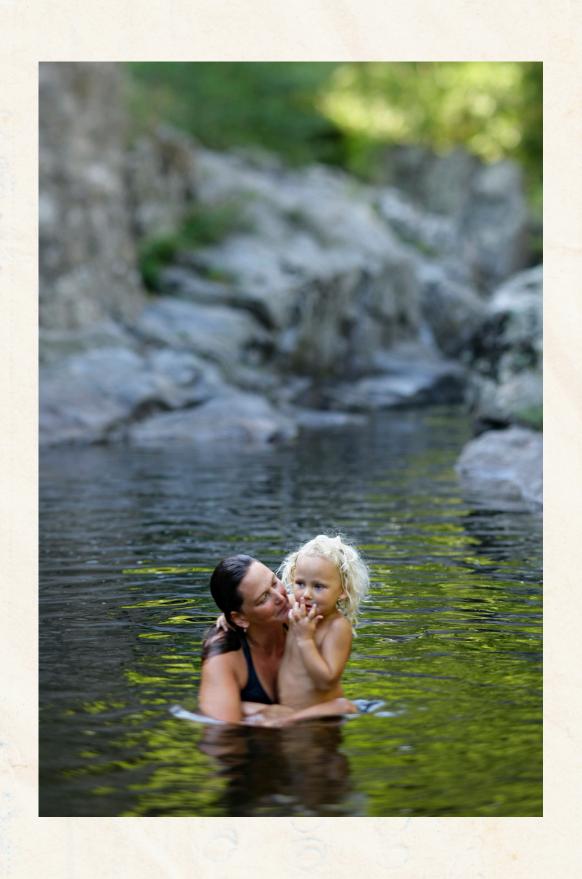
A Year Of

# Festival Stays With Recreation



"Return to the village. Where rhythm, rest, and rebellion begin."

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### Festival Stays



A Festival Stay is like a modern, micro family festival — music, fire, story, and celebration — but instead of lasting just a weekend, it unfolds across days or weeks.

Each stay is anchored in the rhythms of traditional seasonal festivals: harvest feasts, rituals, ceremonies, and woodland folklore.

Children join our Nature Club (Mon-Fri) with foraging, crafts, building, and river play, while parents reclaim time to rest, co-work, or join workshops. Every stay builds to a Village Celebration, where families gather around fire, food, and story.





### What's included in every Festival Stay?

Daily Nature Club for children (Mon-Fri, 9:00-16:00 - half day in summer)

Access to gardens, river, and salt pool

'Grow-Make-Eat' sessions woven into the rhythm

3 Workshops a Week and one off site trip

A family-style celebration at the end of each stay

6-Night Festival Stays → Fully catered Breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day.

Month-Long Festival Stays →
Self-catered apartments, with 3 lunches and 3 shared
dinners each week around long tables.

Private apartment and Nature Club /3 seasons in France I in our Second Winter Venue





Autumn in the valley is all colour and warmth. The hills blaze red and gold, wood stoves burn in the apartments, and candlelit dinners fill the sous sol.

Families join the harvest rhythm — pulling squash and root veg from the garden, roasting chestnuts on open fires, and gathering at chestnut festivals across the valley.

Children take part in daily Grow-Make-Eat sessions, cooking and crafting from the land as the season deepens.









Month Long Stay

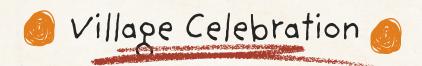
October 3rd-Nov 1St 2025

13 Sep - 11 Oct 2026

Children design and construct domes, dens, and forest & playstations. They map the land, make signs, dye flags, and tell stories through what they've built — a month of hands-on rhythm, soil, and story.

### Highlights

Woodcraft & dome building Mapping, signage & flags Story-led play in the forest



A family parade of playstations: tours, storytelling in domes, and a child-led performance to celebrate their creations.

Month Long Festival Stay (Semi Catered)
Family of 4 → From €3,600/month

I parent + 1 child → €1,800/month







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18-24 Oct + 25-31 Oct

6 Night Festival Stays

Immersive Theatre Special

Children follow clues, craft potions, and build the story together through riddles, woodland missions, and apothecary making. Parents join in with cooking, crafts, and fireside patherings, as evenings close with original song and shared meals.

Highlights

Potion and apothecary craft
Forest riddles & courage quests
Immersive story based missions

△ Village Celebration △

Families join for a woodland trail and fire ceremony, where the children reveal the story they've carried through the week.

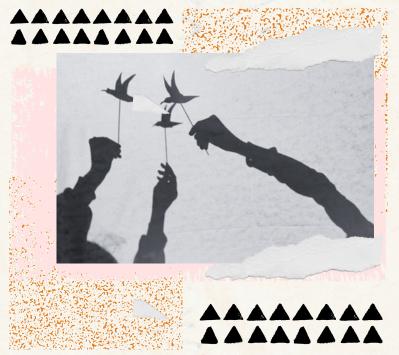
6-Night Festival Stay (fully catered)
Adult → €1200 pw /Child→ €600







## X Ne Are the Light \*\*



Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> '25 Nov 2nd-28<sup>th</sup> '26

> Month Long Festival Stay

Children learn fire-making, candle rolling, and shadow storytelling. Each week builds toward resilience and ritual—from lanterns and puppet theatre to forest installations and spoken word. Evenings close in warmth and gathering, celebrating light in the darker season.

### Highlights

Fire skills & lantern-making
Shadow Puppet theatre & inner light jars
Forest installations &

Night trail & Boat of Light ceremony

△ Village Celebration △

Families walk a candlelit night trail led by the children, ending at the Boat of Light ceremony with music, performance, and shared fire.

One month Festival Stay - Semi Catered Family of 4 → From €3,600/month I parent + 1 child → €1,800/month







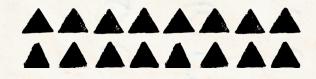
### Spring



Spring here is something you notice day by day.

Orchards burst into blossom, the chestnut woods turn green, and rivers run fast and clear with mountain snowmelt. Mornings can still be cold — most families keep the wood stove going — but afternoons are spent outdoors in the garden or walking the valley.

Local life shifts too: markets fill with goat cheese, wild garlic, and the first strawberries, and villages gather for Arbre de Mai traditions with music, dancing, and seasonal food. Children take part through daily Grow-Make-Eat sessions — planting in the garden, foraging wild greens, and helping prepare simple spring dishes.





### \* Rise! \*



Eestival Stays

28 March - 4

April

5 - 12 April

Families step out of winter's hibernation and into a rhythm of light, growth, and connection. Mornings open space for parents to breathe — time for rest, work, or simply being — while children dive into garden planting, foraging, and seasonal crafts.

Afternoons draw families back together through shared workshops and spring rituals that remind us how good it feels to rise side by side.

### Highlights

Planting & foraging wild foods

Seasonal crafts & French rituals

Family workshops & shared spring market

### △ Village Celebration △

Family-led gathering with singing, food sharing, and a May tree ritual, where children share their crafts and produce in a pop-up market..



6-Night Festival Stay (fully catered) Adult → €1,200 - → Child €600

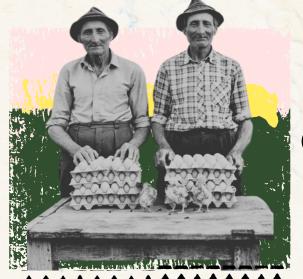












Month Long Festival Stay

3rd-30th May

Children spend the month sowing seeds, foraging wild greens, and turning harvests into crafts and preserves. From hand-dyed cloths to jars of wild pesto, each project builds toward the finale: a family-run market day with stalls, music, and shared food.

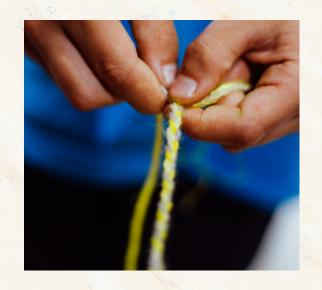
### Highlights

Foraging & garden planting Wild food, dyeing & craft projects Market prep: stalls, signs & roles

△ Village Celebration △

The Spring Market Festival — children host stalls, share performances, and welcome families and neighbours for a seasonal feast.













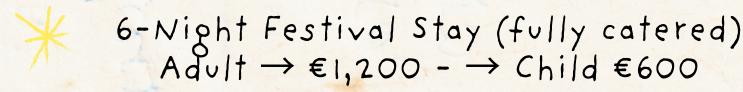
Families join a week of foraging, crafting, and celebration. Children gather wild herbs and flowers for wreaths and teas, help prepare spring feasts, and make costumes and props for the final procession. Original live music, fire, and shared meals weave the story into a festival of the coming of summer.

### Highlights

Woodcraft & Foraging wild herbs & flowers Wreath, costume & craft making Shared spring feasts & outdoor rituals

### Village Celebration

A fire-and-flower procession where children lead families in music, dancing, and a festive outdoor banquet to close the spring season.









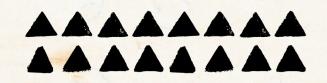


### Summer

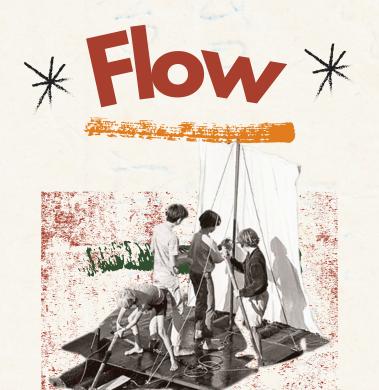


Summer here is warm and consistent, but never overwhelming. Where the mountains meet the Mediterranean, the river keeps the valley fresh and the forest offers shade and breeze when the sun is high.

Our old silk factory stays cool through the heat of the day — wide, open apartments with original stone and cement floors give families space to breathe. Children spend hours in the river, swimming, rafting, or adventuring upstream, while evenings gather everyone at outdoor tables under the trees.







Month Long Festival Stay

31 May - 28 June

\* Children turn water into a playpround for creativity - \*
building bamboo water parks, making music with water,
and experimenting with river-inspired art.

Afternoons bring dance, rhythm, and movement games, leading toward a final performance. Original music is created together, with local musicians joining to make the celebration come alive.

Highlights

BaBamboo water park building Water-based music & art projects Dance, rhythm & movement workshops

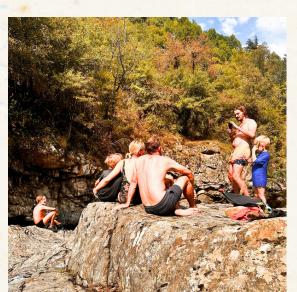
Village Celebration

A river parade of rafts and flow sculptures, with families joining for shared food, music, and dance performances.

Month Long Festival Stay - Semi Catered Family of 4 → €4,500











6 Night Stay



\* I week Festival Stays (Sunday-Saturday) \* Sun 5 Jul - Sat 29 Aug



Children explore rebellion through forest crafts, costume-making, zine creation, natural remedies, and fire cooking. Afternoons flow into river play and music, while evenings gather families around long tables and firelight.

### Highlights

Costume & Natural Dying Forest crafts & fire cooking Natural remedies & Cooking

### Village Celebration

Each fortnight closes with a family festival of food, fire, and performance — where children share their creations in original music, spoken word and costume



1 Week Festival Stay (Mostly catered) From Adult → €1,200 - → Child €600









Join the

The Recreation Nation



Every Festival Stay is more than a holiday — it's an invitation back to rhythm, story, and soil. Children rise as Agents of Play. Parents rest, reconnect, and witness. Families become part of something that feels both ancient and new.

Book your Festival Stay... and return to the village.

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place

You'll arrive needing a break. You'll leave remembering how to live together.

