

La Casa de los Dioses

Health

Various beliefs

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The Spanish Government declared the alarm state due to pandemic on 14th March 2020. Thus, transiting throughout the Camino to Compostela was prohibited.

Then I was noticed a group of people of different nationalities had been trapped in *La Casa de los Dioses* [The House of the Gods] (San Justo de la Vega, León), a place with no electricity nor running water, made of brick, wood and adobe. Before the pandemic, it was a symbol of the Camino, and during that time of crisis even more.

In a country running at idling speed and severe restrictions on the movement of persons, this place become a sort of place in which life, in its tiny details, were celebrated: waking up, taking a stroll through the forest, gathering lavender, talking next to a fire...

Upon my arrival, I realized my presence in that oasis could not alter their daily life. They lived together without masks nor social distance, and contact and hugs continued to be part of life.

If I wanted to feel engaged in a home opened wide, I had to be carried away by destiny.