



## **Tiny House - Mathieu and Stéphane**

Rob           And I am in a workshop just outside Landeleau, in the centre of Brittany, standing next to a very strange looking structure, with the two gentlemen who are building this structure, Mathieu and Stéphane. Mathieu, first of all, can you tell me what is this strange structure?

Mathieu       This strange structure is a little house called Tiny House, which is a wooden house put on a, on a trailer which can move anywhere you want.

Rob           It's a tiny house.

Mathieu       A tiny house. Yes, it's a concept which makes three, three shape, it's a mix between caravan for mobility, an house for the comfort and durability, and gypsy wagon for the dream.

Rob           You can do many different things with the tiny house?

Mathieu       Yes, we first to respect roads low and the maximum weight is 3.5 tons, wide 2.55 metre wide and in this structure we can create what, what we want.

Rob           So it's not just a living space but it can be a living space but other things as well.

Mathieu       Yes, it could be an office, or a shop, or a little theatre, and so and so.

Rob           And tell me about the materials that you use.

Mathieu       We try to promote local material, and so we find wood in Bretagne, and to promote local network, so we buy the trailers in Crozon and the doors and windows in Goire (?).

Rob           So you use local craftsmen where ever possible?

Mathieu       Where ever possible. Yes.

Rob           And are you thinking ecologically?

Mathieu       Yes, of course. It is a, it's a way of life which go with tiny house, yes. We are in a society that generates false needs so it's a way to live lighter and more free.

Rob           Less of an imprint, less of a trace.

Mathieu:      Yes. Exactly.

Rob: What kind of materials have you used here, apart from wood?

Mathieu Old clothes for insulation.

Rob On the roof?

Mathieu No, for all around.

Rob All around.

Mathieu All around, all around under the wall and the roof.

Rob: I presume double glazing?

Mathieu: Yes, of course. Yes. Like a little house, it is the same comfort. You've got, in, in the house a bathroom with a shower, toilets, a kitchen with a fridge, cooking, a room, a bedroom and a living room.

Rob: OK, well, Stéphane here is actually living in one of these places, aren't you Stéphane?

Stéphane: Exactly.

Rob: What's it like to live in a house like this?

Stéphane: It's, it's different way to live the space, because it is smaller than a normal house. But it is, there is still the same comfort like Mathieu said but it is a way to live lighter for the ??? comfort. It is very economic, for example during the winter because we are in this house since last February and during February we had very low temperature, in fact we didn't warm the, the house. It's because of, of the volume, it is a small volume, and it's, it's bio, bio climatic conception with a lot of windows on the direction of this house, and the south west and west. We can keep all the solar calories to, to warm, warm the house and like this we can make the economy of saving warm our heating.

Rob: This is a new concept in Brittany. What's the market like? Are people buying your tiny house?

Stéphane: It is the beginning of this market. We, we need to make the permission every time because it is very new but it is interesting seeing this kind of house. It's a good answer for a lot of problematic and problems of our society. First of all, it is a good answer for economical problems because it's, it's very low budget to get a house because it's, it's a moving house so the mo.... the most expensive things in France or in many countries is to, to put a house on the ground and to don't move it, to fix a house. And just to, to keep this, this kind of moving philosophy, moving possibilities, it is very economical. And second, it's a good answer for ecological problems, for the, for the materials used, but also for, for the, the way to living in a small space because in small space you, you cannot accumulate a lot of stuff, and a lot of things, you have to, to make a choice of the simplicity. For example, with my, with my wife, we decided to live in this space, before that we made a list of what we, we wanted to keep inside and we decided, OK, so the fridge, we don't need the fridge, (whistle) up the fridge out. It was all done like this to get the result of what we need exactly. And it was like, for us, a new, a new start and a new window of freedom if I can speak like this.

Rob: It sounds ideal. Now, something very important to our listeners will be, how much does one of these tiny houses cost?

Stéphane: The cost for this one that we are building right now, it's around 40,000 euros.

Rob: 40,000.

Stéphane: But we can also propose to take in our charge only the structure and the person can finish it by themselves. Like this we can.....

Rob: Reduce the price.

Stéphane: Reduce the price. Yes. It is interesting things, we can put this kind of house on a place where we cannot today. Because it's a moving house. And that's one of the most interesting points on this kind of project.

Rob: It's brilliant. Stéphane, Mathieu, thank you very much indeed for your time, and if people want to see photographs of your tiny house, they can go on your website. What is your website address?

Stéphane: It is tinyhouse.bzh. You can find it easily with Ty Roudou.

Rob: And that's Breton. And what does it mean?

Stéphane: Tiny house on wheels.

Rob: Thank you very much indeed.

Stéphane and Mathieu: Thank you.

