



Guest and Garden - Hôte et jardin

Guest and Garden - Host and Garden is an association according to law of the 1901. It was created in 2008 in Villandry with the kind support of Henri Carvallo , owner of the famous gardens of Villandry .

The purpose of G & G is the creation, animation, and promoting a network of owners involved in accommodation in guest rooms and cottages surrounded by gardens. These gardens are distinguished by their aesthetic , historical , horticultural or botanical properties . They are located in the zone of influence of famous gardens open to the public .

The registered G & G is located 21, rue de la Mairie, 37510 Villandry .
The association G & G has a quality charter.

Any owner of guest house or cottage wishing , after reading the charter, join the association G & G can contact us through the contact form.

Quality charter G & G

The owners who sign the present Charter commit to provide their guests with a stopover or a stay close to the famous gardens of the Loire Valley with respect to the spirit of these reference gardens. They are committed to share their passion for gardens with their hosts and accept to share their experience between garden lovers .

Network " Guest and Garden - Host & Garden» gets a quality charter on:

1 The quality of the **accommodation**:

Rooms and reception rooms must be located in a well maintained property of charm, respecting the characteristic architectural heritage of the region . The parts must be furnished with taste and comfort according to standards for guest rooms and cottages, with easy access to the garden .

2 The quality of the **environment**, whether natural, rural or urban:

The hosting site should be away from any visual nuisance, or sound , or smell . The beauty of the site , stunning view, a peaceful green surroundings help make the place attractive, quiet, convenient for resting and well-being.

3 The quality of the **garden**:

Ancient or contemporary , the garden must be an example for its originality, its design, its plant palette, but free of formality, standardization . As well as the garden embodies the diversity of natural and cultural environment , types of gardens, their size , their appearance can be varied :

- landscaped parks and gardens
- architectural gardens, geometric gardens
- collections gardens (with assembly of various species characteristic of the area , varieties of the same species , rare plants , exotic , medicinal, aromatic etc.).
- historical gardens, gardens of memory
- gardens of the senses , flavors

- country gardens
- utility gardens (vegetables gardens, orchards)
- etc .

The garden should be carefully maintained with the use of eco-friendly products.

Upgrading, beautifying gardens should be an ongoing concern for the members of the network , through:

- exchange of know-how between owners,
- advices given by the gardeners of remarkable gardens,
- participation in conference programs, exhibitions on gardens,
- visits organized by training centers , associations of gardens.

4 The quality of the **welcoming**:

The owners must live in their home during the high season, they receive themselves their guests.

Enthusiasts for the art of the gardens, for the gardening, they share their passion and experience with their guests.

Stay and rest in the garden should be favored by furnitures of quality made available to the guests.

If weather permits and if clients wish, breakfast or dinner (if owners offer the “table d'hôte” service) can be served in the garden .

5. **Commitment of the owners:**

Each member undertakes to respect this charter and freely accepts visits of the selection committee.

It is important that each owner recommends other network members to the guests.

6 . **Promotion and join actions:**

Promotion of the network is done through a Website with links to the Websites of our members.

The identification of the network is materialized by a common logo.

Exploration and agreement of the owners of guest rooms and cottages that meet the criteria above will be made by the officers of the association G&G whose decisions are final.

In the case of expanding the network across multiple departments, it would be desirable to establish a Coordinating Committee for consultation between the different poles of the network.

This charter is subject to modifications.