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GUIDE FOR GUESTS

WELCOME TO
MAS VINYOLES HUB



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WELCOME



Dear guests.

Welcome to Mas Vinyoles Hub, a small ecosystem consisting of two rural house rentals, spaces for events and coworking, as well as family housing and a physic (herbs) garden in our grounds.

In 2011, a pioneering engineer in renewable energy and a pianist-harpsichordist passionate about baroque music undertook the umpteenth rehabilitation in the history of Mas Vinyoles, a farmhouse that already existed in the time of James 1st the Conqueror (13th century). We were inspired by this chance to live so close to the forest and to bring new activities to the Mas.

Pepa's sensitivity and perfectionism guided a balanced rehabilitation respecting historical legacy, functionality and comfort. Her tasteful design is apparent in a thousand and one details. For my part, I helped create a 100% sustainable environment, based on the use of forest biomass and solar energy. We want to share with you this story and this environment, so that you can spend a quiet, relaxing but also stimulating stay, full of nature, rest and activities, if you wish. And, also safe, if you follow our health recommendations.

The COVID19 pandemic has changed many things. We have all intensified our desire for contact with nature and, at the same time, increasing numbers of professionals are turning to teleworking. That's why - if you want to combine leisure and work -you're in the right place. We are ready; we can provide you with workspace, with fiber optic connectivity and everything you need to telework. New times, new ways of living? We can help!

Not long ago, sadly, Pepa left us. Still, the whole team conspires to develop this work. So please let me introduce them to you: David the ineffable, Lydia always persistent, the neat Esther and the youngsters Ausias, prince of the hens and Etna, queen of the mower.

Have a happy stay. It will be a responsibility and a pleasure for us.

Ermen Llobet Martí, director.



MAS VINYOLES

FROM ITS ORIGINS TO THE PRESENT



Located in Sant Pere de Torelló (Barcelona), the Mas Vinyoles estate currently has an area of 60 hectares and is an oasis of nature, with cultivated areas (herbs, hayfields and vines) oaks, marl areas and a lush forest around the Torrent de Vinyoles that crosses the estate.

Mas Vinyoles is a farmhouse with documented origins in the 13th century. At the beginning of the 16th century, the farmhouse was built (or rebuilt) in its current location with smaller dimensions than the actual extension. During the 18th century (see inscriptions on the façade) the Mas was restored and enlarged to its current size. Between 2011 and 2014 it was restored again according to criteria of historical respect, functionality and sustainability.

New times, new challenges, new activities. Today, agriculture is only a complementary activity at Mas Vinyoles. In addition to family housing and rural tourism accommodation, the Mas has spaces for business events and and a coworking to make Coliving stays possible.



MAS VINYOLES

A REFERENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY



Environmental and energy sustainability is a strong hallmark of Mas Vinyoles Hub, as a result of its recent restoration.

Environmental Sustainability:

- Forest management: scrub clearance by means of sheep grazing.
- Water management, combining municipal supply, well and reservoir and use of rainwater for irrigation.
- Wastewater treatment using a controlled septic tank.
- Selective collection of solid waste.
- Recovery of habitats and species.

Sustainable energy:

- Thermal energy: biomass plant for heating, hot water and indoor pool air conditioning. Heat distribution by underfloor heating.
- Electricity: 32 kW semi-autonomous photovoltaic plant (integrated partly on the roof and partly on the parking pergola) with batteries and external reinforcement of power line (20% of annual consumption).
- Two semi-fast charging points for electric vehicles located in the parking pergola

LOCATION

The municipality of Sant Pere de Torelló, at an altitude of about 620 metres, is located in the north of the Osona region. It is part of the Ges River Valley (a tributary of the Ter) and is a confluence area between the Plana de Vic and the first foothills of the Catalan Pre-Pyrenees.

Sant Pere de Torelló has an area of 57.47 km² of which almost 80% is forest and attractive natural landscape. This makes it a good place to visit, for trekking and walking ... or to practice sports such as cycling, running, paragliding, hang gliding, kayaking and horse riding.

Sant Pere is a 360° vertex connected with Ripollès, Lluçanès, Plana de Vic, Cabrerès and Garrotxa.



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



Fauna

A remarkable variety of mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds live around Mas Vinyoles. The former include wild boar, the fox, the badger, roe deer, squirrels, bats as well as rabbits and different varieties of mice and mole. There are also reptiles such as the water snake, the green snake, lizards and the Pyrenean viper and amphibians such as the salamander, toads and different types of frogs. As for birds, we can find the kingfisher, the woodpecker, the robin, the jay, the hoopoe, and birds of prey including eagles, owls and hawks. It's worth highlighting the chirping of birds in the central courtyard of the Mas on spring mornings.

In other corners of the Vall del Ges, we can find, for example, the genet a protected species. In riverbeds we find the white heron, the sandpiper, the white martin, the kingfisher, cattle egret, the mallard, the muskrat, the water shrew, river trout and the mountain barbel

Vegetation

Beyond the cultivation areas, on the Mas Vinyoles estate we find oak woodlands and marl rocks around the torrent and its tributaries. Here, alder, thistle, elm, birch, aspen, hazel, ash and elderberry predominate ... and shrubs or plants such as boxwood, ivy, bramble and hawthorn. Near the farmhouse we also find about forty walnut and fruit trees of different varieties, planted at different times.

The presence of forests is one of the main attractions of the Ges Valley. The presence of deciduous forests, especially the beech forest, in the northern part of the Serra de Bellmunt, Serra de Llancers and Cabrera stands out. These places, furrowed by old royal roads and difficult to access, have allowed their conservation, although the forest has traditionally been exploited to obtain beech wood or other similar tree species. The best-known beech forest in the Ges Valley is La Grevolosa, located on a remote promontory, very close to the Barcons pass and the baroque hermitage of Sant Nazari, with spectacular oaks and boxwoods. It houses several beeches listed as monumental trees in Catalonia.

INFORMATION ON THE USE OF FACILITIES AND HOUSE RULES

Description of the facilities

The facilities consist of the family home and two rural house rentals. In addition there is a co-working space, different rooms for events and leisure areas.

Rural house rentals



El Rebastral

Independent loft with capacity for two adults and two children. Equipped with a double bed, a double sofa bed and an extra bed, a kitchen-dining room, a Jacuzzi, a private bathroom, a living room with a fireplace and a patio with barbecue facilities.



Ca La Masovera

Two-storey accommodation with capacity for 8 people. It has the "Urban" room with two single beds and a double sofa bed in the hall (ground floor). The "Rustic" room on the top floor has two double beds, one single and an extra bed. Kitchen-dining room, historical elements, such as an adjoining room, which was the old traditional style kitchen, 2 private bathrooms and patio with barbecue.



Heated swimming pool



Picnic area and tree house



5-a-side football field

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Before your arrival

Equipment in the rural house rentals

- Each accommodation is fully equipped. There are sheets and blankets for all beds, as well as a set of towels for each guest.
- In the bathrooms you have shampoo, gel, hair dryer, clothesline and washing machine. Also cleaning utensils, ironing board and iron. Each accommodation has a first aid kit with some medicines such as ibuprofen and paracetamol.
- The kitchen is equipped with all kinds of appliances such as refrigerator, freezer, induction cooker, oven, dishwasher, juicer, electric coffee maker, microwave, blender... etc.
- The rooms and rooms are equipped with WIFI connected to fibre optic network. If you need a telework table, let us know in advance.
- The barbecue patios are also equipped with furniture, barbecue and the necessary utensils, as well as charcoal, firewood and pellets to light the fire.
- The reception on your arrival is usually done by David, in charge of Mas Vinyoles. He will direct you to your accommodation so that you can leave your luggage there and then visit the facilities.

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During your stay

Keys

Upon arrival we provide a keychain with the following keys: a remote control for the South exit door, the keys to the exterior doors, the key to the tree house and the key to the accommodation.

Heating

Heating is through underfloor heating and the recommended temperature is 22°. Changes in the thermostat become effective gradually due to the inertia of the system.

Access doors

The access door for the North area is open from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 7 pm. The South door opens under remote control. The door has a sensor to exit, and you only need to approach it with the car so that it opens automatically.

Swimming pool

The swimming pool is for the exclusive use of both rural house rentals (and the family). It is mandatory to use the outdoor showers in case of using body cream in the solarium. Children should always be supervised by adults and pets are not allowed in this space. After using the pool, it is necessary to place the thermal cover, leave the door closed AND the windows semi-open, as you have found them.

Drinking water

The tap water comes from the municipal network (potable) but being the last house on the circuit we cannot fully guarantee its potability. Our recommendation is to use it for cooking but to use bottled water for drinking.

Waste separation

In our region waste is separated by organic fraction, glass, multi-product (paper, cardboard and plastic) and waste. You can leave your bags in the containers at the entrance to the technical shed, next to the parking pergola.

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During your stay

Pets

We consider that they are part of the family and for this reason we offer them a bed for pets, a drinker and a feeder.

In the event that they have to be away for a few hours and have to leave their pet at the farmhouse, they can accommodate it in the private patio available to each accommodation. In common areas, it is important that they are not a nuisance to other guests and therefore we recommend keeping them on a leash.

Fresh eggs

Guests at Mas Vinyoles can collect fresh eggs every day. The recommended time is midday onwards, as the hens lay in the morning. In each accommodation there is a wicker basket to collect them. With David you will establish a timetable that suits both house rentals.

It is important to keep the chicken coop door closed so that they do not escape and please do not bring pets close to this space so as not to scare the chickens.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed on the premises. There are outdoor areas equipped with ashtrays.

Hunting seasons

There are periods of controlled hunting in the forest surrounding the farmhouse, run by the Sant Pere hunters' association. The regulations state that hunters should not approach within 500 metres of our premises. In such cases, avoid going into the forest and please contact us.

Before your departure

At the end of the stay, it is mandatory to leave any waste in the containers located in the parking lot.

It is important that you ensure that the keychain is left at the entrance of the accommodation before leaving the premises, otherwise this cost will be deducted from the deposit.

Please check that you take all your belongings with you when you leave.

INFORMATION ON THE USE OF FACILITIES AND HOUSE RULES

Recommendations for an efficient use of energy

Electricity consumption. The 32kW solar photovoltaic installation combined with batteries for 2-3 days of autonomy, covers the needs of electricity consumption for most of the year. The mains line complements the installation in times or days of low insolation. You can use facilities and appliances without restrictions, although we always recommend avoiding unnecessary consumption.

Wastewater. Mas Vinyoles wastewater is treated and filtered with a controlled septic tank. It is very IMPORTANT NOT to throw down the toilet wipes, tampons, condoms or other non-degradable objects, as they create blockages and prevent the proper functioning of the system.

Electric Vehicle (EV) recharging. : We have two semi-fast charging points (22kW). If you visit with EV let us know in advance; we will reserve a place for you. The required connector is of the Mennekes type. For greater efficiency, we recommend charging during sunny hours, whenever possible.

Thermal consumption. The thermal needs in Mas Vinyoles (heating, hot water and air conditioning of the pool) are covered by two boilers and a buried heat circuit, fed by forest biomass.

We recommend that you do not manipulate the thermostats in the rooms and avoid leaving the windows open in winter, except for ventilation. In the pool, please follow the instructions given above.

During the hot summer weeks, we recommend opening some of the windows (those with thread mesh) at night and keeping them closed during the day. The Rebastral has air conditioning with heat pump; make reasonable use of it. In winter, please use it only as a temporary reinforcement of underfloor heating, if necessary.

Visiting the facilities. If you are interested in visiting the renewable energy facilities, please let us know in advance, if possible.



SHOPS AND SUPERMARKETS

FOOD

Sant Pere de Torelló, 3 km

- Shop "Embotits Vall del Ges"
- Food store Cal Recader
- Bakery Antonio Milà
- Cooperativa La Familiar

Torelló, 7 km

- El Rebot de les Gambires (entry coming from Sant Pere)
- Good Price
- Esclat
- Mercadona
- Torelló Municipal Market (open every day, except Sunday)

Weekly markets

Vic: Tuesday and Saturday mornings in Plaça Major

Sant Pere de Torelló: Thursday mornings in Plaça Montmany.

TAKE AWAY FOOD SERVICES

La ciuna de l'Oscar

Phone orders: 665759994

Traditional takeaway food.

La Fogonera

Phone orders: 93 851 55 75

Tapas, rice dishes and fideuas to take away.

Order hours: Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

www.lafogonera.cat.

Other shops in Sant Pere de Torelló

- Chemist: Farmacia Pons Canals
- Estanc

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