

## **Welcome charter on our living place**

Having chosen a responsible way of life that lets us time for the others, we desire to meet new persons on our land, in order to **share time** and **exchange ideas** or **practical tips**. If you think this could be something for you and if you agree with the following points of our lifestyle, we will welcome you with pleasure!

### **If you would like to visit us for a few hours:**

- If you arrive at the time of a **meal**, we will share what we have with you with pleasure. Of course that could be more festive if you bring some food or a drink.

### **If you stay several days:**

For the food, collective meals are of course possible. We do not produce enough yet to reach self-sufficiency and offer food to our guests. However, we like to share the **food** we have with our visitors:

- We started a vegetable garden this year and first harvests are encouraging. When harvest yields are good, we make marmalades and preserves (oranges, lemons, figs, blackberries, olives, ...)
- We regularly receive fruits and vegetables from our kind neighbours.

For the rest, as we have very low income, we ask our guests to contribute to the shopping (max. 5 euros/day/pers).

- During your stay, you are invited to participate in the different daily **chores**, to the best of your ability: dry toilets, waste (compost, recycle or trash), cleaning, washing the dishes, etc.

- We also encourage our guests to **participate in** one of the **ongoing projects** on the land (building, watering, kitchen garden, animals, etc.). Indeed, working while others are idle on the land would be little cheering. So please communicate us in advance your longings, objectives and working schedules, in order to better organize the tasks. We will be delighted to work side by side.

- We take care of the **material** we have (use, maintenance, storage and reparation), so that we can keep it for long. Our guests are invited to act the same way and, in case of damage, we expect them to take the time for the repair or the research of a replacement solution.

- We have chosen an **autonomous** and **economical energy consumption** allowing us to reach an acceptable ecological footprint. We ask you to do the same during your stay: concerning the **electricity**, the current installation is made for a global consumption of maximum 0,7 kWh per day<sup>1</sup> (forget about your hair dryer or others greedy equipments) ; and about the **water**, for the moment, we go to the spring (drinkable) or to the river (non drinkable).

- We use biodegradable **hygienic products** (soap, shampoo, washing powder, etc.), to limit our impact on the soil and the river. Please remember to bring yours!

- We avoid any behaviour that would be influenced by the consumption of **alcohol** or **drugs**, in so far as it could be prejudicial to our health or to the relationships with neighbours.

- Your **pets** are welcome. Just be careful to them when they are in contact (sometimes violent!) with our animals, those of the neighbours and the wild animals (ibexes, wild boars, foxes, ...).

- We don't smoke. If you do, thanks to stay outside and throw your butt in the bin (we like to keep the land clean) after extinguishing it carefully, because the **risk of fire** is real in this semi-arid region. We also ask you to respect the Andalusian law forbidding fires without license.

- A **typical day** depends a lot on the seasons. In summer (June-September), we usually work from 7 to 14h and, after a nap, do some less tiring activities (between 17 and 19h). In winter, we'd rather work from 8h30 till 13h30 and from 15 till 18h. Apart from the work, **we like to** discuss, swim in our natural pool, cook on the barbecue, play the guitar, walk, ..., depending on visitors' mood!

Thank you to write us an email to [isaced@gmail.com](mailto:isaced@gmail.com) telling us the dates you wish to come.

**Looking forward to reading you and saying you « welcome » soon,**  
Cédric and Isabelle FRANÇOYS.

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<sup>1</sup> For more info, please see our useful note « Produire son électricité avec une installation photovoltaïque » on [www.icway.be](http://www.icway.be)