

# OPTIONS FOR PILGRIMS to places of Marist origins







## **Options for Marist Pilgrims**

### Why this booklet?

- As the Cause advances for Beatification Jean-Claude Colin, Founder of the Society of Mary, this booklet is offered as a practical resource and encouragement for would-be pilgrims to the places of Marist origins in France
- It is a companion to Fr Craig Larkin's 'Pilgrimage: a guide book to the places of Marist origins'

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### • Jean-Claude Colin

Alix—second minor seminary of JCC

Annecy-visited by JCC who prayed in church of Notre Dame de Liesse

Barbery—birthplace of Jean-Claude Colin

**Belley:** college—first Marist residence; base for Bugey missions; bishop's house frequently visited by JCC; La Capucinière—Marist residence; scene of first professions; cathedral— JCC was a canon here

Bugey mountains-first Marist missions

Cerdon - first parish of JCC; constitutions begun

La Neylière—retirement of JCC; he died and is buried here

**Lyon:** Fourvière—pledge to form SM; Puylata (nr Fourvière) first generalate in Lyon; Laity Tower (nr Fourvière) first Marist Laity meeting; Ste Foy-lès-Lyon—built in JCC's lifetime

Marseille- visited by JCC en route to Rome

Paris-visited by JCC

St Bonnet le Troncy—boyhood days

St Jodard—first minor seminary of JCC

Verrières-en-Forez—third minor seminary of JCC

### • Jeanne-Marie Chavoin

Belley /Bon Repos—'mother house' of Marist Sisters; JMC buried here

Cerdon—first Marist Sisters' community

Coutouvre—birthplace of JMC

Jarnosse-convent built here; place of JMC's death

Pradines—place of retreat for JMC

### • Marcellin Champagnat

La Valla-first parish of MC; first Marist Brothers' school

L'Hermitage (nr St Chamond) — built by MC and early Brothers

Marhles—Le Rosey—birthplace of MC

Jean-Claude Courveille

Le Puy en Velay—healing and experience of call by Blessed Virgin Mary Usson-en-Forez—his birthplace

### • Peter Chanel

Amberieu—first parish appointment as curate

Bourg en Bresse/Brou—seminary studies & ordination of PC

**Cras**—early education

**Crozet**—first appointment as parish priest

Cuet—birthplace of PC

Montrevel—place of PC's baptism

## **The Marist Places**

Alphabetical listing and brief description of places on the 'Simple Guide Map' (to the places of Marist origins in France)

### Alix

The second minor seminary attended by Jean-Claude Colin

### Amberieu

Peter Chanel's first parish appointment (as assistant priest) after ordination

### Annecy

Visited by Jean-Claude Colin who prayed in the church of Notre Dame de Liesse

### Barbery

Birthplace of Jean-Claude Colin

### Belley

College—first Marist residence and second base for Bugey missions Bishop's house frequently visited by Jean-Claude Colin La Capucinière—Marist residence and scene of first professions Cathedral— Jean-Claude Colin was a canon here Bon Repos—'mother house' of Marist Sisters; Jean-Marie Chavoin

### Bourg en Bresse/Brou

Seminary studies and ordination of Peter Chanel

### **Bugey mountains**

Scene of pioneer Marist missions in twenty-seven towns & villages

### Cerdon

First parish of Jean-Claude Colin Writing of SM constitutions begun here First base for Bugey missions First Marist Sisters' community **Coutouvre** Birthplace of Jeanne-Marie Chavoin

**Cras** Early education of Peter Chanel

**Crozet** First appointment as parish priest of Peter Chanel

Cuet Birthplace of Peter Chanel

L'Hermitage (Notre Dame de l'Hermitage) Built by Marcellin Champagnat and early Marist Brothers Marcellin Champagnat died here and his relics are here

#### Jarnosse

Convent built here by Jeanne-Marie Chavoin Place of Jeanne-Marie Chavoin's death

#### La Neylière

Place of retreat and retirement for Jean-Claude Colin Jean-Claude Colin died and is buried here

#### La Valla

First parish of Marcellin Champagnat First Marist Brothers' school

#### Le Puy en Velay

Healing of Jean-Claude Courveille and experience of call by Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Lyon

Fourvière—pledge to form SM Puylata (near Fourvière) first SM generalate in Lyon Laity Tower (near Fourvière) - first Marist Laity meeting Ste Foy-lès-Lyon—residence, scholasticate and novitiate built in Jean-Claude Colin's lifetime

Marhles—Le Rosey Birthplace of Marcellin Champagnat

Marseille Visited by Jean-Claude Colin en route to Rome

Meximieux Place of minor seminary attended and staffed by some early Marists

Paris Visited by Jean-Claude Colin in early years

Pradines Place of retreat for Jean-Marie Chavoin

St Bonnet le Troncy Boyhood home of Jean-Claude Colin

St Jodard The first minor seminary attended by Jean-Claude Colin

Usson-en-Forez Birthplace of Jean-Claude Courveille

Verrières-en-Forez The third minor seminary attended by Jean-Claude Colin

## Where to stay

Depending on your length of stay and range of Marist interest, you may choose one or more 'base camps' from which to explore the Marist places

Lyon is central; all places are under 2 hours' drive

Listed below are 5 main centres and two smaller places:

*Main centres:* Belley (2 places) | La Neylière | Le Puy | Lyon/Ste Foy (3 places) | St Chamond/Hermitage

Smaller places: Cerdon (2 places) | Ordonnaz (Southern Bugey)

Most places can be booked through www.booking.com. Credit cards are accepted except where noted otherwise.



## Belley

Proximity to Marist Places: xxx

www.booking.com / Belley, Rhône-Alps, France

*Train travel:* from Lyon (Part-Dieu station) hourly, €18, ca 1 hour to Culoz, 16 Km from Belley, 15-20 mins' drive.

### Maison St Anthelme

- *Location:* 37 Rue Sainte Marie, Belley 01300; a few minutes' walk from main street of old Belley
- GPS address: Belley / Rue Sainte Marie / 37
- Proximity to Marist places: easy walking distance to cathedral, bishop's house, college, La Capucinière; Bon Repos. 5 mins' drive to cemetery and Marist graves

- *Rooms:* single, double/twin, triple quadruple; shared bathroom or with shower; from €31-€62; credit cards may possibly not be accepted (although booking.com says they are)
- Wifi: in public areas (eg near office), free
- Parking: very good; secure, off-street
- Other info: a former seminary; one star rating; rooms very simple; 'flaky wallpaper'; very small towels; breakfast very basic; access after 8 pm: code at main gate and front door; daily Mass 9am in upstairs chapel

### Sweet Home Hotel

- Location: Boulevard du Mail, Belley 01300; 100m from the main street (Grand Rue) and full range of shops; adjacent to colourful Saturday morning market area
- GPS address: Belley / Boulevard du Mail (cnr Rue Saint-Jean)
- *Proximity to Marist places:* easy walking distance to cathedral, bishop's house, college, La Capucinière; Bon Repos. 5 mins' drive to cemetery and Marist graves
- *Rooms:* modern, simple, clean, not big, with en suite; single, double, triple, from €76; connecting double rooms €152
- Wifi: free, in all rooms
- Parking: street front; avoid busy (eg Sat market) times
- Other info: a former Ibis hotel; fairly new; two star rating; has its own restaurant; breakfast extra, but good selection; English spoken

### Bon Repos (Centre de J-M Chavoin)

For those with connections to the Marist Sisters accommodation may be negotiable.

Proximity to Marist places: easy walking distance to cathedral, bishop's house, college, La Capucinière. 5 mins' drive to cemetery and Marist graves

### Tourist Office (information only)

Grand Rue; maps of town and district available free; English spoken

## Cerdon

Proximity to Marist Places: xxx

*Caution:* Do not attempt to drive up *'Chemin J-C Colin'*. It is narrow and very steep with loose gravel and a dangerous intersection at the top near the church; instead follow the 'Eglise' (=church) signs.

www.booking.com does not have listings in Cerdon itself.

### Auberge des Sources

- Location: Place des Terreaux 01450 Cerdon, France Tel: +33 04 74 39 96 14; 06 82 95 67 87 <u>http://www.aubergedessources.fr/</u> (French) Email: from website
- GPS address: Cerdon / Place des Terreaux
- *Proximity to Marist places:* easy\* walking distance to church and presbytery (\*up a short, steep hill); early Marist Sisters' residence; shops
- *Rooms:* 6 or 7 rooms; single from ca €28; half– and full-board available (€39.50 & €53) also 'gites' (hostel) accommodation; whole place can be rented €270–350 per night;
- Wifi: none advertised
- Parking: street front
- Other info: proprietors Guy & Karin; smart restaurant; very close to village centre

## Le Clos des Condamines

- Location: Rue du 12 Juillet 1944, 01450 Cerdon, France (first building on the left on the street leading into the town) Tel: +33 04 74 39 95 67; 06 88 35 41 17 (mobile) contact@closdescondamines.com www.closdescondamines.com
- GPS address: Cerdon / Rue du 12 Juillet 1944

- *Proximity to Marist places:* 10-15 minutes walking to church and presbytery (both are on a short, steep hill); early Marist Sisters' residence; shops
- *Rooms:* for 12 to 15 persons; single to quadruple (with divans); two persons: €68.50 per night, breakfast included; half-board €55 p.p. in double room; group rates available;
- Wifi: available
- Parking: adjacent area; some garage space for cars/motor bikes
- Other info: proprietress Mme Andrée Piperini; cooks meals herself; agent for local wines; homey atmosphere; web site (French) offers activities and enter-tainment; English, German & Italian spoken, as well as French)

## La Neylière

*Proximity to Marist Places:* close to St Chamond (Hermitage); short drive to Lyon; easy drives to Marist places west of Lyon; further to those to the east.

### Notre Dame de la Neylière

 Location: Notre Dame de la Neylière, Pères Maristes, 69590 Pomeys, (near Saint-Symphorien-sur-Coise)
 Tel: +33 () 78 48 40 33 Fax: +33 04 78 44 45 85
 neyli@wanadoo.fr
 http://www.neyliere.com/

- GPS address: Pomeys / La Neylière
- *Proximity to Marist places:* It is one. Jean-Claude Colin buried here. Some pioneer Marists buried in churchyard at nearby Pomeys;
- Rooms: main building rooms under renovation 2013—2015; 'Wallis' & 'Futuna' buildings have simple accommodation, incl for groups. Single with en suite €26; twin to quadruple: €16.50 per person; special rates for young people; breakfast €4; lunch €12.50; dinner €11
- Wifi: free, but signal patchy
- Parking: on site
- Other info: renovations of rooms in main building, 'Espace Colin', and Oceania museum due for completion early 2015

## Le Puy

*Proximity to Marist Places:* 51 Km from Usson-en-Forez, birthplace of J-C Courveille www.booking.com: Le Puy en Velay, France There are many hotels in Le Puy, incl several 'Ibis' hotels, see below..

### Ibis Le Puy-en-Velay Centre Hotel

- Location: 1 Avenue d'Aiguilhe, 43000 Le Puy-en-Velay Tel: +33 4 71 02 22 22 Fax: +33 04 71 09 22 96 H0972@accor.com
   http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-0972-ibis-le-puy-en-velay-centre/index.shtml
- GPS address: Le Puy-en-Velay / Avenue d'Aiguilhe / 1
- *Proximity to local Marist places:* 5-10 min easy walk to centre of old city and to the cathedral; next to the church of St Laurent; 5 min walk from foot of St Michel; 10 min ascent to N.D. de France statue (91 steps inside the statue);
- *Rooms:* modern, simple, clean, not big, with en suite; from €73 single; breakfast €9.20
- Wifi: free, in all rooms
- Parking: Good. Secure off-street

• Other info: there are a number of Ibis hotels in Le Puy—another one (cheaper 'Ibis **Budget**') is near railway station, another (dearer—'Ibis **Styles**'); nearby chapel of St Michel has no access during after-lunch siesta ( $\leq 3.50$ ); Statue of ND de France is open all day ( $\leq 4.00$ )

• *Train travel:* from Lyon (probably Part-Dieu); then choose Ibis Budget Hotel, near station—see booking.com

### Hotel L'Ermitage

 Location: 75, Avenue de l'Ermitage, Espaly (NOT Le Puy) Tel: 04 71 07 05 05 contact@hotelermitage.com
 http://www.hotelermitage.com/ (French)

- GPS address: Espaly / Avenue de l'Ermitage / 75
- *Proximity to Marist places:* 3 mins drive up the hill from the old city, cathedral, etc, on the road out of Le Puy (to Clermant-Ferrand)
- Rooms: pleasant, from €55 (single) to €85 (quadruple)
- Wifi: in all rooms, free
- Parking: on site
- Other info: excellent panoramic view of Le Puy from adjacent restaurant parking area; restaurant, bar.

Tourist Office (information only)

centre of old town; maps of town and district available free; English spoken

## Lyon

Proximity to Marist Places: xxx
Ste Foy-Lès-Lyon area of Lyon recommended
www.booking.com: Ste Foy lès Lyon, France
Hotels: There are many in Lyon.
Trains: Lyon Part-Dieu is the principal station you arrive in from Paris, Gare de Lyon.
All trains stop there. There is a second station, Lyon Perrache. A tram runs between the two stations if you mix them up and takes a half hour.
Rental cars: Lyon Part-Dieu has good facilities, as does Lyon (St Exupéry) airport.

### Domaine Lyon Saint Joseph

- Location: 38 Allée Jean-Paul II, Ste Foy Lès Lyon (actually closer to Francheville) Tel: +33 4 78 59 22 35 <u>commercial@dlsj.fr</u> <u>http://www.domaine-lyon-saint-joseph.fr/</u> (French)
- *GPS address:* Ste Foy Lès Lyon / Allée Jean-Paul II (will not accept street number, but the entrance is well signed)
- *Proximity to Marist places:* 10 mins drive to Fourvière, Laity tower, Puylata; Lyon is central to all other Marist places; close to La Neylière and St Chamond
- *Rooms:* simple, clean, former seminary rooms; en suite module; windows look out over scenic grounds; single/twin room €67; triple €90; breakfast €6.20
- Wifi: in all rooms, free
- Parking: on site; gates locked at night; code access
- Other info: proprietors, probably Catholic diocese; when in entrance drive continue past large (former seminary) complex on right hand side, through gates to Domaine St Joseph; well-kept, park-like grounds; 5-10 min walk to local shops, incl supermarket

### Kyriad Lyon Sud Sainte Foy Hotel

- Location: 35 Chemin de la Croix Pivert, Ste Foy Lès Lyon (in the street behind the Marist residence; formerly Marist vineyards) Tel: +33 4 78 59 32 23 lyon.stefoy@kyriad.fr http://www.kyriad-lyon-sud-sainte-foy.fr/en/
- GPS address: Ste Foy Lès Lyon / Chemin de la Croix Pivert / 35
- *Proximity to Marist places:* 10 mins drive to Fourvière, Laity tower, Puylata; Lyon is central to all other Marist places; close to La Neylière and St Chamond
- Rooms: modern, simple, clean, with en suite and separate toilet; NB: has seasonal tariffs; 1-2 persons €75 to €150; 3 persons €83 to €163; breakfast €10: incl cooked options; good restaurant; bar;
- Wifi: free, in all rooms
- Parking: on site
- Other info: close to buses to downtown Lyon; 5 mins walk from Marist residence; English spoken

### Marist community of Ste Foy

- Location: Rue (or Chemin) du Grand Roule, Ste Foy Lès Lyon Tel: +33 04 78 51 84 12 Fax: +33 04 72 66 85 44
- GPS address: Ste Foy Lès Lyon / Rue (or Chemin) du Grand Roule / 74
- *Proximity to Marist places:* 10 mins drive to Fourvière, Laity tower, Puylata; Lyon is central to all other Marist places; close to La Neylière and St Chamond
- Rooms: (no information)
- Wifi: (no information)
- Parking: on site, secure
- Other info: No 8 bus (to/from Lyon Perrache station) stops at the door; mostly elderly resident community; little English spoken.

## Ordonnaz

Proximity to Marist Places: xxx

### La Petite Auberge

- Location: 01510 Ordonnaz, France (look for the church steeple; church is on the same side road, near the 'Mairie' town hall; ask someone) Tel: +33 04 74 40 90 79
- GPS address: Ordonnaz
- *Proximity to Marist places:* in the southern part of the Bugey mountains; closest centre is Belley, ca 20-30 mins drive; the church , a few metres away, is usually open; it was one of the Bugey Marist mission churches of the 1820's; ancient 'Sully' tree near the front of the church.
- Rooms: three rooms (chambres d'hôte) and hostel section ('Gites de France'); tariff from single €38 (small room)/ €43 (large room); double/twin €50 (small room)/ €55 (large room); half-board €46 single, €72 for two; full board €58 single, €95 for two
- Wifi: none
- Parking: on site
- *Other info:* proprietor, Bernard Grinand; the restaurant and bar are closed on Tuesdays; very pretty little place; ideal for a quiet day or two.

## St Chamond

Proximity to Marist Places: xxx www.booking.com: Saint-Chamond, Rhône-Alps, France. There are many hotels in the St Etienne-St Chamond area.

### Notre Dame de L'Hermitage

- Location: 3 Chemin de l'Hermitage, 42405 St Chamond, France Tel: +33 04 77 22 10 56 Mobile: +33 06 40 06 78 95 hermitage@maristes.org www.notredamedelhermitage-saintchamond.fr/ (mostly French)
- GPS address: St Chamond / Rue Marcelin Champagnat
- *Proximity to Marist places:* It is one. Heartland of Marist Brothers; 6 mins' drive to La Valla; further short drives to Marhles/Le Rosey, birthplace of Champagnat; short drive to Lyon; easy drives to Marist places west of Lyon; further to those to the east.
- Rooms: various capacities, en suite; no tariff details
- Wifi: no details
- Parking: on site, secure
- Train: (advice from the Marist Brothers) Take the train from Lyon (Part-Dieu station) to St Etienne. Alight at St Chamond, the third stop. It takes about 40 minutes. Then call the Hermitage. Allow 15 minutes for transport to arrive. Taxis can only be called with prior booking and there are no waiting taxis at the St Chamond station. Train fare is about €9 one way and tickets are purchased by machine or over the counter. Trains leave every half hour.
- Other info:

## **Travel tips**

### Money, credit cards, ATMs, etc

Currency is Euro Have a quick, approximate currency conversion formula (eg  $\in$ 3 = AUD 4) On the Internet, try 'XE currency converter' (www.xe.com)

### ATMs

There are plenty of ATMs (except in remote areas, eg Bugey mountains) ATMs have lower charges than 'exchange' places at airports and railways Select your language option early

### Credit/debit cards

Work well in most places

Do not work in some shops (incl some supermarkets) and some tollways (so best to have adequate currency on hand)

### Driving

Presupposed: the best way of getting around the Marist Places is in a car/van with GPS or a knowledgeable driver/guide

European configuration: left-hand drive, right side of the carriageway (opposite to Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, et al) Rental cars are usually manual drive; gear shift to the right of the driver Request automatic drive in advance if you cannot handle manual

Windscreen wiper and light control/turn indicator stalks are opposite to most RH drive cars (be patient with yourself in adjusting to this)

If you are a first-time LH driver take extra care when cornering or parking for the first day or two at least

Petrol stations in some places may be few, and closed at night; some have selfserve facilities, but a credit card is needed

### **Rental cars**

Online bookings using, eg, <u>www.booking.com</u> are reliable

If flying to Lyon: Lyon St Exupéry airport (formerly Satolas) has very good rental car options

If traveling by train (eg from Rome, Paris, Geneva): Lyon Part-Dieu has good rental car services

Car needs to re-fuelled before return (otherwise exorbitant fuel charge)

When returning to the airport, look for the signs 'Voitures de location' (= rental cars); switch off the GPS ('push control bottom, then 'cancel route') on

arriving at the airport precincts, and focus on following these signs Lyon St Exupéry airport petrol station has been closed for renovation (late 2013); there are two petrol stations not far from the airport on D306 at St Laurent de Mure (GPS: St Laurent de Mure / Ave de Moulin / 15); there are almost opposite one another, in case one is closed.

### GPS

If necessary, familiarise yourself with its working before leaving the rental place; you may need to start the motor first Ask for assistance from the rental staff, as needed.

Set your language and preferred (male or female) voice

Click 'no' when asked 'do you wish to avoid tolls'; it may be a false economy to save on toll fees only to be taken on longer/dubious alternative routes

### Tollways (FR: 'péage')

Tolls vary from ca  $\leq 3.50$  to  $\leq 6.60$ Take ticket from the first point; pay at the exit point Lyon city to Lyon St Exupéry airport:  $\leq 1.90$  – no ticket; just pay at the exit Use cash; have a stock of notes and coins in the car (min of  $\leq 10$ ) Some tolls do not accept some overseas credit cards

#### Maps

Even if you have GPS, maps can be a good investment; you can dispose of them at the end of your pilgrimage

- Buy some map/s at the first service centre (eg leaving Lyon St Exupéry airport, heading East to Belley: stop at 'L'Aire de L'Isle D'Abeau' roadside centre; good facilities and shops; ca 24 Km from airport.)
- Map options include Rhône-Alpes/Michelin, Rhône-Alpes/brand-t.b.a.; 60 Km around Lyon/(will not embrace all Marist Places); France/ brand-t.b.a.; cost ca €6 to €7
- Consult your map before setting the GPS, checking expected main towns en route, road/highway numbers

Be kind to your map, folding carefully after each use

Use a highlight pen or red biro as needed

Local/town maps are often available at accommodation centres; always at Tourist Information places. Ask '*Vous avez une carte de la ville, s'il vous plaît?*' – or try your own language.

#### Internet maps

These abound; try Google

fr.mappy.com is a very useful web site for times/distances in France (use translate option if needed)

### Train travel

Rail access to Marist Places (outside of Lyon) is limited to Le Puy, St Chamond and Belley/Culoz (15-20 min car drive from Belley)

Lyon has two main stations: Lyon Part-Dieu and Lyon Perrache

Lyon St Exupéry airport has its own station with good service to/from Lyon, as well as direct TGV to/from Paris

Marists traveling from Rome airport to the SM General House: take train at Fiumicino airport to 'Roma Trastevere'; there are two trains, check you have the correct one; tickets cost €8 and need to be validated before entering the platform. At 'Roma Trastevere' (car park side) take a cab to Via Poerio 63, or phone the General House to be picked up (06 589 9041; arrange beforehand, of course)

Bus travel (no information, sorry)

### Accommodation (see 'Where to stay')

Basin taps are often marked 'C' and 'F'; 'C' is 'chaud' (= hot; <u>not</u> 'C' for cold); 'F' is 'froid'/cold

Bath towels at budget accommodation places are sometimes very tiny; don't be surprised or waste time complaining

#### Internet access/Wifi

Wifi is widely available,

Most accommodation places, even small ones, have Wifi, usually free Some charge

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Pronounced in FR: 'wee-fee'

Some places have cable access in rooms

Consider taking an Internet access device <u>but only</u> if your ISP offers 'add-on' deals; organise before leaving your home country or online—otherwise you may face huge bills

If there is trouble sending outgoing emails, if using 'client mail' (eg bigpond, etc) you may need to go to 'accounts'/'servers' and check/change the 'outgoing mail server' address or tick the box 'my account needs authentication'; if using 'webmail' (eg gmail, yahoo, hotmail, etc) most services work; some (mysteriously) do not.

#### Cameras, computers, phone

Keep them out of sight, even in the car; use the boot/trunk or cover with a coat, etc

Back-up all new computer documents to an external device – carry the back-up

device in a separate bag (not with the computer) Bring electrical power point adaptor/s (check with Google, as needed)

#### Seasons

In advance, check weather (through Google – eg 'weather in France') to assist choice of clothing

Temperatures vary within the Marist Places (eg La Neylière is colder than Lyon) Accommodation rates can vary with the season

### Luggage

Use lots of identification ID inside and outside Use distinctive coloured strap/ribbon

### Toilets

- Usually marked on town maps
- Often signed 'WC' (FR 'vay say') or 'Toilettes' (FR 'lay twah let')
- When in special need simply say 'le WC?' with a hopeful look

Distances & times between accommodation centres and Marist Places

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