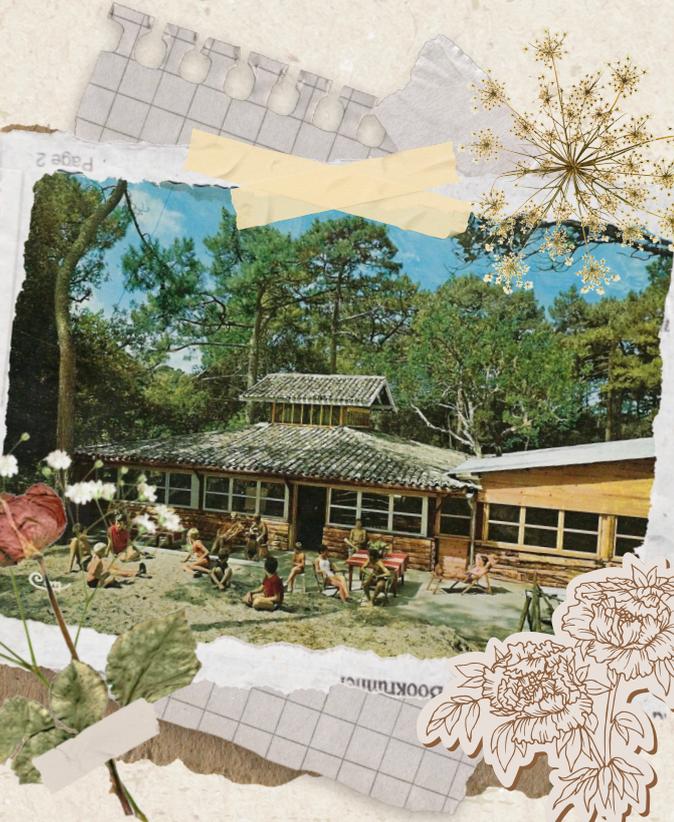


# HOLIDAYS IN MAUBUISSON

Camping de Maubuisson, founded in 1954 by Dr André Dartigues, is much more than just a holiday destination; it is a veritable institution in outdoor tourism and a pioneer in its field. In its early days, it was one of the first holiday villages to be created in France, an innovative concept at the time.

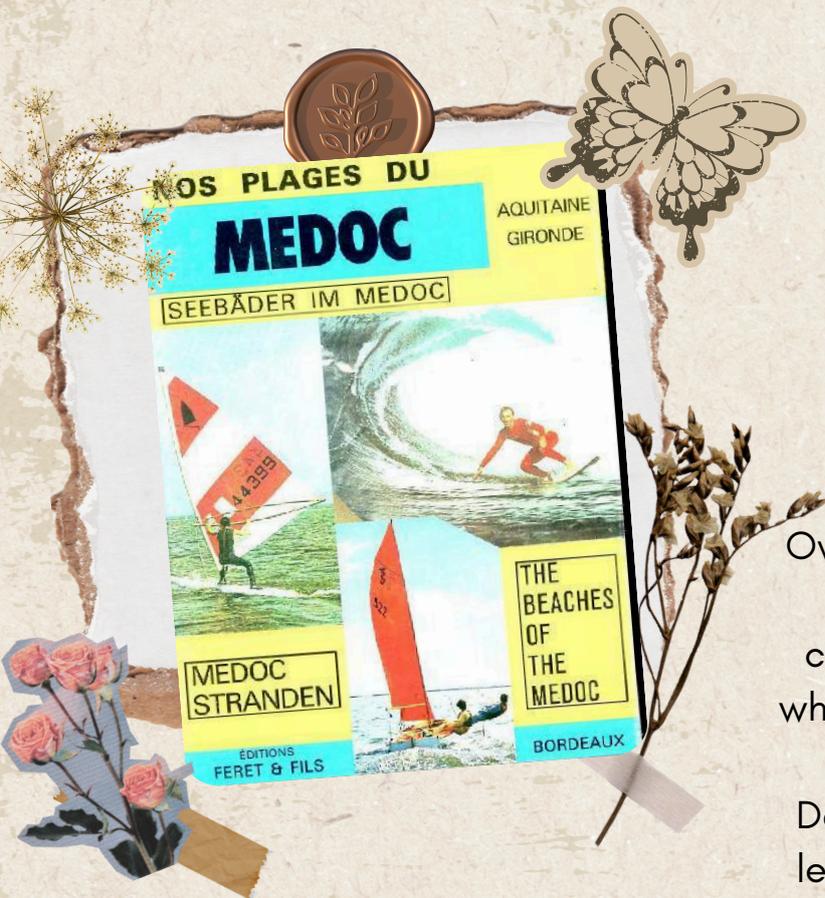


The village consisted of 40 wooden chalets, measuring 3 metres by 3 metres, built from Landes pine. These small dwellings, made in Carcans, were sold throughout France, particularly on the Côte d'Azur. They were so successful that the chalets in the holiday village were named after several renowned seaside resorts in the region (Menton, Nice, Saint-Tropez, etc.), a nod to the popular destinations in the south-east of France.

The heart of the village beat around his restaurant, 'Au Galant Écureuil', which was a gathering place. Activities were offered, such as trips on the lake aboard the Isabelle motorboat, dance evenings, excursions to the châteaux of the Médoc, and even night-time dahu hunts in the nearby forest, creating a unique atmosphere.



This holiday village was a true pioneer in France, introducing the concept of tourist accommodation with entertainment, an experience that would soon spread throughout the Médoc region and beyond. Mr André Dartigues, passionate about the development of his region, was an ambassador for Aquitaine tourism. Although he had stopped practising as a doctor, he devoted himself entirely to promoting the Carcans-Maubuisson resort, as evidenced by his book *Nos plages du Médoc* (Féret, 1983).



Over the years, Camping de Maubuisson has continued to grow and evolve. Today, it covers 12 hectares, a veritable green oasis where young and old alike can recharge their batteries. Still a family business, André Dartigues' grandchildren are continuing the legacy by running this legendary site, which continues to embody the spirit of camping of yesteryear while adapting to modern expectations.

