# **Via Francigena Accommodation**

### **ENGLAND**

Canterbury
Cathedral Gate Hotel
36 Burgate
+44 1227 464381

www.cathgate.co.uk

Single room with shared facilities incl continental breakfast 49.50. An original pilgrim hostel located next to the Cathedral gate. I had the Cathedral room with a wonderful view of the Cathedral. It was a special start to my pilgrimage. The building is old...think sloping and creaking floors, thin walls so you can hear voices, TV's etc but no one is partying. Exceptionally friendly service.

## Barham

Private home with no charge but donation accepted. Get in touch or see Confraternity of Pilgrims to Rome listing for details. Valerie was a lovely hostess.

### Dover

Maison Dieu guesthouse 89 Maison Dieu Rd +44 1304 204033

Single room with private bathroom (out on the landing) for 33 pound. Not sure if breakfast was included. I left early.

Diane is a lovely, warm and welcoming hostess. Room is very comfortable and clean. A bit of road noise.

### FRANCE

#### Wissant

Hotel de la Plage 1 Place Édouard Houssin +33 3 21 35 91 87 www.hotelplage-wissant.com

Small single room with shared bathroom. Very simple but clean. Staff very friendly and the manager speaks some English. Half board available which includes dinner (entree and main) and breakfast. Euro 56.80 plus 14 single person supplement.

## Guines

Camping @ La Bien Assise Camping free for pilgrims with credentials Also has cabins/chalets available.

## Licques

Camping Pommiers Des Trois Pays 273 Rue du Breuil +33 3 21 35 02 02 www.pommiers-3pays.com/

Chalet - single bedroom, bathroom (cold water), lounge and kitchen 30 euro Has simple café/brasserie at entrance so you don't have to walk back into town for dinner.

## Wisques

Abbaye Notre Dame 24 Rue de la Fontaine +33 3 21 95 12 26

Donativo for pilgrims with credentials
Beautiful abbey. My room had a double bed. Shared bathroom with hot shower.
Provided with ample but simple dinner and breakfast.
Highly Recommend.

# Auchy-au-Bois

Ferme de la Vallee http://lafermedelavallee.com

**T**él: 03.21.25.80.09

brigitte.de-saint-laurent@wanadoo.fr

35 euro incl breakfast Madame Brigitte is a lovely hostess (does not speak English). Very comfortable rooms.

## Bruay-la-Buissiere

Hotel Liberty
Parc de la Falande, Avenue de la Liberation
+33 3 21 62 90 00
www.liberty-hotel-bruay.com

55 euro single negotiated down to 50 Euro. Enter via service road going up past Renault. 3 kilometres out of town but Macdoalds, Subway Buffalo Grill nearby. Breakfast 9 euro all you can eat buffet with cereal, cold cuts, cheese, yoghurt, bread, croissant, mini pain au chocolat.

#### **Arras**

Les Passe Temps Hotel 1 pl. du Maréchal Foch 62000 Arras

**Tél.**: 03 21 50 04 04

http://www.hotelrestaurantlepassetemps.com

Room with double bed and shower (toilet down the hall) 50 Euro.

Okay if you are stuck for accommodation but I probably wouldn't stay here again. Shower not very clean, walls were thin and room smelled like stale cigarettes when I first moved in.

Location is great near station and centre of town. Great brasserie downstairs. Manager was very helpful.

# **Bapaume**

Le Gourmet Hotel 10 Rue de la Gare +33 3 21 07 20 00 www.le-gourmet.fr/

Room for 1 person 42 euro, 2 person 44 euro, with demi pension 54 euro. Clean and quiet. Three course meal was great value.

### Peronne

La Picardiere
7 Rue du Faubourg de Bretagne
+33 3 22 84 02 36
Large room with double bed and bunks 37 euro
Has restaurant downstairs with menu du jour 11 euro for plats plus dessert

### Trefcon

Val D'Omignon with Wynyard Family 3 Rue Principale +33 3 23 66 58 64 http://www.picardie-val-domignon.com/

26 euro incl breakfast for Gite de Sejours. A few rooms with single beds. Has simple kitchen you can use with fridge and microwave.

## **Tergnier**

Indian Haweli 8 - 10 Rue Pierre Semard +33 3 23 52 49 61

40 euro for single (petit dejeuner 6.50 not taken)

Nice clean room recently updated so modern looking and comfortable. Opposite railway so a little noise. Nice bathroom. Hot shower. Will need to call as not here unless restaurant open.

#### Laon

Hotel des Artes
11 Place des Droits de l' Homme
try www.booking.com for cheap rates and booking ahead

49 euro plus 7 for breakfast – simple French style. In the new town at bottom of hill.

## Corbeny

Hotel du Chemin Des Dames 4 Rue Pierre Curtil +33 3 23 22 48 28

50 euro room plus 25 euro for dinner and breakfast.

I booked on internet because email address I had was wrong so didn't receive a pilgrim discount.

Small town. Nowhere else to eat on a Sunday at least.

#### Reims

Centre International Sejour

www.cis-reims.com

Single with douche - 38 euro standard price but given 20% pilgrim discount so 30 euro including breakfast.

Simple but comfortable with heating.

Reims is beautiful. I stayed 2 nights to explore this town.

## Conde-sur-Marne

la cles des champs - chambre d'hôtes – 2 rue Albert Barré

Tél: 03 26 68 94 75 Mobile: 06 85 66 53 64.

50 euro incl breakfast

has kitchen and lounge to use. Take dinner supplies with you as nowhere to eat in this town.

Comfortable rooms with hot water.

# Chalons-en-Champagne

Auberge-de-Jeunesse 4 avenue du Général Patton +33 (0) 326264628

17.80 plus 0.3 tax for a dorm room. If not a member you must pay 11 euro to join. It was very quiet in September so I had a 4 bed-room to myself.
Only open from 3pm to 7pm during the week to take guests. 5pm to 7pm on weekends and holidays.

## le-Miex-Tercillin

ESAT les antes Rue du four

Tel: 03 26 72 41 20

cat-lesantes@wanadoo.fr

8 euro including petit dejeuner, dinner can be provided for 8 euro This is accommodation for people with disabilities but they have a room available for pilgrims. Must have credential. Best to arrange ahead. Very friendly and welcoming.

Brienne-le-Chateau - Herbergement Perlerine - 10 euro, key at tourist office, hospital beds, 2 beds one mattress in room downstairs, upstairs one bedroom with one bed and one bedroom with two beds. Beware that at festivals they will let non-pilgrim stay.

#### Brienne-le-Chateau

Municipal Gite Pelerin Enquire at Tourist Office

Must show pilgrim credential. Fixed cost 11 euro.

House is ten minutes walk south west of centre behind the Chateau. Can't miss the house is double-storey with two big stag heads on it.

### Bar-sur-Aube

Logis le St Nicolas 2 Rue Général de Gaulle +33 3 25 27 08 65

68 Euro breakfast not taken but an extra 9 euro.

I stayed here because Pomme D'Or was closed and they didn't answer phone. Hotel St Pierre seems to have closed.

Very helpful receptionist. Nice big room with heating and air, bathtub in bathroom. Decor bit dated and pool was green but very comfortable – had heating and air con switched on.

#### Chateauvillain

Chambre d'Hotes Maggie and Steve Tait Tel +33 3 25 03 57 72\* Located above restaurant Belle Époque

30 Euro incl breakfast.

A pretty and tastefully decorated room and friendly, helpful hosts. One of the best places I had stayed so far.

Call ahead especially for a Wednesday which is usually their day off but they will open for pilgrims. There is no other accommodation in town.

Intermarche is 1 km walk away. Best visit before going to Mormant as there is nowhere to buy food along the way or in Mormant.

## Mormant

Meublé de tourisme "l'Abbaye" Annick & Guy MICHELOT 14 rue de l'**abbaye** 52210 LEFFONDS Tél +33 3 25 31 21 41 www.meubles-tourisme-abbaye.com

20 euro incl breakfast.

There is a full kitchen here so you can prepare you own dinner.

I had a large room with double bed. Nobody else staying so I had the house to myself.

A very lovely tiny hamlet around the ruins of the abbey. Annick is a lovely and helpful hostess.

<sup>\*</sup>Please use this number. Other number listed is Steve's personal mobile.

## Langres

L'Abri du Pelerin Presbytere 1 bis rue Aubert +33 3 25 87 11 48

5 euro – only for pilgrims. Must show credential.

2 beds in one room.

Kitchenette has two electric burners, two frypans, two pots, plates cutlery etc. Must arrive between 1600 and 1800 not 1700 and 1900 as per guidebook.

## Champlitte

Hotel du Dujon 46 Rue de la République +33 3 84 67 66 95 www.donjonchamplitte.com

39 euro for most basic room, breakfast 7 euro, 3 course menu du jour 12.50. Comfortable and good food.

## Dampierre-sur-Salon

Chambre d'Hotes - La Tour Des Moines Odette et Bernard Monney 7, rue de Fouvent

Tél : +33 3 84 67 16 37 Mobile: +33 7 86 50 29 20

http://www.latourdesmoines.com/Index.html

45 euro incl breakfast. Lovely welcoming host (Mr Monney) very clean and quiet, hot shower. Free tea and coffee

# Choye (near Gy)

Chambre d'Hotes 3 Rue Montante

Tèl: +33 3 84 32 86 85 Mobile: +33 6 30 86 32 54

Email:jean-noel.vieille-girardet@orange.fr

45 euro incl breakfast. Take dinner with you.

Jean-Noel and Samia were lovely, lovely people. And they helped me out of a jam when I arrived in Gy and couldn't get accommodation.

4 kilometres walk from Gy. It is possible to cut your way back onto the Via Francigena rather than walk back into Gy but you will need a good map

## Besancon

I stayed with my pilgrim friend Jacques who is part of Association Via Francigena France.

Contact them at http://avff.fr/

## **Nods**

Private home arranged by Jacques. See above contact. Donativo.

## **Pontarlier**

Auberge de Jeunesse 21 Rue Marpaud +33 3 81 39 06 57

Room with 2 bunk beds, bathroom in the room and toilet down the hall. Small kitchen downstairs. Centrally located. Check in time not until 5pm. Can't remember how much I paid – around CHF 30.

### **SWITZERLAND**

#### Orbe

Private home
Enquire at the Tourist Office (beware of opening hours and closed Sunday).
Grande-Rue 1
+41 24 442 92 37

25 francs for a room with three single beds in a large apartment with kitchen and shower. Rooms let to other people like boarding house. Never met the owner - left money and key on kitchen table.

#### Lausanne

Lausanne Backpacker & Guesthouse Chemin des Epinettes 4 +41 21 601 80 000

Private room with large bed and shared bathroom with one other room across the hall. Very clean. Great view of lake and Alps. 80 francs.

Dorm rooms cheaper starting at CHF 34.30.

# Vevey

Hotel Abaca Avenue de Gilamont 56 +41 21 9222 22 70 www.abaca.ch

70 Swiss francs per night (had twin room but charged single price for using one bed). Shower and toilet in room. Very clean and quiet. Manager was very helpful and speaks English. Breakfast 9.50.

# **Aigle**

Le Relais du Chateau BNB Chemin de Rochebord 20 +41 24 466 63 31 info@bnb-aigle.ch

CHF 45 for room (up to 55 if high season) and CHF 10 for breakfast. 2 bedrooms downstairs with a small living area. Very clean and comfortable - zen themed. Breakfast was best I had seen in weeks - cereals, bread, ham, cheese, eggs if you wanted, yoghurt, tart, fruit and he had a little nespresso coffee machine. Lovely owners. Highly recommend. Just down the road from the Chateau. 5 mins walk into town. Grapevines in backyard.

## St Maurice

Hotellerie Foyer Franciscain Rue A. de Quartery 1

60 CHF for room, 18 CHF for dinner and breakfast. Very quiet and clean. Single hospital style bed. Hot water for shower. Ample dinner.

# Martigny

Midi Guest Room Rue des Marronniers 4 +41 27 722 96 52 www.midi-guest.ch

CHF 70. Older building but renovated room retro style. My room had burners (no pots) cutlery kitchen table etc. great location opposite church. Recommend.

# Orsieres

Hotel Terminus
Place de la Gare
+41 27 783 20 40
terminus@dransnet.ch

80 francs incl breakfast – had coffee machine then simple offer of orange juice, cheese, ham, yoghurt, fruit, bread, croissants. Dinner available in restaurant/bar downstairs. Pizza was okay.

# **Bourg St Pierre**

Hotel du Cret Route du Grand-St-Bernard +41 27 787 11 43 reception@hotel-du-cret.ch

Located on the main road behind the village leading out of town towards the Pass.

80 francs incl breakfast.

### **ITALY**

#### **Aosta**

La Belle Époque Via Claude d'Avise 18 +39 0165 262276

EU 32.50. Family owned and run hotel and restaurant. Service professional. Décor in room was dated and heating wasn't switched on in October despite being only a few degrees outside. Food in restaurant was good.

## Chatillon

Meuble Dufour 16 v. Tollein dufourtaxi@virgilio.it

25 euro no breakfast. Simple room with shower over half bath. No heating switched on in October.

# **Ponte-Saint-Martin**

Hotel Ponte de Romana Piazza 4 Novembre +39 0125 804329 www.hotelponteromano.it/

40 euro incl basic breakfast of croissant and cappuccino. Located just next to the bridge. I had a huge room with a huge bathroom with hot water. Heating still not switched on but it was warmer than most of the other places I stayed, Restaurant was closed the night I stayed but there was a good pizzeria five minutes walk.

### Ivrea

Hotel Eden C.so Massimo D' Azeglio +39 0125.49.190 info@hoteledenivrea.it

50 euro incl breakfast. On the way out of town so a bit of a hike back into the old town but comfortable room and reasonable value. Heating was switched on.

### **Viverone**

Hotel Royal Viale Lido Maggiore Arturo Croce, 19, +39 0161 987038 http://www.hotelroyal.org/

50 euro incl breakfast basic but big room overlooking lake and heater was turned on.

Dinner for 15 euro.

Very quiet and few people around as it was low season – approaching winter but loved being here. Highly recommend a detour via Viverone.

### Santhia

Ostello degli Amici della Via Francigena

10 euro min offerta. 2 room apt with bathroom. 1 room with 3 bunks. Very clean. Very welcoming. Heating on. Pilgrim menu at tavern on Via Swizzera for 10 euro. Pasta plus main and contorno and coffee. Great deal.

To book the hostel and to pick up the keys when in Santhià, go to Caffè della Piazza (tel. 333.6162086), closed on Mondays or to Immobilcasa - Massimiliano Corradini (tel. 348.8403460) or to Santhià Local Police headquarters (tel. 0161/936220).

I didn't call ahead. I just went to the café and they rang a caretaker for me.

## Vercelli

Hotel Modo Piazza Medaglie D'Oro 21 +39 016 12 17 300 modohotel@virgilio.it

58 euro incl breakfast. Nice big room with a bath tub and heating switched on. About 10 mins walk from centre of old town but convenient to rejoin the VF route the next day.

#### Mortara

Albergo della Torre de Mazzocco V. Contrada della Torre. 7 +39 3 84 907 75

25 euro for large room double bed with a bunk, huge bathroom, heating switched on. Three course dinner incl wine and coffee for 15 euro. Food was delicious.

Welcome was a bit strange. I had rung ahead but the lady was very prickly. Still it was good value except it was a Friday night and the restaurant was loud until around 1am. Make sure you book a table for dinner as soon as you arrive if it is a weekend.

## Garlasco

Hotel II Pinot Corso Cavour, 1 +39 0382 822265

50 euro including breakfast. Room with double bed in a building outside of main hotel/restaurant. Heating switched on. Breakfast was good assortment of typical Italian tortes, yoghurt, cereal, bread and given one croissant marmelatta.

#### Pavia

Ostello della Santa Maria Betlem Via Pasino 7 Tel: 331-3046459 www.ostellosantamariainbetlem.com

20 euro for room with sheets included plus 2 euro for towels. Room had a single bed plus bunk. Fairly new building so nice quite modern fit out. Church is right next door so bells are loud. It's in the pocket of town to your right before you cross the covered bridge into town.

# **Hotel Rosengarten**

Via Lombroso 23 +390382526312 info@rosengarten.pv.it

71 euro for a single room. Run by a couple - lady is English. Very friendly and welcoming. Room was great. Walls are "thin" so television noise and voices came through but no party animals. It is just over from the train line but there were only a few "loud" trains. It is a kilometres outside of town away from the VF

## Santa Cristine

Parrocchia di Santa Cristina e Bisone 118, Via Vittorio Veneto (I think) 3333429685 santacristina@parrocchie.diocesi.pavia.it

Must have pilgrim credential. Donativo.

I tried to contact them via email but did not receive a response so just turned up. Room with a bunk bed and hospital bed and private bathroom. Very simple. Had trouble finding somewhere to eat dinner so walked back to the take away pizza shop.

## **Orio Litta**

Ostello Per Pellegrini
Next door to Commune offices.

Donativo. 2 rooms - one with 2 beds, one with 4. Bathroom quite new and modern with hot water. No kitchen. Director is school teacher so best to arrive after school has finished so he can come and let you in.

Osteria Via Francigena is around the corner. Highly recommend.

### Piacenza

Ostello don Zermani Via Zoni, 38/40 tel. 0523 712319 www.ostellodipiacenza.it

3 bed room but paid 26 euro to have to myself. Shared bathroom just outside the room. They charge 1 euro for Internet. Breakfast was worst I'd seen of all of trip - dry bread only. Lucky for all the bars nearby.

It is located a little more than a kilometre outside of town, detour off the VF route on the way into town. Few restaurants nearby but a great pizzeria near the hospital on Via Giacomo Morigi near number 32-38.

Note that the reception hours were Monday to Friday 7,00-12,00/16,00-23,00 Saturday and Sunday 8,00-12,00/17,00-23,00

### Fidenza

Convento di San Francesco Via S. Francesco, 7 0524.522035 http://www.sanfrancescofidenza.it/

Donativo. Single room with bathroom down hall. Living area downstairs. Around 20 rooms. Brothers were very welcoming. About 1 km walk back into town centre.

## Fonovo di Taro

Hotel Cavalieri Strada Prinzera, 8 +39 0525 3100 http://www.albergocavalieri.it/

45 euro incl great breakfast. It's not on the VF on the current way out of town but the old route – about 2kms from centre of town on the SS62. At the round about take 2nd exit and it is 50 metres on your right. Rejoin the VF by heading back towards town and taking the road on your right that has an old VF sign. Follow this and you will pick up VF at Respiccio.

### Berceto

Il Casa dei Nonni Via Romea, 8 0525 629103 - 333 2942210 info@lacasadeinonniberceto.it

30 euro no breakfast as technically closed. Great room with heating and TV no internet. Nice place to stay. The owner was very lovely and helpful. Came within 10 minutes of me calling when I had nowhere else to stay.

Note in October 2013 Casa de Giovenutu and Sanctuario di Berceto were both closed – looked like sanctuario maybe permanently and Casa de Giovenutu for winter. It was a Monday and there was nowhere open to eat. The bar made me a toasted panini.

## Pontremoli

Cappuccini Convento
Via ai Cappuccini, 6
Tel. 0187.830395
<a href="http://www.cappuccinipontremoli.it">http://www.cappuccinipontremoli.it</a>

Donativo. Must have credentials. Single rooms.

Note are walking into town through Piazza del Duomo, turn left at Via Cairoli and cross over the bridge. The convent is located up on top of the hill. You have to cross over one more bridge then turn right and up the hill.

### Aulla

Abbazia di San Carprasio Piazza Abbazia +39 0187 420148

Donativo. Must have credentials.

Best welcome of whole trip. Accommodation is in building behind church. 2 bunk beds fold out of cupboards. 2 bathrooms. Small kitchenette with stove and microwave if you can figure out how to get it to work. Terrace to dry clothes.

Not many eating options nearby. Takeaway pizza, kebab, Chinese restaurant or a nice looking Italian restaurant (\$\$).

# Manarola (Cinque Terre detour)

5 Terre Manarola Ca da Baran Studio apartment with kitchenette. 90 euro per night. Gorgeous.

## Marina di Massa

Hotel La Bussola Via Santa Caterina 22 Marina Di Massa - Ronchi +390585807472 info@hotel-labussola.com

40 euro incl great breakfast. Lovely, helpful owners. It's actually 4 kms on the other side towards Forte dei Marmi.

On Sunday night and low season there is nowhere to eat nearby. Rooms were a little loud - TVs and voices etc but still a lovely place to stay.

#### Pietrasanta

No recommendations.

I stayed with my friend's parents back in Forte dei Marmi.

## Lucca

Il Casale dei Nanni – San Donato Via San Donato 983 +390583515391 casaledisandonato@gmail.com

Beautiful room with 4 post bed and terrace. Heating switched on. Good breakfast included. Lovely helpful hostess. About 1 km from the city walls but has bikes you can borrow for free (a little rusty and brakes not all the best).

# **Altopascio**

Cavalier del Tau
Via Gavinana 56
+39058325131
info@cavalierideltau.it

I got an awesome deal on booking.com and had half board included for EUR 53. Very comfortable room. Lovely view outside of sunset.

## **San Miniato**

Hotel San Miniato
Via Aldo Moro, 2
+390571418904
info@hotelsanminiato.com

I chose this hotel because I stayed here the last time I was in Tuscany and first walked a section of the Via Francigena.

This time I had a small single room for EUR 55 including breakfast. Room smelled a bit stale and needed airing. Fridge wasn't working. Not very friendly on reception compared to last time. Good location. Quiet. Good breakfast.

I have heard good reports about staying at the monastery as a better option.

## Gambassi Terme

Albergo Osteria Pinchorba Via Volterrana, 3 + 39 (0)571 638188 info@albergoosteriadapinchiorba.com

25 euro for a room with 2 single beds and a ensuite bathroom – simple, tired décor but clean. No Wi-Fi in rooms but there is downstairs in the bar.

Don't recommend on a Friday or Saturday night as restaurant is also a bar very popular with locals for aperitivi then dinner and it was very loud until well after midnight. Food in the restaurant was ok but service wasn't great – it was busy and I was overlooked for bigger tables inside and had to ask to be served.

# San Gimignano

Hotel Cisterna Piazza Della Cisterna 23 +390577940328 info@hotelcisterna.it

There is other pilgrim accommodation in town but I paid for convenience and comfort for the night. At EUR 65 for the double bed room it wasn't the best value but great location, Wi-Fi was included, heating was on and the dining room has an amazing view over San Gimignano and the countryside.

## Monteriggioni

Casa per Ferie Santa Maria Assunta Ospitalita Pellegrini Piazza Roma 23 +39 0577304214

mobile: +39 335.6651581 (Parroco: Don Doriano)

mobile: +39 3283138802 (Kostel)

casaferiesma@live.it dondoriano@live.it

15 euro standard price but I received for 10 euro – only person staying and I was struggling to find the right change.

Has 4 rooms. I stayed in room 1 that had 1 double bed with 2 bunk beds. Towels and sheets avail for extra charge. There are blankets in cupboard. Well-equipped kitchen and bathroom – even has hairdryer.

Be prepared that you may have to wait to be let in as caretaker has a day job

#### Siena

Il Chiostro del Carmine Via Della Diana 4 +390577223885 info@chiostrodelcarmine.com

This was without a doubt one of my favourite places that. I stayed in. It is an old convent converted into a hotel that retains some of the features and decoration of the old convent providing a peaceful and sacred ambience.

I picked up a great deal on this one on booking.com and stayed 2 nights for Euro 100.30 including breakfast.

10 mins walk from II campo. Helpful and friendly staff.

## Ponte d'Arbia

Centro Cresti Località Ponte d'Arbia\* 0577.370096 327 7197439 348 6021256 padrinim@libero.it

Donativo. This is the only place in town to stay. There were approximately 4 rooms that had 3 single beds in each. Mattresses and floors were covered in fine dirt. There was a kitchen downstairs but we didn't use it as it had flooded a few days previously. One bathroom with hot water shower. Caretaker was very friendly and helpful giving tips about walking to Buonconvento along Via Cassia then turning up into the hills and not walking back towards town and then back over to the official signed path which was much longer.

Note pizzeria opposite is now closed on Thursdays. There is a bar and an alimentary in town.

\*The address is shown in guidebook and other places as as localita Ponte d'Arbia I. Monteroni d'Arbia. Please note that IT IS NOT IN Monteroni d'Arbia that is the town before Ponte d'Arbia. As you arrive in Ponte d'Arbia turn left off the VF then cross right over the bridge. The building is alongside the road but entrance is second on left next to a small paddock of donkeys. There is a sign. You can't miss it.

## San Quirico d'Orcia

Collegiata dei San Quirico d'Orcia e Giulitta Piazza Chigi, 1, 53027 San Quirico D'orcia +39 0577 897236 giorgio.maramai@teletu.it

Fixed donativo of 9 euro. Must have credential.

2 rooms with 4 bunk beds. No heating switched on in November despite the cold. Showers have hot water.

Father Giorgio was very helpful priest who will give tips about the route for the next day. The first bar he told us about between Bagno Vignoni and Radicofani was actually closed - not sure if permanent or if for holiday but we found a small tourist artisanal place that had some bread and salami. Recommend you buy lunch in San Quirico and take with you.

Make sure you try the Fiorentina at the local restaurant in San Qurico d'Orcia.

#### Radicofani

Casa d'Accoglienza di San Jacopo di Compestela Via Magi, near the church and opposite the bar 0578 55614 338 9240307 doneliasantori@libero.it

Donativo. Must have credential. Caretaker Signora's house is on the right of the main road before the piazza. Just ask the locals.

Great ostello. 2 rooms. Ours had 3 bunk beds. Heating turned on in November. Has good kitchen and space to wash clothes and hang to dry.

### Acquapendente

Casa dell Pellegrino San Rocco

Donativo. Simple accommodation. 4 single beds. No real kitchen. Heating not switched on in November so very cold but there are extra blankets. Shower had hot water. Good location.

### Montefiascone

Monastero San Pietro Suore Clara Via Garibaldi 31 +39 761 826 066

Fixed donativo of 25 euro incl dinner and breakfast.

We had a room with 5 single beds. Shower has hot water. Nuns prefer you to call ahead and if you do they will switch the heating on but it wasn't too cold compared to other places we stayed. Dinner was soup followed by a crumbed chicken with vegetables and fruit for dessert some homemade wine incl. very simple breakfast of coffee and dry toasts.

#### Viterbo

Convento Cappuccini Via San Crispine

Fixed donativo of 10 euro. There is only one room only with approx. 5 bunk beds and 1 single. Shower has hot water but can take 10 minutes for the hot water to kick in.

### Vetralla

Monastero delle Benedettine Reginis Pacis Strada del Giardino 4 +39 761 481 519

Fixed donativo of 30 euro incl dinner.

Rooms with 3 single beds. Beds have sheets and blankets incl. towels provided. Nuns even brought heaters into our rooms. 2 kms out of town on way to Capranica so buy supplies from supermarket in outskirts of town.

### Sutri

Monastero Carmeltane Santissima Concezione Via Garribaldi 1 +39 761 609 082

Fixed donativo of 15 euro. Must have credential. Cannot register until after 3pm.

I had a single room the 2 guys shared a room with 2 single beds. No heating at all in the rooms – very, very cold cold in November. Very steep stairs up to rooms.

# Campagno di Roma

Parocchia San Giovanni Battista

Donativo to leave in the letterbox at the end of the hall near the stairs.

A large room with tables and chairs and mattresses, blankets and pillows stacked on a table. We put the mattresses on tables and slept on the tables (not as bad as it sounds).

Kids have music lessons after class until around 7pm so it is loud for a while. Good hot showers. They turned the heating on for us in November.

Note there is a really good Osteria on the main road as you start to walk the next section that offers a pilgrim menu.

## La Storta

Istituto Suore della Poverelle Via Baccarica 5 +39 6 308 904 95

Donativo. We stayed in a room that had a few bunk beds. Heating not switched on in November but a reasonably warm building. Bathroom with 3 showers and hot water.

Nuns here were very lovely and sweet. If you arrive between 4pm and 7pm there is no one to let you in or if you go out to let you back in again. There is an automatic gate only that someone inside must let you in. You can let yourself out no problem.

Convent is off Via Cassia on the way out of town. Sharp left turn up a road that winds back parallel to Via Cassia.

### Rome

Spedale della Provvidenza di San Giacomo e San Benedetto Labre Via dei Genovesi 11B - Travestere +39 327 23 19 312

This a beautiful convent to stay in and the location in Travestere is fantastic. You are allowed to stay for two nights maximum. Includes breakfast and dinner for donativo.

It was cold so we shared a room with 3 bunk beds and ensuite bathroom inside the convent. Heating came on a couple of hours each night.