



Regulations

Pilgrim Hostel (Albergue) Amigos da Montanha – Barcelinhos

Since the Middle Age, Barcelos has become a mandatory place to pass by from Porto heading to Santiago de Compostela, in what is known as the Camino Portuguese, or the Portuguese Route. The city of Barcelos is itself a confluence of paths crossing the river Cávado in the Medieval Bridge. The Cruzeiro do Galo (Cross of the Rooster) currently in the Archaeological Museum of Barcelos, from Barcelinhos, representing the Miracle of St. James exonerating a defendant unjustly condemned to be hanged, is one of the symbols of the city of Barcelos.

Crossing old pathways, leading to the attainment of indulgence, symbolized by the "Compostela", the Route is marked also in the opposite direction toward Fatima. The main Jacobean itinerary of the county is also a Pedestrian Route (GR11 E9), seeking to highlight its original context and also to promote a nature and cultural tourism.

It's enormous the number of pilgrims going through Barcelinhos with Santiago de Compostela as the destination, passing through the famous Chapel de Nossa Senhora da Ponte (of Our Lady of the Bridge) of medieval origin and a symbolic milestone of the Portuguese Route, at the entrance to the Medieval Bridge. Others travel on pilgrimage in the opposite direction towards Fátima.

Bearers of this whole tradition of Barcelinhos and aware of the role of the Amigos da Montanha as an institution with the status of Public Utility, we have as goals the safeguard and promotion of Barcelos cultural, historical, religious and landscape heritage and to support pilgrims that travel our roads, particularly Pilgrimage routes – to Santiago de Compostela and to Fátima.

Following this objective, we created the Pilgrim Hostel, which from its opening runs according to the following Regulations.

1. | Purpose

The purpose of these Regulations is to define the whole operation of the Amigos da Montanha Pilgrim Hostel, in Largo dos Penedos, Barcelinhos, Barcelos.

2. | Coordination

The Amigos da Montanha Pilgrim Hostel is operated by the Association Amigos da Montanha – Associação de Montanhismo de Barcelinhos (NIF: 504628550), with the



headquarters in the Rua Custódio José Gomes Vilas Boas, nº 57, Barcelinhos, Barcelos.

3. | Users

The Amigos da Montanha Pilgrim Hostel is open to all those who are travelling in pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, to Fátima or to another place of pilgrimage, provided they "Credencial de Peregrino" (Pilgrim Passport), duly stamped at their starting location or the previous place where they stayed.

Exceptionally, the Association Amigos da Montanha may authorize the use of the Albergue to members of others associations or non-profit entities that develop sport, culture, youth and social action activities, as well as participants in their activities.

4. | Priorities

a) The order of priorities for access to accommodation at the Amigos da Montanha Pilgrim Hostel is the following:

1. Pilgrims on foot with backpack or with physical disability;
2. Pilgrims on foot without backpack;
3. Pilgrims on horseback;
4. Pilgrims travelling by bicycle;
5. Pilgrims starting their pilgrimage in Barcelinhos;
6. People travelling in support cars.

b) In the months of May, June, July, August and September and in Holy Years in Santiago de Compostela, the following mandatory order of priorities will apply to access to the Hostel:

1. Pilgrims on foot with backpack or with physical disability - from 13.00;
2. Pilgrims on foot without backpack - from 14.00;
3. Pilgrims on horseback and Pilgrims travelling by bicycle - from 15.00;
4. Pilgrims starting their pilgrimage in Barcelinhos and people travelling in support cars, in this order - from 16.00.

5. | Access



- a) The host will be made by a receptionist / member of the Association Amigos da Montanha that will inform the Pilgrims of the conditions for admission to the Hostel and provide all the necessary information.
- b) Vacancies will be taken by order of arrival of Pilgrims at the Hostel, with observance of the provisions of the previous rule, and no reservations are accepted in any circumstances whatsoever.
- c) Arrival must be made before 21:00, at which time the reception service will close.
- d) Pilgrims on horseback must guarantee the necessary conditions to stable and feed their mount outside the Pilgrim Hostel.
- e) Given its small size and adaptation of an old building, the Hostel does not have facilities for people with mobility or vision disabilities.

6. | Identification, Registration and Suggestions

- a) All Pilgrims must present a personal identification document, in addition to their "Credencial de Peregrino" (Pilgrim Passport).
- b) The date and the identification of the Pilgrims will be recorded in the register, which will also be signed by the Pilgrims.
- c) Pilgrims may record suggestions and/or opinions in a book available for this purpose.

7. | Accommodation Costs

- 1. Pilgrims on foot with backpack or with physical disability - € 5.00.
- 2. Pilgrims on foot without backpack - € 5.00.
- 3. Pilgrims on horseback - €5.00.
- 4. Pilgrims travelling by bicycle - €5.00.
- 5. People travelling in support cars - €10.00.
- 6. Pilgrims starting their pilgrimage in Barcelinhos - €5.00 (on foot) and €5.00 (bicycle).

8. | Receipts

Pilgrims will be given a receipt for all Accommodation Costs paid.

9. | Duties of Pilgrims and Timetables

- 1. Accommodation at the Amigos da Montanha Pilgrim Hostel is limited to one night per person, except in the event of illness or other extraordinary circumstances.



2. The hostel opens at 13.00.
3. The hostel closes at 22.00 in the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October and at 21.00 in the months of January, February, March, November and December.
4. Pilgrims should leave the hostel by 9.00 in the morning.
5. To ensure a deserved rest for all hostellers, lights must be turned off at 23.00.
6. Smoking is prohibited throughout the Pilgrim Hostel.
7. Pilgrims should avoid making a noise during the night, in order not to disturb the sleep of other Pilgrims.
8. Pilgrims should look after the hostel facilities with the utmost care, leaving them clean and tidy, collecting any waste and leaving it in the containers provided for this purpose.
9. Pilgrims shall be responsible for any damage caused, as well as for any losses detected.
10. Pilgrims should limit their consumption of water and electricity.
11. To wash and dry clothes, please use the duly identified areas and not the bathrooms and/or dormitories.
12. It is expressly forbidden to hang clothes out to dry on the balconies.
13. Pilgrims must occupy the bed assigned by the reception/hostel staff, and may not move to another bed or dormitory.
14. The Hostel and the Association Amigos da Montanha are not responsible in any circumstances for theft or loss of personal property, occurring in that space.

10. | Breach of Regulations

- a) Any breach of these Regulations, particularly those concerning "Duties of Pilgrims and Timetables", as well as any conduct that may be considered detrimental to the proper functioning of the Amigos da Montanha Pilgrim Hostel, shall require the management to ask the offender to immediately leave the premises. Besides the eventual expulsion the infraction may have as a consequence the involvement of the police authorities.
- b) The expulsion decision referred to in the previous paragraph is the responsibility of the Direction of the Association Amigos da Montanha and, by delegation, of the representative of the host Hostel.



11. | Admission

The Amigos da Montanha Pilgrim's Hostel has the right to refuse admission.

12. | Services

The Amigos da Montanha Pilgrim Hostel offers the following services:

1. Reception
2. Kitchen
3. Dining Room
4. Laundry
5. Living Room
6. Bathrooms with hot water
7. Dormitory
8. Free internet access

13. | Capacity

The maximum capacity of the Amigos da Montanha Pilgrim Hostel is sixteen pilgrims, corresponding to the number of beds available. Sleeping on the floor and outside the dormitories is not permitted, for safety reasons, health and hygiene. Under no circumstances will a more than this maximum number of Pilgrims be admitted.

14. | Volunteering

The reception and supervision of Pilgrims may be provided on a volunteer basis by non-profit entities or associations, after the signing of prior agreements with the Association Amigos da Montanha which will establish terms and conditions for the effective management of the Amigos da Montanha Pilgrim Hostel.

15. | Omissions

All matters not covered by these Regulations shall be resolved by the Direction of the Amigos da Montanha – Associação de Montanhismo de Barcelinhos.

16. | Approval

The Amigos da Montanha Pilgrim Hostel Regulations were approved by the Ordinary Meeting on 18 March 2014 and the Assembly on ...