



# Riviera ExploraCamps

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TURNING **LOCAL ECOSYSTEMS**  
INTO **GLOBAL CLASSROOMS**



The purpose of education is not measured by future success alone, but by **how students learn to understand the world and contribute positively to it.**

Our camps provide meaningful experiences through water-based activities in the Mediterranean and land-based learning in protected natural environments.

Students will inquire, discover, reflect, and take action to support the communities and ecosystems they encounter.



EDUCATING  
**ECO-RESPONSIBLE** CITIZENS



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# THE RIVIERA EXPLORACAMPS

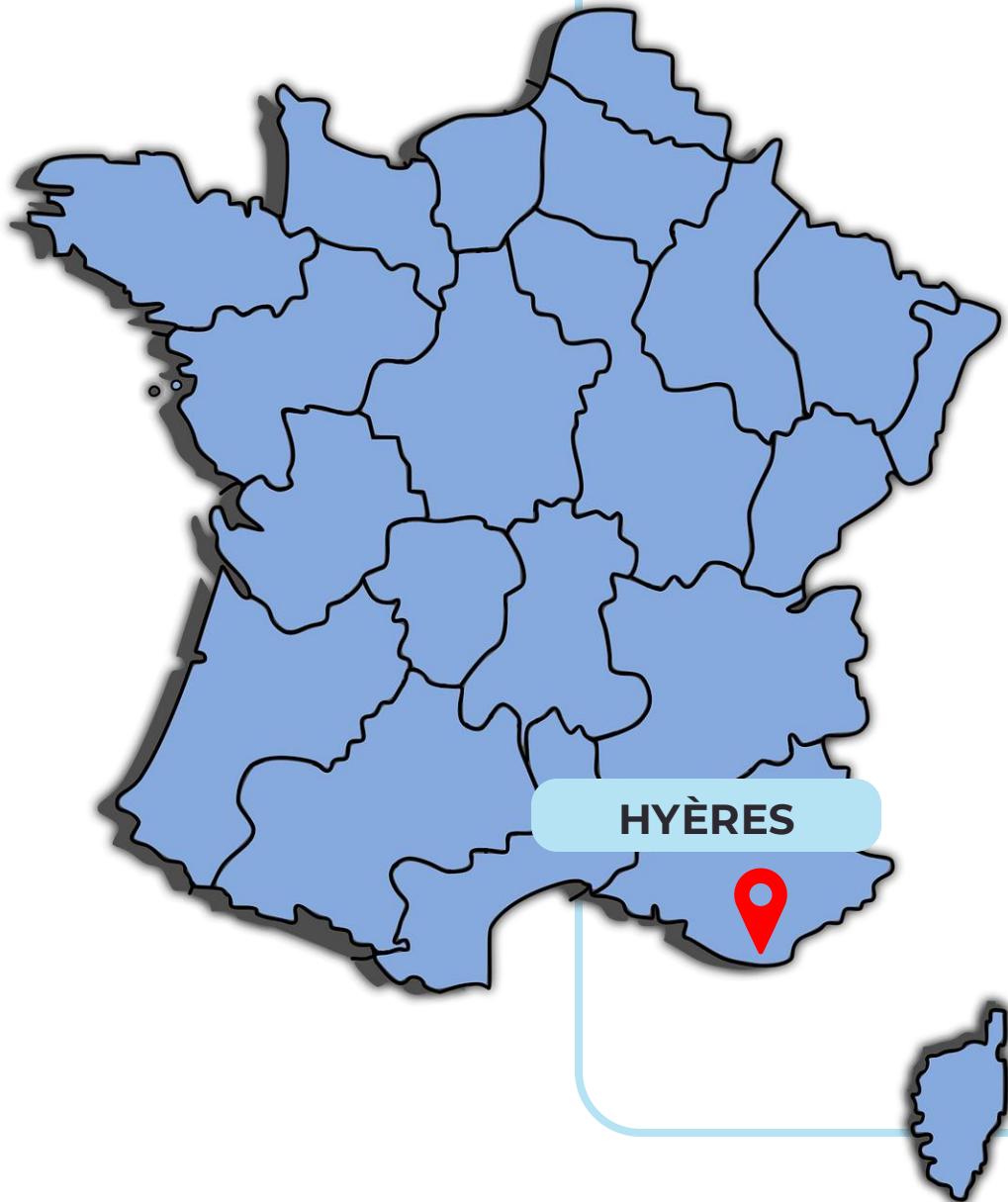
**Turnkey educational trips:** we handle everything from accommodation and meals to **learning experiences, IB-inspired and CAS activities**, local logistics, and entertainment.

We structure our programs around the IB learner profile.

**Flexible programs:** whether you're looking for a grade-level trip, a thematic experience (marine biology, sustainability, inclusive support services, and many more) or a CAS week, **we tailor the content to your goals and student profiles.**

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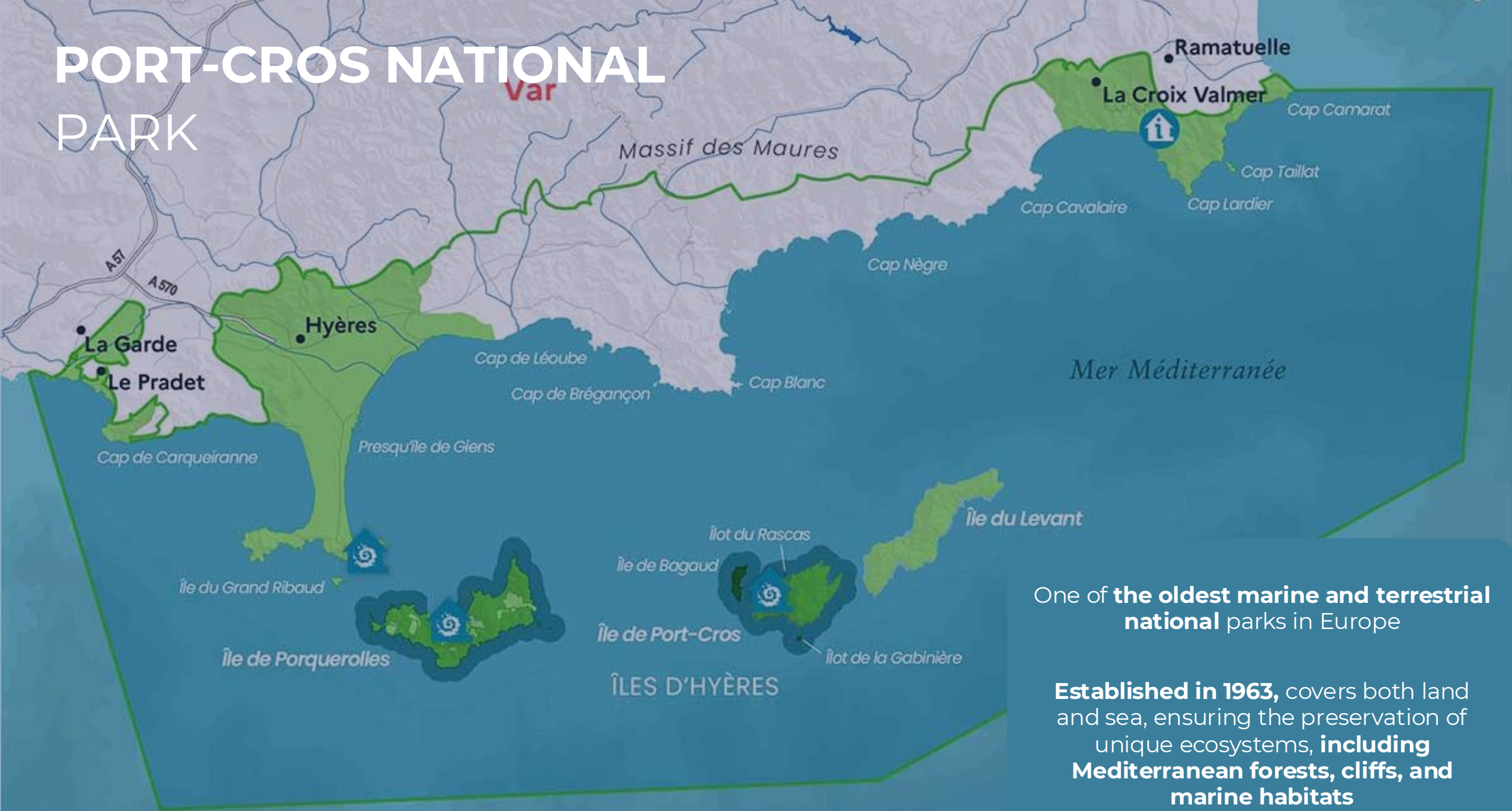
At the heart of **the greatest marine national park** in Europe

## PORT-CROS NATIONAL PARK

Located on the most Southern point of the French Riviera, Hyères an ideal spot for activities focused on land and sea ecosystems.

*Accessibility by train and bus (ecomobility)*

# PORT-CROS NATIONAL PARK



One of **the oldest marine and terrestrial national parks** in Europe

**Established in 1963**, covers both land and sea, ensuring the preservation of unique ecosystems, **including Mediterranean forests, cliffs, and marine habitats**

# THE PELAGOS SANCTUARY

FRANCE

MONACO

SANCTUAIRE  
PELAGOS

ITALIE

Presqu'île  
de Giens

Corse

Fosso  
Chiarone

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Ferro

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France contribution to the **Pelagos Sanctuary**, a tripartite agreement with Italy and Monaco **dedicated to the protection of marine mammals in the Mediterranean**

An underwater photograph showing a large school of small, silvery fish swimming in clear blue water above a dark, rocky seabed. The fish are densely packed in the middle ground, moving towards the right. The water surface is visible at the top, with light reflecting off the ripples. The overall scene is vibrant and captures the natural beauty of a marine ecosystem.

# EXPLORE SEA LIFE AND CONSERVATION

Students will explore the marine world and investigate the ecosystems that support life beneath the surface. Through practical activities and guided inquiry, campers develop a deeper understanding of ocean environments and the responsibility we share in protecting them.

They will also contribute to real scientific observation and data collection initiatives, taking action to support ongoing marine research.



# PROTECTING DOLPHINS AND WHALES

# FIELD OBSERVATION IN THE PELAGOS

HQWW label ensures that whale-watching activities are carried out responsibly, safely, and with minimal disturbance to marine wildlife



Students will set out to observe dolphins and whales in their natural environment, within the **Pelagos Sanctuary**, a protected area of the Mediterranean jointly managed by France, Italy, and Monaco. They will use hydrophones to recognize them by their sounds.

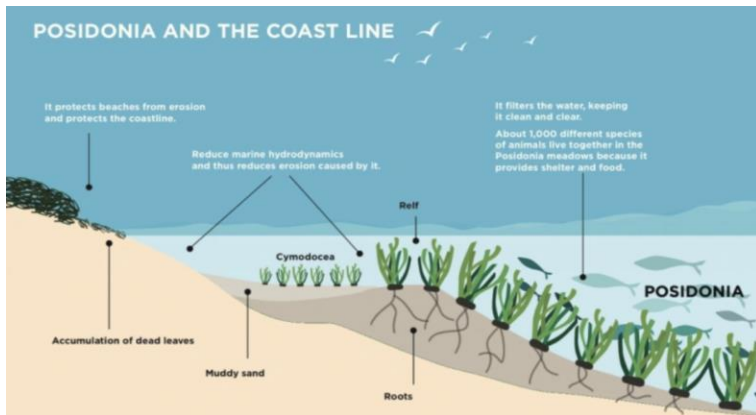
Guided by experienced captains and educators, they will explore the conditions that allow these species to thrive and consider the importance of marine conservation. By recording their observations, **students will contribute to ongoing efforts** to better understand and protect these remarkable animals.





Students will explore the shallow coastal waters and **marine habitats around Porquerolles** through an interactive underwater trail. Along the route, they will locate visual clues placed at depths of up to one meter, encouraging careful observation and collaboration.

As they discover the **Posidonia seagrass meadows**, a vital and endangered component of the Mediterranean ecosystem, they will investigate its essential role in protecting biodiversity, producing oxygen, and maintaining coastal health. Deepening their understanding of this fragile environment, students reflect on how they can contribute to its preservation.



## SNORKELING IN THE POSIDONIA

A group of people wearing white protective suits and hoods are working in a field. Some are standing and talking, while others are kneeling or bending over, possibly collecting samples or conducting an experiment. The background shows a line of tall, thin trees under a clear sky.

# UNDERSTAND CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND PROTECTION

Our campers will engage in ground-based activities centered around vital topics such as climate change and environmental protection. Through hands-on workshops and outdoor explorations, they will learn how to become responsible stewards of our planet.

# VEGETABLES AND FRUIT GROWER ACTIVITIES

## Sustainable Market Gardening & Agroforestry

Students will explore **sustainable agriculture** practices, including **agroforestry**, where trees and crops grow together to support soil health, biodiversity, and climate resilience. They will learn why seasonal, locally grown produce plays an essential role in supporting both communities and ecosystems.

Through **hands-on work**, students plant and care for crops, gaining practical insight into responsible food production. They also participate in a **composting workshop** to understand how organic material becomes natural fertilizer. By engaging in these interconnected activities, students **reflect on resource management**, reducing waste, and the importance of environmentally conscious farming methods.



## COASTAL WASTE INVESTIGATION

Students will walk the shoreline to collect and analyze debris that has washed up on the beach. They will explore where this waste comes from, how it travels, and the effects it has on marine and coastal ecosystems.

Working together, they will propose solutions to reduce pollution and learn about the conservation efforts led by the national park. Their participation contributes to ongoing environmental protection initiatives and encourages responsible action within the community.





# FASCINATING WORLD OF BEES AND APIARY WORKSHOP

## BEEKING & BIODIVERSITY

Students will discover the essential role bees play in ecosystems and food production. Equipped with protective gear and guided by a trained beekeeper (with parental authorization), they will observe the inside of a hive and learn how bees work together to produce honey.

Through discussion and observation, students will explore the challenges bees face today, including climate change, habitat loss, and pesticide use, and consider practical ways to support pollinator health.

The experience concludes with a honey tasting, highlighting how local environments shape different flavors and qualities.



# BIRD OBSERVATION AND ACTION IN THE SALT MARSHES

Students will explore the salt marshes, an area shaped by centuries of salt harvesting and now protected as a critical habitat for migratory and resident birds. They will learn responsible observation techniques that respect wildlife and support ongoing conservation.

Using binoculars and field journals, students will identify species and record environmental details that contribute to local monitoring efforts. They will then engage in practical conservation tasks, such as **removing small invasive plants, restoring pathways to protect nesting zones, or creating informational signs to raise awareness** among visitors. Through these actions, they reflect on how communities can work together to safeguard this unique ecosystem.





# TAKING ACTION FOR HERITAGE AND COMMUNITIES

Service activities empower students to contribute to the preservation of traditions, landscapes, and social inclusion. Their efforts demonstrate how collective action can strengthen communities.



## DRY STONE WALL HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Students will explore the cultural and environmental importance of traditional dry-stone walls in Provence—how they have shaped local agriculture, prevented soil erosion, and supported biodiversity for generations.

Through guided learning with skilled professionals, they will discover the craftsmanship behind these structures and the need to maintain them today. Working together to restore a section of wall for the local community, students engage in meaningful service that preserves both heritage and landscape.





TOUS LES SPORTS AUTREMENT

EXPERIENCE EVERY SPORT,  
DIFFERENTLY

With UFOLEP, a recognized organization dedicated to making sports accessible to people with disabilities, we have developed an inclusive initiative that opens the Mediterranean to everyone. Together, we support **individuals with temporary or permanent disabilities in safely experiencing the joy of swimming** in the sea. This partnership reinforces our commitment to inclusion, empathy, and meaningful community engagement.



HELPING PATIENTS WITH  
REDUCED MOBILITY

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Local specialties **Cooking Class** : 2h1/2

Create your own **Perfume** : 2h

Electric **Mountain Bike** tour : 3h

Outdoor **Yoga Session**

**Paddle and Kayak** : 1h sessions

**Sailing** Skills introduction

**Tree-Top Adventure** (zip lines, climbing walls, Tarzan jumps, footbridges): 3h

**Local Farmers' Market** discovery : 2h1/2

Biodiversity **Photography Walk** : 3h

**Art & Nature** Workshop : 3h





# EXAMPLE OF AGENDA LYCEUM ZUOZ

For improved interactions with our scientific instructors, students will be split into 2 groups of 20 students.

**Sea activities :** 20 students will be split into 2 teams of 10 (boats capacity max. 12 guests).

**Land activities :** 20 students will stay together.

During the first 2.5 days, one group will be at sea and the other group will stay on land. On Wednesday, at lunchtime, groups will swap sea/land activities, to conclude on Friday afternoon

- DAY 1 -

## SEA ACTIVITY

8h30 to 15h30 with 1hour break for lunch

10 students – 1 teacher

Provided: skipper, scientific instructor, catamaran boat

### PROTECTION OF MARINE MAMMALS IN THE PELAGOS SANCTUARY



#### SCIENTIFIC SUPERVISION :

Under the guidance of a scientific instructor, students will observe, identify, and document marine species encountered during the boat expedition.



#### DATA COLLECTION :

The collected data is essential for tracking population trends, assessing biodiversity, and monitoring the health of marine ecosystems.



#### THREAT IDENTIFICATION :

Monitoring activities help detect threats to marine animals, such as pollution, overfishing, and habitat destruction.



#### PROMOTING AWARENESS :

This activity aims at encouraging responsible behaviour and fostering public support for marine conservation efforts.



- DAY 2 -

## SEA ACTIVITY

8h30 to 15h30 with 1hour break for lunch

10 students – 1 teacher

Provided : skipper, scientific instructor, catamaran boat



### COASTAL MARINE LIFE PROTECTION AND SCUBA DIVING



#### COASTAL OBSERVATIONS :

Explore coastal areas to observe and document marine species in their natural habitat.



#### SCIENTIFIC SURVEYS :

Participate in data collection, such as identifying and recording species encountered along the coast.



#### CONSERVATION IMPACT :

Support efforts to protect marine habitats by contributing to research and conservation initiatives.



#### VIDEO REPORTING :

Create a video report documenting the species observed to raise awareness and support conservation efforts.

- DAY 3 -

## LAND ACTIVITY

8h30 to 12h30

20 students – 2 teachers

Provided : scientific instructor

### VISIT TO **PRADEAU FORT**



#### LOCATION AND PURPOSE :

Located on the Giens Peninsula, the fort plays a key role in raising awareness on the Riviera protected ecosystems.



#### VIRTUAL VISIT OF PORT-CROS :

Immersive videos showcasing the island through virtual reality (VR), offering a unique and engaging experience of Port-Cros' exceptional environment.



#### EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES :

Interactive discussions with a conservation specialist on marine protection challenges and solutions.

Hands-on biodiversity workshops to explore marine ecosystems.

Reflective debriefing sessions to discuss findings and observations from the 2-day sea activities.

- DAY 3 -

## LAND ACTIVITY

13h30 to 16h30

20 students – 2 teachers

**Provided:** scientific instructor and faculty member

### VISIT TO **AGRICAMPUS**



#### **LOCATION AND PURPOSE :**

Located in Hyères, Agricampus is a public agricultural education institution. It offers a range of general, technological, and vocational programs. Agricampus operates its own agricultural enterprise, offering students practical experience in horticulture, arboriculture, and nursery production.



#### **INTRODUCTION TO ECO-FARMING, INVASIVE SPECIES THREAT AND IMPACT OF REFORESTATION :**

Walk through farming area with faculty member.



#### **EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES :**

Reflective briefing session on the content and purpose of the next 2-day land activities.

- DAY 4 -



## LAND ACTIVITY

8h30 to 15h30 with 1hour break for lunch

20 students – 2 teachers

Provided : scientific instructor

### VEGETABLES AND FRUIT GROWER ACTIVITIES



#### INTRODUCTION TO MARKET GARDENING :

Learn sustainable vegetable farming practices.

Discover the importance of locally grown produce.



#### HANDS-ON PLANTING :

Participate in planting seasonal vegetables.

Understand the care and maintenance required for different crops.



#### HARVESTING EXPERIENCE :

Engage in harvesting ripe vegetables.

Learn techniques to ensure minimal waste and maximum quality.



#### COMPOSTING WORKSHOP :

Explore how organic waste is turned into natural fertilizer.

Understand the role of composting in sustainable agriculture.

- DAY 5 -



## LAND ACTIVITY

**8h30 to 15h30** with 1hour break for lunch

**20 students – 2 teachers**

**Provided :** scientific instructor

### REMOVAL OF **INVASIVE SPECIES** AND **REFORESTATION** ACTIVITIES



#### REMOVAL OF INVASIVE SPECIES :

Identify and eliminate invasive plants that threaten native vegetation.

Prevent ecosystem degradation and support the recovery of indigenous flora.



#### REFORESTATION EFFORTS :

Plant native tree species to restore and enhance natural ecosystems.

Promote biodiversity by creating habitats for local wildlife.

# WHO WE ARE

## A TRUSTED ALLIANCE OF OUTSTANDING EXPERTISE



During our years as expats in Asia, we searched for the most meaningful summer camps and school trips for our three sons. Some experiences felt too academic, others were only about entertainment. This inspired us to create camps that truly reflect the IB spirit: **experiential learning with purpose**, here on the French Riviera.

We want our campers to explore, learn, contribute, and make a real difference. These values guide every activity we select.

Our focus is on land and sea conservation, helping students grow into eco-responsible citizens. We chose this exceptional region in Southern France as our outdoor classroom : no need to travel across the world when such learning opportunities are here in Europe !



Founded 40 years ago, it is the leading inbound agency on the French Riviera. Deeply committed to the development of **sustainable tourism and environmental education**, it has been ISO 20121 certified for the past three years.

It has built strong partnerships with Port-Cros National Park, Agricampus high school and its teaching staff, CIETM collective of local associations, as well as long-standing and trusted service providers.

# OUR PROMISE

## - TO STUDENTS

An incredible and rich week in Europe

**French Riviera paradise :**  
experiential learning activities,  
fun as well

CAS hours

## - TO TEACHERS

Customized experiences  
for Middle and High School  
students

Flexible programs

Inspired by IB values of reflection,  
inquiry, and global citizenship

**Hands-on learning** adapted to  
age groups and learning goals

## - TO SCHOOL

Complete peace of mind thanks to  
our licensed (*Atout France*) and  
experienced partner : L'Echappée  
Bleue

**Turnkey educational trips :**  
we handle everything from  
accommodation and meals to local  
logistics, and entertainment

# BUILDING A COLLABORATION WITH YOU

Understanding  
your student  
group (number,  
age, profiles, ...)

Curating  
accommodation  
and activity  
options

Designing your  
bespoke program  
and budget

Fine-tuning and  
finalizing your  
program

Preparatory visit  
(optional)

Welcoming your  
student group



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