



Greena Ecological Consultancy

Surveying bats in France 31st August - 6th September 2009

This is a 7 day advanced bat surveying course, designed to gather as much information about



French bats as possible, coupled with classroom sessions. This year the course is to be held in the Lot region in the Midi Pyrenees. Accommodation will be in a gite with all food included in cost.



Vegetarians can be catered for on request. A hire car shared between four course participants is also included in cost. The gite can be viewed at the website

www.lamaurelle.free.fr/

It is known to be a bat rich area, with Karst cave sites on west side and woodlands to the east and west.



The course participants will be carrying out sound recordings while on transect walks and attending trapping sessions in different

locations each night, using mist nets, harp trap and a sonic lure, identifying bats in hand and there will be excellent chances to take photographs and make sound recordings as bats are released.



Day time sessions will incorporate post survey analysis of the recordings made, using participants own laptops



wherever possible, loaded with specialist computer sound analysis software. The course is

suitable for bat workers with some experience and is not suitable for complete beginners to bat work.



French Bat Course Content 2009 includes the following:

Morning Classroom sessions to include:

- Equipment familiarisation
- Methodology of transect walking
- Planning of transect walks
- Survey equipment and techniques
- Post survey computer analysis

Night time sessions to include:

- Bat trapping with harp traps and mist nets, some at cave swarming sites
- Handling methods will be demonstrated
- Transect walks, recording bats
- Acoustic lure used to aid catching certain specific species
- Static monitoring using Anabat and/or other systems

This years costs are pared down to the absolute minimum and include the following:

- ❖ All tuition
- ❖ Gite accommodation
- ❖ All meals (including Vege on request)
- ❖ A hire car - shared between four course participants.

The French Bat Course 2009 cost is £695*

*Please note that the price does not include the flight to Toulouse or Rodez

Flights to Toulouse are currently available with Easyjet for well under £100 return (as checked in Feb 09) from Gatwick and Bristol.

Flights to Rodez from Stansted are also cheaply available with Ryanair.

**For booking forms, further information
and course kit list, please contact:**

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Check the Greena Eco website at www.greenaeco.co.uk for details of this and other Greena Eco bat courses

Photographs on this flyer are from the September 2008 course in the Ariege dept of the Pyrenees.