



Taizé

19th - 27th | 2025
JULY



Embark on a transformative journey...

Join us for a week of self-discovery and camaraderie tailored for 15 to 35-year-olds.

Unplug, unwind and engage in mindful activities and workshops, and immerse yourself in tranquil surroundings. This unique retreat promises a blend of spiritual exploration and personal growth—a week where you'll forge lasting friendships and make amazing memories.

Join us for an unforgettable journey of serenity and shared experiences in the heart of France.

History

The community of Taizé began in 1940 when a young Swiss man, Roger Schultz was looking for a place where he could live a simple life.

At the start of the Second World War, he had the conviction that, without wasting time, he should come to the assistance of people going through this ordeal, just as his grandmother had done during the First World War.



He settled in the small village of Taizé in Burgundy, and bought a run-down house and outlying buildings. Taizé, strategically located for sheltering WWII refugees, became a haven where he and his sister Genevieve offered hospitality to those in need, including to Jewish refugees. Despite limited resources, everyone received care and their religious freedoms were respected.

In 1945, a local lawyer formed an association for war-orphaned children, prompting Brother Roger to invite his sister back to care for them. On Sundays, German prisoners-of-war were also welcomed. Over time more young men joined and on Easter Day 1949, seven committed to a life of celibacy and simplicity together.

Community

Young adults from around the world began visiting in the late 50s. In an idealistic age, Taizé was a place they could see some of their ideals lived out in concrete reality. Huge numbers of young people are still drawn to Taizé and part of what attracts them is the way that the community combines idealism and realism. This echoes the way that, right from the beginning, Brother Roger combined prayer and action.



In Taizé, you get to know people from all over the world and learn about their lives, their struggles and their dreams. You can spend time reflecting on what matters to you, sharing that with others and looking for ways forwards.

As well as providing a space for you to get to know yourself and others better, Taizé also gives space for you to explore your relationship with God. The worship in Taizé is famous across the world for its simplicity, its value of silence and the beauty of its songs. Daily prayer, bible study, discussion groups and exploring spirituality are at the heart of what goes on.

You do not have to be a committed Christian to come to Taizé; everyone is welcome.



Place

Taizé is a pretty little village in Burgundy, France. Perched on top of a small hill, visitors to the secluded spot are treated to beautiful views of surrounding countryside. Rivers, streams, vineyards, forests and hills combine to create a tranquil, peaceful environment that soaks away stress. The community is home to over 100 monks and sees 3000 to 6000 young visitors every week in the summer. Taizé is first and foremost a place for those who are searching.

“...from its beginning the community has had a twofold intention: to seek communion with God through personal prayer and the beauty of community prayer, and also be a haven of peace and trust in the midst of humanity.

Coming to Taizé is an opportunity to seek communion with God in prayer, silence and reflection. In inner peace it can be possible to rediscover ‘what life is for’ renewing our strength for life at home.”

- Brother Roger



A typical day in Taizé

8.15	Morning prayer
followed by	Breakfast
10.00	Bible study with one of the brothers of the community
11.00	Discussion groups
12.20	Middy prayer
followed by	Lunch
14.00	Optional song practice
15.30	Practical work or discussion groups
17.00	Snack
17.30 theme	Meetings by country or
19.00	Dinner
20.30	Evening prayer and vigil or free time

Cost

(including travel, food & camping)
Approximately

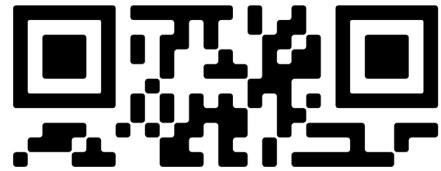
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Ages 15 - 17

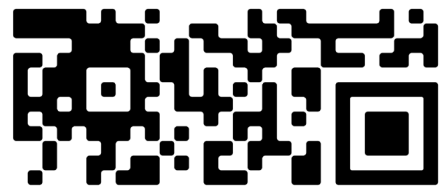
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Ages 18 +

Over 18s have the option to stay in a dormitory room for an additional £70.



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Booking Form



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