

HOSPITALITY NETWORK CHARTER

of The Paths of Provençal Saints Association

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IMPORTANT: Please read carefully this welcome charter and respect it so that the hosts always have the joy of welcoming and the pilgrims the joy of being welcomed.

THE MARIE-MADELEINE'S WAY HOSPITALITY NETWORK

This network is made up of people sensitive to the spirit of sharing, conviviality and meeting which characterizes a pilgrimage route.

These people welcome pilgrims into their homes for one night (in Marseille only, and depending on the availability of the host, possible reception for two nights so that the pilgrims have one day to discover the spiritual and cultural highlights of the city).

This homestay network does not pursue a commercial goal; the hosts of this network are not hostels for pilgrims, even less hotel structures, and they therefore do not follow the same rules.

The network is part of the association *Les chemins des Saintes et Saints de Provence*, of which the hosts are ex officio members.

THE WELCOMED PILGRIMS

The pilgrim calls the host if possible a week in advance to reserve his overnight stay, then 24 hours before to confirm his arrival.

During their first telephone conversation, they agree together on the reception arrangements: arrival time, evening meal or not, contribution to costs, etc.

On arrival, the pilgrim may be asked to present his credentials to attest to his identity as a pilgrim. Likewise, a civil liability certificate may be requested. It is therefore appropriate for each pilgrim to take out civil liability insurance covering damage caused to a third party.

At best, the pilgrim will be able to sleep in a bed and have breakfast, or even share the evening meal with his host depending on their availability. At the very least, he will find a shelter without a bed to place his sleeping mat, with a water point and toilets.

The pilgrim uses his sleeping bag, unless otherwise advised by the host who may ask to leave all belongings in the entrance, except spare and night clothes as well as toiletries. In this case, sheets and blankets will be provided by the host.

The pilgrim contributes financially to the reception costs according to the established formula of “donativo” (free participation in costs); an indication of the minimum amount may be given during the first telephone contact. A box may be made available for this purpose.

The pilgrim undertakes to respect the people and the place who welcome him - for example: leaves the walking shoes, the stick, the wet rain cape at the entrance; arrives at the agreed time; etc. - as well as adapting to the pace of life of the host.

The life and expansion of the reception network will depend on the quality of respect for each pilgrim.

Pilgrims undertake not to disseminate the names and contact details of the people who welcome them, in particular on the internet and networks.

THE WELCOMING HOSPITALLERS

Welcoming is not a mandate; it depends on the availability of the host and left to their discretion.

The host checks the pilgrim's credentials (and possibly an identity document or insurance certificate).

He keeps a list of people he welcomes.

He suggests that the pilgrim calls, if necessary, the next host on the route. If he lives far from the road, he can offer to pick him up in the evening and drive him back in the morning.

The host undertakes to receive the pilgrim regardless of their motivations and religious beliefs.

The host undertakes not to distribute the list of receptions and not to advertise their reception.

A box for “donativo” participation in costs may be highlighted.

Warning: The association strongly advises against walking on the path in July and August; Moreover, most reception centers are not accessible during this period. We invite you to be particularly careful from June 1 to September 30 due to restrictions relating to fire risks.

As the association does not intervene in any disputes between hosts and hosts, they will be managed directly between them.

***We thank you in advance for your respect, your spirit of kindness and your generosity.
We wish you beautiful and enriching encounters. “Bon Camin”!***