

THE VILLAGE



Torrónteras lies about a 1000 m above sea level and is approximately an hour and a half east of Madrid. After you pass the last village Pareja, you continue 8 km on a gravel road to reach the isolated village Torrónteras, which lies nearly on a hilltop. A special silence prevails in this village where you cannot hear any street noise. The starlit sky at night is very special, unaffected by light pollution from any surrounding city. You just have to wait one minute to see a falling star.



The loneliness of this place with its quiet and natural environment offers a special setting for seminars of any sort.

THE CHURCH



For 35 years seminars of all kinds found place in this church which certainly added to the special atmosphere of the building. During the day the temperature is comfortable inside these walls, because morning and evening sun can enter only through two large coloured windows.



At the time the village Torronteras became "resuscitated" in the early 70's, the church had been destroyed by a fire. Without electricity and using a shaky scaffold in high altitudes, the walls were rebuilt and a timeless nave emerged.



During night the church is illuminated only by candles.

Three candelabras hang from the nave which gives the church a mystic and comfortable warm atmosphere.



THE RESTAURANT



Each year more and more people participate in seminars, so there became a need to build a bigger construction for the preparation and consumption of food. For this purpose, ruins from a lapsed building in the village which lies just below the church were renovated. Whereas the family prepares the food, about 45 people can find a place to take their meals.

There is also the possibility to eat outside on a terrace, especially during breakfast and dinner when the temperature is very comfortable. From this terrace you have a beautiful view to the mountain in front.



TOILETTES AND SHOWERS

Some of the houses, like for example the “Large House,” which is how the family's house is called, are equipped with toilettes and showers. Those who can do without the usual luxury and who want to enjoy nature also during showering can find additional opportunity below the restaurant to shower under trees. One can decide the temperature of the shower water by choosing an appropriate time of day.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Several small houses are dispersed throughout the village which were rebuilt from individual ruins and conserved/renovated year by year.



`Castle of Vine´

For example the `Castle of Vine´ slightly hidden and encircled by trees, has two small rooms. These dark and thus cool rooms can be illuminated by electrical light.



`Patio Moro´

Those who prefer to listen to the crickets at night with candle light and who want to enjoy the starlit sky, will feel comfortable in `Patio Moro´, in which two rooms are separate by a Patio (open area). This small little house lies completely inconspicuously between ruins, so that one could pass, without noticing it.



`Studio´

Those for whom the sudden peace could be too much, will feel good in the `Studio´. This house with a beautiful garden has a Bolivian family as neighbour.