

Dear Guests, Welcome to Bardou

The houses in Bardou are 16th century peasant houses. They have been carefully renovated and left, as much as was possible, as they were at the beginning of the 1900. They are romantic but unfortunately impractical to clean. We go to a great deal of trouble to keep them as clean and fresh as possible for our guests but our prices do not include cleaning fees. Please leave the house, public toilets and showers, as clean as you found them, empty fridges, bins and the ashes from the wood stoves and do not leave any food behind. Could we also ask you to put any furniture you have moved back as it was. The sheets on the mattresses are freshly washed at 60° for each guest but the rest of the bedding, including pillows are not included in the rent but we can provide them, if necessary, for a small fee. Please do not use any of our blankets outside and do not use the sheets in the plastic boxes as they have been prepared for the next guests. Please do not smoke in the houses.

The **water** out of the taps is from an open mountain source and cannot be considered as “drinkable”. We recommend you boil it before use and take drinking water from the fountain at the bottom of the village. In the summer, water can be a rare commodity, please use it sparingly and whenever possible, use your dish water to water the flowers/plants.

Bardou is a very ecological village with 5 **dry toilets** that circle Bardou (see map in bath house). These dry toilets are a significant contribution for economizing water, which is a precious resource in the south of France.

The more classical toilets in the Bath House, the Lower Hostel and the Doll’s House are connected to a septic tank, which becomes very quickly blocked if people put toilet paper (or anything similar) in the toilet. Please remember to put toilet paper into the bins provided.

The houses are priced for 2 or 4 people depending on the size (extra people pay a supplement). **Children** under 5 are free of charge. Bardou is a wonderful place for children and it is safe providing they do not go into any ruins or go off on hikes on their own. Please keep an eye on them, and make sure they do not get up to any harm; water installations should not be tampered with and children should not play in the sheep stables, or walk or climb walls (stones can be loose). To insure peace and harmony in Bardou it is important that each parent is responsible for the children they are accompanying.

The **wood stoves** are for burning wood only (not garbage or paper). You cannot take any wood that has been cut, even at one end; it belongs to people living here. Please only cut or split wood in front of the School and not in front or in the houses. The ashes from the fire place/stoves go on the right hand side of the compost which is on your left after the Vidal House.

The **compost** (there are several in the village – please check map in bath house) is only for non-cooked vegetable material to discourage rodents, please do not put paper, cardboard, egg shells, see food shells, or anything else that does not decompose easily.

The **garbage** should be taken down to where the asphalt road starts; there are several bins there. Glass, plastic bottles & paper go into the containers which are along the road after the steep curb in Pradals (the closest village).

Please let us know before hand if you are bring any **dogs** or other pets. Dogs should be kept on a lead as we have lots of vulnerable animals (peacocks, geese, chickens, cats...).

On your arrival day, the houses are available as of 16:00. On your departure day, please leave the house by 11:00.

Have a lovely stay, Elizabeth & Brian

