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In the heart of Marseille, [there is] a bed & breakfast called the 'Little House'. Here you can stay for the weekend or for the holidays, and you'll feel at home with Alix Arnaud.

Interview:

Nathalie: "How long have you been running a bed & breakfast?"

Alix: "Well it's been eight years now, since the football World Cup in 1984."

Nathalie: "So how did it happen? Can you explain that to me a little bit!"

Alix: "At that time the whole of Marseille was actually full. All the hotels were full. And we were made to open up our homes, it was suggested that home-owners serve breakfast in their homes, and I really enjoyed [doing] it...so I carried on."

Nathalie: "Where do people generally come from? The people who stay with you, where are they from?"

Alix: "Listen for me first and foremost it's people from the north! But well they come...a lot come from Paris, from Lyon and then after that it's the Japanese, the Chinese, the Belgians er...the English, the Germans...a few Americans. There you are, they really come from everywhere. And with the TGV, it makes travelling much easier."

Nathalie: "Is there an exchange...on a...um...a personal level?"

Alix: "Oh absolutely, there are very real friendly relations because we receive them, they pay for this service that they like so much, that they tell you 'We'd like to invite you to come and stay with us!' So nothing beats that I think! And what really is nice about it...is that because of the communal dinner table and breakfasts, sometimes er...there are guests...er...I had some Americans and a Belgian to stay once, and they got on so well that another year they met up, so you see!"

Nathalie: "And your best memory?"

Alix: "This truly is a lovely story! It was a mother and daughter who came to see their (another) daughter, who lived in Marseille, and they asked me: 'Madame Arnaud do you know how to make crepes?' 'Oh not very well!' 'Would you like us to show you how to make crepes?' 'But, I'd be delighted!' They went to the shops themselves and that evening we got together in my kitchen. The two of them took over my kitchen and made crepes, sweet ones, savoury ones...We all ate them together and I took the photos. And it was genuinely a lovely friendly moment, you see! So really people arrive, we don't know who they are, you never know who you are receiving so it's...and then when they leave well we're the best of friends! Sometimes you even shed a tear"