-shirts of the Croix verte. There are 2 laundry services in Dour.

Entertainment:

After work, you will be able to enjoy the concerts. The entry will be offered as well as the meals and the camping pass. Between each festival, you will be able to visit other cities. Dour and Mons websites will provide further information on the cultural sites and events in the region (museum, Scientific Adventure Park, the Museum of Contemporary Arts, cinema...). There are several opportunities of sports and outdoor activities.

- Dour: www.communedour.be
- City of Mons: mons.be
- Province of Hainaut: hainaut.be
- The Tourism Promotion Office for Wallonia and Brussels: opt.be
- Please visit the Belgian Official Tourist Site: <http://www.belgique-tourisme.net/>
- You can also find [guide books about Belgium](#) on our website (in English and French):
- You can find here the website of our festival : <http://www.dourfestival.be/fr/>

Working language:

English or French.

Knowing the basics of French is very necessary. If they do not speak French, it is mandatory to speak good English.

Fees:

There is no participation fee. You will only pay the fees that your sending organization asks for itself. In Belgium, you just need to have money for additional meals and activities during their free time.

How to prepare your trip to Belgium

Plane trip to Belgium

Volunteers might want to visit [our website](#) for cheaper plane tickets.

Visa:

European citizens only need a national identity card or a passport.

Non-European citizen may need a visa. The visa must be requested at the embassy or Belgian consulate of the country where you live.

If there is no embassy or Belgian consulate in the country where you live, you should contact the Belgian Embassy, which is responsible for your country. This one is usually located in a neighboring country.

The procedure for visa application can sometimes take a long time. Therefore, you must apply for a visa at least four weeks before their departure.

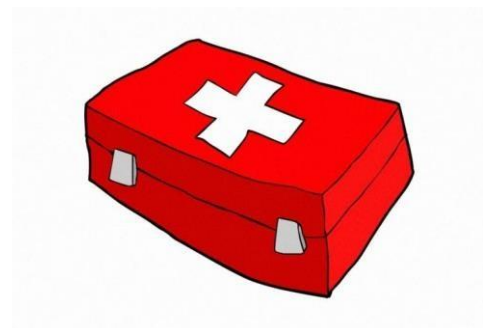
(http://diplomatie.belgium.be/fr/Services/venir_en_belgique/visa_pour_la_belgique/)

If you need an invitation letter, you can contact us at info@servicevolontaire.org

Volunteers can get extra info at <http://www.diplomatie.be/en/travel/visa/default.asp>

Health:

You need a health insurance to cover your entire trip to Belgium (however usually the host has an insurance to cover your working time). Your sending association may help them find a suitable one. No vaccine is required but if you are going to do some physical work, we recommend that you take the vaccines against lockjaw and hepatitis. Make sure that you have seen a dentist before leaving home.



You must bring all the medicines you need. It might be complicated to buy them in Belgium if you do not have the necessary documents to get it. Furthermore, the medicine you need might have a different name from the one it has in their country.

In cases of accident all participants from foreign countries are insured by the International Volunteering Service. Nevertheless you need to have an insurance and a health insurance.

European volunteers need their [European Health Insurance Card](#) up to date. You can get it for free!

Seven days prior to departure

You need to confirm your trip seven days before departure by sending a confirmation form to your sending association (at home). That form will be communicated to the SVI, and allow us to organize your arrival with our partner associations.

Volunteers need to know that their sending association is allowed to require some subscription fees independently from the project in Belgium. These fees allow them to work and provide them with volunteering projects. For more information, volunteers need to contact their sending association. Once they have arrived in Belgium, there is no fee to pay to the host association.



When you arrive in Belgium

Volunteers need to go to the meeting point by their own way!

Meeting point: It's on Central train station between. We will take the train until Mons. Don't be late! If you are, please contact us!



If you can't be at the meeting point in central bus station, please let us know and join us directly to Dour Festival. Follow you will find the way for the get in Dour Festival.

The place for get Dour Ticket: At the stadium Rue Saint Antoine n°6 in Boussu-Bois 73000.

From Charleroi Airport : You have to take the Bus A going to Charleroi Train station direction Charleroi Sud (TEC). Then you have to take the train IC 936 direction Tournai and stop at Mons (called Bergen in Dutch).

From Mons train station take the bus number 7 or 9 direction Quiervain (it cost 4€),you have to stop at Vedette.

From Zaventem Airport : You have to take the train IR 3736 Direction Quevy and stop at Mons (Bergen) and Mons train station take the bus number 7 or 9 direction Quiervain (it cost 4€),you have to stop at Vedette.

A member of the Service volontaire international will be waiting for you in front of the desk.

The meeting point is in the Central Station in Brussels at 12:00 p.m. the 12th of July.

[Version texte](#)

12:26	Voie 2	Bruxelles-Central [NMBS/SNCB] le 15/07/14
		IC 1733 Direction
13:16	Voie 3	Mons [NMBS/SNCB]
13:16		Parcours à pied 6 min., ca. 13 m
13:22		MONS SNCB [TEC]
13:25		Bus 9 Direction
13:59		BOUSSU-BOIS Vedette [TEC]

Durée: 1:33; circule pas tous les jours, 22. Mai jusqu'au 31. Jul 2014 Lu - Ve; pas 29. Mai, 9. Jun, 21. Jul

Indication: Cet itinéraire n'est pas autorisé pour n'importe quel titre de transport ([Plus d'info](#))



If you go there by train:



If you are coming from Brussels airport, you can take a train. There are some direct trains to the "Brussels Central Station". Check schedules on: <http://www.belgianrail.be/en/Default.aspx>. Set from: Zaventem (airport) to Brussel-Centraal.

If volunteers come before that time/date, they need to check youth hostels in Brussels (http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/sleep/youth-hostels.do). If they come after that time/date, they must go by themselves to the festival.

If you are coming from Charleroi airport (Brussels South airport), you can take a bus to the train station and then a train to the Central station.

You have two options:

- 1) You can buy a single ticket (if they buy a return ticket, they must go and come back on the **SAME** day) from a vending machine. You can pay in cash or by credit card. The price of the ticket is 5 Euros. You take bus A to the Charleroi train station. When you get to the train station, you buy a train ticket to "Brussel-Centraal". Check schedules on: <http://www.belgianrail.be/en/Default.aspx>.
- 2) You can buy a ticket "to any Belgian station". This ticket combines the bus ticket AND the train ticket from the airport to the Charleroi train station and then to any other Belgian station. You can buy a single ticket (if you buy a return ticket, you must go and come back on the **SAME** day) from a vending machine. You can pay in cash or by credit card.



If they go there in taxi:

If you are coming from Brussels airport:

Taxis are always waiting for passengers in front of the arrivals. The ones that have a license are the yellow and blue ones. Avoid the ones that do not have a license!! The price to go to the centre of Brussels is of about 45 Euros.

If you are coming from Charleroi airport (Brussels South airport):

Taxis are waiting in front of the arrivals. It costs between 85 and 95 Euros to go to the centre of Brussels.

General information about public transportation in Belgium

In Belgium, it is possible to go to most places by bus or train. Volunteers must always buy their ticket before boarding. There is also a network of trams and undergrounds in Brussels and some other cities. If you plan to travel a lot through Belgium in train ([train schedules and tickets](#)), you might want to buy a Gopass (50€ for 10 travels if they are younger than 26) ; if you plan to travel a lot around Brussels ([general travel information](#)), you can buy a « jump – 10 trips » card for about 12€. Caution: taxi is much more expensive than in some other countries.

Phone

To give a phone call in Belgium, it is necessary to type +32 or 0032 then the number without initial 0. For example, if volunteers need to call SVI (International Volunteering Service) for any question or help about your volunteering, the local phone number is 028886713, but with a phone from any other country, you need to type +3228886713 or 003228886713. The same principle applies if their relatives want to call them from abroad

Cheaper international phone calls






When you are abroad, giving and receiving phone calls can become very expensive. SVI recommends two services that are cheaper than traditional phone services :

- For a short term workcamp, [buy and international SIM card](#), it will allow volunteers to receive phone calls from a foreign country free of roaming fees. The person who calls them will only pay the price of a call to Europe, or nothing if they have a phone package in Europe. This card costs only 12€ and allows to write an unlimited number of text messages and have a cheaper internet access (if available).
- For a long term workcamp, buy a local SIM card and open an account with a VOIP provider such as www.12voip.com, or use a XXSIM card.

Emergency phone numbers

If you encounter any trouble related to your volunteering project, call the **SVI** at +3228886713 or +32495680934.

The following numbers can be called from free in any emergency situation:

	100	Medical emergency and fire service
	112	European service in case of accident or aggression
	070 245 245	Poison center
	071 448 000	Burn care center
	105	Help in case of sinister and catastrophe

It might be useful for you to check the address and phone number of [your country's embassy or consulate in Belgium](#).

How to prepare your luggage

- It is crucial that you bring all your stuff in a backpack and not in any other type of suitcase, which might become very uncomfortable to move after a long journey.
- You need to bring a tent, a sleeping bag and a mattress and adapt your luggage to the camping.
- Belgium has a very unstable weather, it can be very cold or quite hot, and rain is always to expect. Keep that in mind when you pack up your clothes.

We hope they will enjoy their stay in Belgium!

