Protohistoric Archaeology between Pyrenees and Massif Central

Monday June 8th. to Saturday 13th. June 2015
**WEATHER, EQUIPEMENT AND TERRAIN**
In June weather in Midi-Pyrénées is warm at day and a bit cold at night. Usually it is sunny although rain can arise.
Average temperature:  
- Day: 26°C  
- Night: 14.5°C

We advise a light coat, suitable for rain, hat and boots. Do not forget solar protection cream.

http://www.toulouse-tourisme.com/

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**PROGRAM**

*Arrival Monday June 8th at Toulouse in the morning*

- **By plane**: airport Toulouse-Blagnac or via Carcassonne airport (taking public transport to come to Toulouse)
- **By train**: main train station Toulouse-Matabiau

⇒ Check-in at our “Hotel Capitole” before 13.00 h

http://www.hotel-capitole.com/

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14.00 h : Welcome to the Meeting

At the Maison de la Recherche n°2, TRACES (archaeological institute) - University Toulouse Jean Jaurès (subway line A, Mirail-Université station)

- Presentation of the archaeological institute "Unité Mixte de Recherches (UMR) TRACE
- By the director François-Xavier Fauvelle

- Presentations concerning Late Prehistoric researches of TRACES members
  - Regional Bronze Age
  - Projects: Emile Cartailhac and Joseph Déchelette, Late Bronze Age hillfort of Corrent (Auvergne); ANR-DFG program West Hallstatt Gold, etc.
  - Presentation of local publications

- Reception at TRACES

19.00 h : Return to the hotel and dinner

*Thoughts in memory of Colin Burgess*
Tuesday 9th : Toulouse

Visit of the store rooms of the Service Régional de l’Archéologie
Objects from the Grotte du Noyers (Lot) (Middle Bronze cultural local group), ceramics from middle Bronze Age of Villeneuve-Tolosane (Haute-Garonne), new LBA hoard from Saint-Sulpice (Lot), objects from the LBA necropolis of the Castrais (Tarn), etc.

Lunch at a Portuguese restaurant (optional)

Visit of the archaeological company Archeodunum
Cremation burials from the Toulouse ZAC Niel necropolis (Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age) and presentation of some recent rescue excavation projects.

Visit of the archaeological museum Musée St-Raymond
Examination of Bronze Age and early Iron Age objects from the store rooms (not on exhibition) : large bronze wheels of le Fâ, hoards of Centeilles, Arnave, Rodelle, Uchentein; regional bronze swords and gold jewellery; ceramics and urns from Late Bronze Age necropolis, etc.

Dinner

Paperettes

http://saintraymond.toulouse.fr/
Wednesday 10th : Pyrenees tour by bus

Visit of the hill-fort Le Cluzel at Toulouse and the oppidum site Vieille-Toulouse

Visit of the Archéosite de Rieux-Volvestre (Haute-Garonne)
Reconstitution of Iron Age dwellings
http://www.archeosite-gaulois.asso.fr/

Lunch at the site (optional)

Visit of Niaux cave (Ariège)
Famous Palaeolithic cave with paintings

Tarascon-sur-Ariège (Ariège)
Visit of the Parc pyrénéen de l’art préhistorique and Centre de Conservation et d’Etude du Service Régional de l’Archéologie
http://www.grands-sites-ariege.fr/

Back to the hotel at Toulouse and dinner - Paperettes

Thursday 11th : Quercy tour on bus (change of hotel!)

Visit of the oppidum from Cras (Lot)
“Murcens” Middle Bronze Age occupation and murus gallicus from Late La Tène fortification
http://www.oppida.org/page.php?lg=fr&rub=00&id_oppidum=130

Visit of the Cabrerets museum and Palaeolithic Pech Merle cave (Lot)
Cave with paintings
http://www.pechmerle.com/

Lunch (optional)

Megalithic necropolis of Gréalou (Lot)

Visit of the Foissac cave (Aveyron)
Chalcolithic necropolis and Bronze Age occupations
http://grotte-de-foissac.fr/

Dinner at the Hôtel du Midi at Rodez - Paperettes
http://www.hotel-du-midi.net/
Friday 12th : Aveyron

Visit of Musée Fenaille, Rodez (Aveyron)
Bronze Age collections and the major ensemble of Chalcolithic stelae in France
http://musee-fenaille.grand-rodez.com/

Visit the stelae from les Touriès (Saint-Jean-et-Saint-Paul, Aveyron)
The major ensemble of early Iron Age stelae, at the storage rooms of the Service Regional de l’Archéologie
http://aveyron.fr/actualites/archéologie/le sanctuaire héroïque à stèles des touriès à saint jean et saint paul

Lunch at a typical restaurant (optional)

Excursion to visit the ensemble of dolmens de la Haute Vallée de l’Aveyron

Dinner at the Hôtel du Midi at Rodez - Paperettes

BASG Business meeting

Saturday 13th : return to Toulouse and departure

Departure with bus at 8.00 am (depending on departures)

Arrival at Toulouse at around 10.30 am with transfer to Matabiau Train Station and Blagnac Airport