



# Application Pack

## Starlight Rural Hotels and Houses™®

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# 1. Introduction

The applicant for this Certificate may be the legal representative of any public or private entity (administration, organisation, institution, association, company, consortium, etc.) responsible for the management of the establishment requesting Starlight certification and with responsibility for the provision of information and the astronomical, tourist and/or cultural activities offered at the proposed Rural Hotel or House.

In accordance with the Procedure established for Certification, the first step is to complete the attached form (Application Pack), in which documentary evidence of the following points must be provided:

1. The applicant must have legal power to represent the establishment applying for Starlight Rural Hotel or House status.
2. The applicant or institution represented must formally adhere to the “La Palma Starlight Declaration” and declare its intention to fulfil and promote the general principles of sustainability.
3. The applicant must strictly comply with the conditions described in the procedure of the Starlight Certification System for Starlight Rural Hotels and Houses.



# 2. Application Pack

## ACCOMMODATION AND CONTACT DETAILS <sup>1</sup>

### 1. Name of accommodation

Name		
Address		
E-mail		
Telephone/fax		
Website of accommodation		
Tax code		

### 2. Name of person or legal entity responsible

Name		
Address		
E-mail		
Tax code		
Telephone/fax		

### 3. Director/Manager

Name		
Position		
E-mail		
Telephone/fax		

### 4. Contact Person

Name		
Position		
E-mail		
Telephone/ fax		

<sup>1</sup> All information provided in this form is for the exclusive use of the Foundation and the auditors who, if appropriate, perform the audit for the certification. The auditors, in turn, undertake a confidentiality commitment which affects all of the documents of which they may have knowledge through their work. Furthermore, in the use of this data, the Foundation is at all times subject to the stipulations of Basic Law 15/1999, 13 December, on the Protection of Personal Data (LOPD), and the associated Royal Decree 1720/2007 and other applicable legislation.



## TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION

**5. Public or private**

**6. Geographical region of the activity**

**7. Type of accommodation  
House or Hotel /  
Classification**

**8. Brief general description**

Described briefly:  
Location/Surrounds  
(UTM coordinates and/or  
longitudes/latitudes)

Property and Building

Facilities

Outdoor lighting system

Services and activities

Qualification as an  
establishment

**9. Size of plot, M<sup>2</sup>**

**10. Constructed area, M<sup>2</sup>**

**11. Number of beds**

**12. Number of rooms**

**13. Average price per night of double room in high season or daily price of whole house in high season.**



**14. Membership of organisations, associations, networks or professional bodies.**

**15. Associations, alliances, consortiums, etc., with other agents.**

Give details

**16. Level of customer satisfaction**



# CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SKY, TOURISM AND ASTRONOMY

## 17. If the candidate establishment is located within a Starlight Reserve or Tourist Destination.

Name	
General geographic location <i>Country, region...</i>	
Location and limits (UTM coordinates and/or longitudes/latitudes) of the accommodation within the certified zone	

## 18. Description of the quality of the sky and reasons for which it is believed that it has the necessary characteristics for astrotourism.

(Give all qualitative and quantitative data held by the applicant on the quality of the sky, using the measurement systems suggested by the Starlight Foundation. Photographs of the sky may also be included to complement this data).

General description	
Darkness (and other parameters, if measured)	
Possible locations in the surrounding area from which to observe	
Protective measures for the sky in the house/hotel itself	

## 19. Names and location (geographical coordinates) of the main cities, tourist centres and other possible sources of light pollution.

Within a radius of 20km	
Within a radius of 50km	



**20. Astronomic, scientific, cultural or educational tourism activities currently offered in the area of the proposed Starlight accommodation.**

**21. Other tourist activities currently offered in the area of the proposed Starlight accommodation.**

**22. Activities and services related to astrotourism offered at the proposed Starlight Rural Hotel or House.**

**23. Other tourist activities and services offered by the proposed Starlight Rural Hotel or House.**

**24. Activities which may be offered as a result of certification as a Starlight Rural Hotel or House.**

**25. Equipment and facilities for observation of the stars.**



## TRAINING AND SPECIALISATION

**26. We are interested in receiving the basic astronomy training courses offered by the Foundation, in order to provide activities and give instruction in the correct use of the infrastructure and equipment provided to guests.**

YES/  
Describe

NO/  
Describe

**27. We wish to have/hire specialised personnel (Starlight Guides or Monitors) for the Star Tourism activities proposed at our establishment in order to promote astrotourism.**

Describe

## CONTRIBUTION TO THE STARLIGHT INITIATIVE

**28. We are in a position to contribute proactively to the future creation of a Starlight Destination in the area where our establishment is located.**

Yes/ Describe

No/ Describe





**29. In addition to the above, we are able to contribute to Starlight in the following ways...**

Describe

**30. We believe that participation in Starlight can benefit our organisation in the following ways...**

Describe

**31. If our establishment decides to continue with the Starlight Certification and obtain Starlight Rural Hotel or House status, we would like to be included in the Network of Starlight Hotels and Houses and to be mentioned in the activities of the Starlight Foundation and their communications as...**

(Describe in a maximum of 100 words)



Once the Application Pack has been received, together with the payment of the pre-registration fee and the information on sky quality and tourist activities, the Foundation will study the proposal to ensure that it meets the objective conditions for certification and applicants will be informed of the specific costs of their case and the exact procedure to be followed.

**Signed**

(name and position)

**Signed:**

**Place and date:**

I want to receive information about events and activities of the foundation, information about their certifications, news related to the defense of the night sky and blog posts. Also I wish to receive the Foundation's newsletter. Otherwise, enter NO: