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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Can Serrat is an old classic Catalan farmhouse. In 1989, eleven Norwegian artists<sup>1</sup> collectively purchased the house and created an artistic residency that continues running today. Can Serrat is located in El Bruc, a small town situated in beautiful natural surroundings that borders the mountain of Montserrat, approximately 45 kilometers outside of Barcelona.

As a household, Can Serrat is concerned with understanding, building, and experimenting with sustainable solutions for rural and artistic coliving. The center runs an international artist and writers residency program, provides housing to a limited number of long-term local renters, and welcomes climbers and nature-lovers alike for short-term stays. There are several open-floor shared studio spaces and desks for developing projects as well as lots of outdoor space in the garden. We work closely with an association called Els Amics de Can Serrat, which organizes activities in relation to the local context, and we host a consumer cooperative for local and ecological products called Roca Verde.

This handbook primarily deals with important details that pertain to the international residency program.

The international art program is typically closed from mid December to early January.

#### THE CURRENT TEAM

Sophie Blais, Director

Gina Teixidor, Logistics and Accounting

Sarah Goodchild Robb, Artistic Coordination and Communication

Anne-Tone Lie, prepares some communal meals and can provide taxi services (to and from airport, to the Monastery, to Martorell, etc.)

- +An invited live-in volunteer. This person is selected to work as a collaborator on our residency project and may also use the time and space to work on a personal project.
- + 3 cats (Salvador, Cecilio, and Piña)

The staff generally keeps normal working hours between 10am and 6pm Monday-Friday and occasionally works from home or on weekends for some special public activities. Only coordinators live in the house, the staff does not live at the residency.

<sup>1 \*\*</sup> Tone Fjereide | Johanna Getz | Thorleif Gjedebo | Siv Johansen | Helle Kaarem | Vibeke Marnburg | Yngvild Nergaard | Terje Nicolaysen | Live Rasmussen | Vilde Von Krogh | Leah Johnstone | Helle Storvik

#### **ACTIVITIES\***

The residency program supports writing and artistic production in process offering time, space, and individual support as needed.

Each month, we organize activities to activate and facilitate understanding about the research and process of the residents: conversations around your work, a book club reading, visits to Barcelona, a dinner open to the local community, and project presentations, to name a few. The activities we organize reflect an interest in being present to process, research, questioning, doubting, understanding, curiosity, and debate. A welcome email is sent to you before your arrival that outlines the monthly calendar with more information. You will be notified of other activities and updates during your stay.

We do create a digital catalogue that highlights work created during your time here, which will be made available via download.

We do not organize shows or directly connect residents with gallery spaces, but there is a public space for use in the local City Hall where residents are welcome to organize a pop up show.

Below are some descriptions of monthly things we organize. Other annual or special events may also be planned during your time here:

- WELCOME COFFEE: We meet in the garden to introduce one another over coffee. Go over activity calendar/month, answer questions, etc
- CONVERSATION STATIONS: Small, informal group dialogues where residents can speak about past and current projects and what they plan to do during their residency.
- CLUB DE LECTURA/READING CLUB: Everyone brings an excerpt of a poem, text, novel, etc to read in any language--the idea being that the conversation that follows can turn into a kind of translation workshop. It is especially interesting to share something that is connected to your work, so we can understand your process indirectly through another source. After reading your excerpt, you can briefly describe why you chose it and summarize what it is about. 10 minutes each. Locals invited from the village to also share readings.
- SOPAR OBERT/OPEN DINNER: A communal dinner in which we invite locals from the village of El Bruc to join.
- EXIT INTERVIEWS: We like to organize a one-to-one meeting with residents to speak about their work and process while at the residency. A group studio visit is also an optional way to close the month together.

### THE HOUSE

# Community

Can Serrat is a live/work space and operates with the idea of community in mind. We invite residents to care for the space as their own home. In order to ensure a good environment, there is a general expectation to be respectful of the house and those living within it, to be mindful of noise, to maintain your space and studio, and to clean up after yourself after you use the kitchen and other communal spaces. As many people pass through the house throughout the year, the space thrives best when everyone cares and pitches in to help from maintaining and cleaning personal and communal spaces, to supporting one another in their projects.

<sup>\*</sup>some activities are subject to COVID restrictions and you will be notified of any changes.

In addition to the international residency program, and since the pandemic, we have started renting out rooms long-term to people interested in living in a rural setting and who want to live as a part of a communal household. This is an ongoing experiment that requires open communication and mutual understanding. We hope it is an enriching experience for all, but we also try to listen and tweak logistics if necessary.

We hope that everyone who comes to Can Serat loves and respects the house, the projects, and the cultural differences and/or similarities that exist between each resident. Patience and understanding is valued during your stay in a shared living environment.

### BASIC COMMUNITY RULES:

- We do not tolerate disrespectful conduct with regards to discriminatory comments or behaviors against cultures, races, gender, age, within art practices, etc.
- Can Serrat is a non-smoking residency meaning that it is not allowed to smoke inside the house. Outside only, please.
- Can Serrat is a live/work residency with people from all backgrounds and different daily rhythms. Therefore, kindly observe quiet hours after 10 pm (except the nights when a cultural event might take place at Can Serrat).

# Workspaces/Studios

Can Serrat has 350 square meters of communal studio space divided between:

- An old wine cellar: printmaking studio+space for workshops, dance/performance/theater/yoga
- A multifunctional space with lots of natural light. Normally dedicated to visual artists or painters.
- 2 writing areas spaces equipped with desks, chairs and internet.

Additionally, there are many areas outdoors, including 2 terraces, a covered patio, and 900 square meters of backyard/garden.

We ask that every group or individual clean their own working spaces during their stay and to return borrowed materials and tools before leaving.

# **Communal Equipment**

- Manual printing press (80cm wide) with felt blankets. Please plan on bringing all of your own supplies. Be aware that the printmaking area is NOT equipped or set up to deal with acid techniques.
- 1 projector
- Some basic hand tools.

Although there are some supplies that previous residents have left for communal use, artists are responsible for bringing their own supplies and should plan in advance. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to store or conserve works. All residents are responsible for taking their projects with them at the end of their stay. Materials or projects left behind may be discarded.

## Internet--please note slow connection!

We try to have the best internet possible. However, being in the country sometimes means the connection is slow and can be affected by inclement weather. There are cafes and a public library in town in case you need faster internet, or you can consider purchasing a SIM card in order to work from personal mobile data. Please plan accordingly based on your specific needs.

#### **Bedrooms**

- 16 rustic and charming bedrooms of various sizes, are available for single, double, or triple accommodation. If you reserve a shared room you will share with one to two other people. If you are a family and need extra beds in a shared space, we can work with you and include an extra bed.
- Linen and towels are provided upon arrival and residents can use the washing machine located in the bathroom area to wash their sheets, towels, and other personal items during their stay. Drying lines and racks are provided to hang clothes outdoors. Detergente is provided.
- It is expected that each individual will clean their bedroom during their stay and before departure by stripping their beds and leaving their linens in the laundry room. Check out is 11:00 am--meaning to please clear your items from your bedroom by that time in case we need to prepare it for an incoming resident, but you are welcome to stay at the house as long as you need for the remainder of the day.

All of the bedrooms are located on the 1st floor (2nd story if you are from the USA!) and you will have to go upstairs to access them.

#### **Bathrooms**

- There are 5 toilets, 5 showers, and 5 sinks located on the ground floor and shared by all. (Only one bathroom is a private full bath).
- All bathrooms are located on the ground floor.

# Food<sup>2</sup>/Kitchen

The kitchen is a communal space and everyone cooks their own meals. Tea, coffee and milk and soy milk is made available to all. For the international residency program, weekly deliveries will be made for fresh food and dry food of some basic staples that can be equally divided between all. Dry goods and non-perishable items are ordered only once per month, and it is up to individual residents to have this in mind when planning meals for the duration of the month. Fresh fruit and veggies arrive weekly on the weekends and/or on Mondays. Please see attached list of food items (Appendix I) For all other food requirements, there is a supermarket in the village where you can purchase personal items.

In the kitchen, basic cooking ware, plates and utensils, a microwave, water heater, coffee maker, oven, and filtered water are available for communal use.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This is subject to change. Since 2020, we have had to reevaluate our food plan.

## **Friday Community Dinners**

On Fridays, residents and *habitantes* (those living in the house longer-term) enjoy a communal dinner covered by Can Serrat. Anne Tone will be preparing these dinners for everyone.

# **Sopar Obert/Open Dinner (Organized by Can Serrat)**

The Open Dinner is a monthly activity organized by the residency in which we invite neighbors and friends of Can Serrat to enjoy a meal together with the group in residence. Anne Tone will cook once a month for these Open Dinners, and those invited are asked to bring drinks and/or desserts. Residents do not have to prepare or buy anything for these meals, unless they are inspired to contribute something.

# Cleaning

Maintaining the cleanliness of the house is a group effort and it is the responsibility of the residents of Can Serrat to keep the common spaces clean and tidy. We will have a person come once a week to do a deep cleaning of the house and in addition, residents and household members will follow a chore chart. Your understanding regarding this shared responsibility are very much appreciated. (See Appendix II for a list of household tasks.)

If a group comes to stay while you are here, they should be responsible for cleaning up after their own spaces and bringing their laundry down to the bathroom.

### PREPARING FOR YOUR STAY

• Materials and Delivery: All artists and residents are responsible for bringing their own materials and supplies. Please see the non-exhaustive art supply list in and around Barcelona. (Appendix III) We only have a very limited list of basic communal items and it is recommended to plan in advance. You are welcome to ship supplies directly to us. Simply send us an email <a href="mailto:canserrat@gmail.com">canserrat@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:ginal.com">gina.canserrat@gmail.com</a> to let us know. The address is:

Your name
Care of Georgina Teixidor
Carrer Parroquia s/n
Masia Can Serrat
08294 El Bruc / Barcelona – Spain

• The Weather: Although situated in Catalonia, not every day is hot and sunny. We recommend that before packing you check the local weather for the time of your stay so you can bring appropriate clothing. As a general rule in summer (June, July, August, September) the days can be quite hot with direct sun. Be sure to bring sunglasses, sunscreen, and hats. In the fall, and spring, prepare for cooler days and rain with a light jacket and/or raincoat and in the winter between December - March, a winter coat is necessary. Any time of the year, layers are recommended for cooler nights and/or sun protection.

Remember that you will be in the country, and that good hiking boots or trail runners and layers will be good options to have on hand. Although there is heating in the bedrooms and throughout the house, some of the studios are cooler and again layers are important, along with a nice cup of tea to help stay warm. For the warmer months (June-September) don't forget your bathing suit as there is an outdoor municipal pool (July and August) 15 minutes walking from the residency, or beaches you can access by public transportation. Prepare yourself for mosquitos between July-October with a good insect repellent.

• Arrival: We organize activities based on a monthly calendar. Please try to arrive on or a day before the 1st of the month. If the 1st falls on a weekend, you can opt to arrive on either the Friday or following Monday. If you arrive after the first week, you may miss introductory activities such as the presentation/conversation-about-work day which we try to do in the first week. (Please see attached directions about how to arrive, Appendix IV

#### **ACCESS** to and around Can Serrat

- The residency is 40 minutes with car/cab from the airport to Can Serrat (a reservation for a cab is possible for a fee, see below)
- The residency is 45 minutes by bus to and from Barcelona and El Bruc. Please check the bus schedule pdf for the daily hours and be aware of schedule changes for Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays available at: <a href="http://www.igualadina.com/pdfs/bcn\_igu\_ee.pdf">http://www.igualadina.com/pdfs/bcn\_igu\_ee.pdf</a>
- Can Serrat is walking distance from hiking trails in the mountain of Montserrat.
- Can Serrat is a 15/20 minute walk to the village, where you will find shops, bakeries, a pharmacy, bars, restaurants, a supermarket, library ...)

## THE VILLAGE OF EL BRUC

There are several bars and restaurants in the village of El Bruc. There is also a community center with yoga, a massage place, a tobacco store, supermarket, hair salon and public library worth checking out. The local community is very active and there are some special local festivals, such as the Festival del Timbaler in June (The Drummer Boy Festival), the local town festival in August, and a Christmas market in December to name a few.

Check local times as many shops close mid day (more or less between 1:30pm and 5pm). Additionally many stores have summer hours!

- Charter-Supermarket: Carrer Bruc del Mig, 86.
- Local doctor: (See contact information on the emergency contact page)
- Pharmacy: Carrer Bruc del Mig, 15.
- Tobacco Store: Where you can find maps for local walks, stamps, bus passes, and souvenirs.
- The Post Office (Also the home of a nice local!) Carrer Bruc del Mig, 58 (Buy stamps in the tobacco store)

In the next village of Collbató, there is a Sunday market until 2pm with fresh fruit and vegetables, cheeses, breads, clothing and other treasures. In Collbató there is a also a larger grocery store called Bon Preu.

#### LANGUAGES

A note about the different languages spoken in Can Serrat

Barcelona is the capital of Catalonia, and Catalán and Spanish are considered the official languages of the region, and those born here are typically bilingual. The most common languages you will hear spoken in the house are Catalan, Spanish and English. Other languages one often hears here are Norwegian, and French, among many others. Although there is a conscientious effort not to allow anyone to feel excluded, in conversation, we ask the residents to have an open mind and patience when communicating with one another and considering attending a local event that may not be in a language you understand fully.

Through our programming, we try to organize exchanges with locals that transcend the language barriers. At any moment during your stay, we invite you to enjoy the opportunity to learn new phrases, participate in dialogues, or simply listen to the musicality of other languages.

## COVID-19

Please read our <u>COVID-19 protocol</u> on our website\*. Last-minute changes may need to be made in accordance with any changes determined by the local government and its health and safety guidelines. Please understand that traveling and living in a community implies a certain risk that you are ultimately responsible for.

\*Subject to change.

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

# For an ambulance or emergency services, call 061 o 112

Can Serrat Number and Address:

+34 937 71 03 13

Masía Can Serrat, S/N (El Bruc), 08294 El Bruc, Barcelona.

• Centro de atención primaria en el Bruc (CAP)/Primary Care contact in El Bruc:

Tel: 93 771 01 31

Carrer de Bruc del mig, 23 Baixos 08294 El Bruc

Hours of operation: <a href="http://www.bruc.cat/el-bruc/equipaments/centre-datencio-primaria-cap.html">http://www.bruc.cat/el-bruc/equipaments/centre-datencio-primaria-cap.html</a>

Pharmacy in El Bruc:

Tel: 937 71 02 01

Carrer de Bruc del Mig, 15

Otros centros médicos y hospitales cerca: Other nearby doctors and hospitals:

Centro de atención primaria en Esparreguera (CAP) // Primary Care in Esparreguera:

Tel +34 93 770 81 00 // +34 902 111 444 (programación de visitas: 24 horas)

Carrer Via del Mil·lenari, 16, 08292

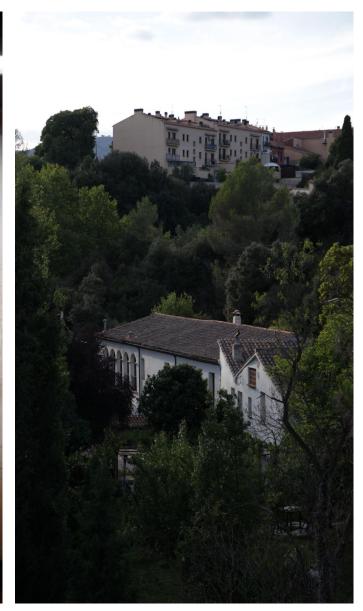
• Hospital Igualada Urgencias // Igualada Hospital Emergency Room:

Tel +34 93 807 55 77

Avenida Catalunya, 11, 08700 Igualada



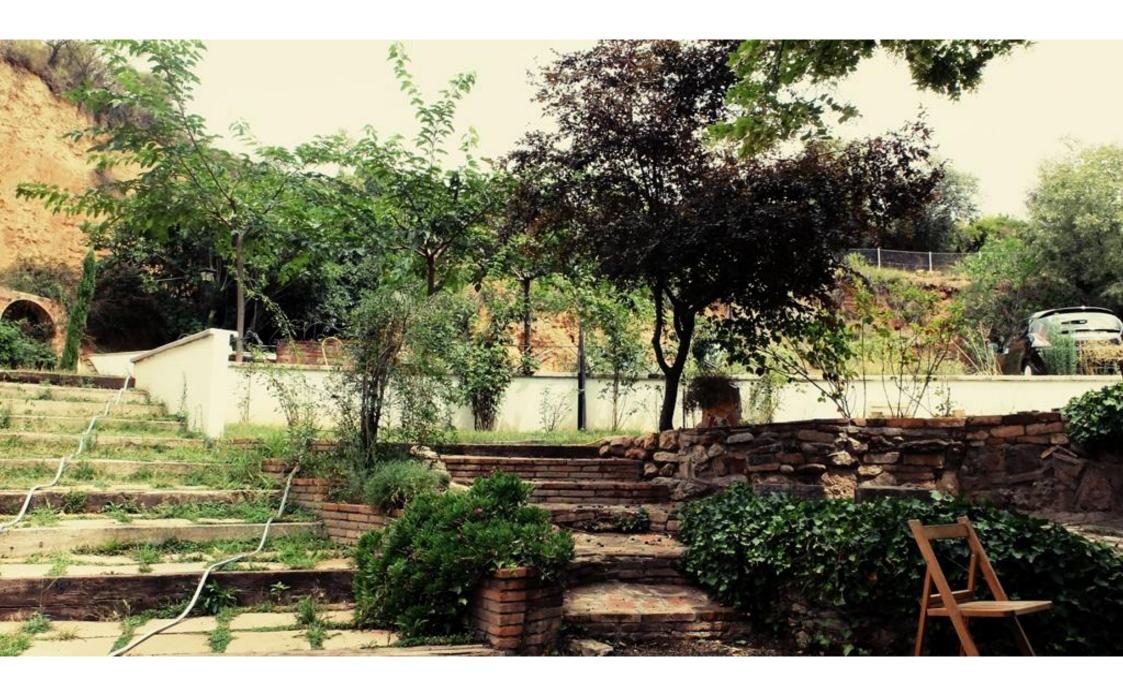




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The Bodega in Can Serrat, one of the communal studios



### CHILDREN & PEOPLE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY

- -Can Serrat is an exciting place for children!
- -Regarding general safety: one can find machines, heavy equipment, sharp tools, and chemicals both inside and out. The house is old and not child proof so small children must be under adult supervision at all times.
- · Can Serrat is a 200 years old rustic farmhouse located in a rural setting. It is a 10 minute walk uphill to the village of El Bruc. Residents need to walk to the village to get groceries, go to the bus stop, etc, as there is no public transportation available between El Bruc and Can Serrat.
- · All bedrooms as well as many of studios are located on the first floor and there is no elevator, so residents need to be able to go up and down the stairs.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Stores in El Bruc are generally open in the mornings and late afternoons/eveningS, but are closed mid day. Most stores are closed on Sundays and holidays. There is no bank, but there is a new ATM with ING bank in the village. You can also take out small amounts of cash at the Tobacco shop. (Do not expect to be able to access more than 20 euros.)
- In the village you will find a bakery, a pharmacy, a library, a post office (open 1 hr/day during the week day), a few small convenience stores and a supermarket as well as several restaurants and bars. Please note most of them close early, so do not expect late night life in El Bruc. There is no gas station, ATM, or art supply store. Please plan ahead accordingly.
- Bring a flashlight because the end of the dirt road that leads to Can Serrat is not lit and can get very dark at night. Do not forget to bring a plug adaptor if you are coming with your laptop, camera or other electrical appliances.
- If sharing a room, we recommend you bring earplugs. Bring comfortable shoes for walking in and around the village and for hiking in the mountain.
- In the summer, bring your swimsuit (the village outdoor swimming pool is open in July and August and you can get a monthly pass for a reasonable fee), beach towel, and mosquito repellent.
- Starting in springtime, mosquitos will join the party and it can be annoying if you are not well protected. Wearing clothing that covers can be a recommended strategy especially in the evenings and at night.

## **HOURS OF OPERATION**

- The staff generally works from Monday through Friday and some Saturdays until 18h. They do not live on the premises. Some public events are organized and take place on Saturdays and Sundays. In general try to avoid arriving on weekends or expect to for staff to be on duty on the weekends.
- Can Serrat staff speaks Norwegian, English, Spanish, Catalan, and French.



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## APPENDIX I

# List of groceries provided by Can Serrat:

# English

Selection of coffee and tea
Milk (regular & soya)
Jams/honey/sugar
Rice and pasta
Tomato sauce
Selection of local fruits and vegetables from the season
Chickpeas

# Spanish

Selección de café y té
Leche (regular & soja)
Mermelada/miel/azucar
Arroz y pasta
Salsa de tomate
Selección de frutas y verduras de temporada y de proximidad
Garbanzos

# **APPENDIX II**

# Bi-weekly chore chart

The below chart gives you an idea of some of the tasks that are shared to help maintain the house. This chore chart rotates every other week.

	GENERAL TASKS*	Week I+2	Week 3+4	Week 1+2	Week 3+4
1.Kitchens	<ul> <li>Keep the sink clean</li> <li>Clean bread crumbs near the toaster</li> <li>Clean the burners (remove grease or remains after cooking)</li> <li>Keep the oil area clean</li> <li>Sweep the floor and mop</li> <li>Keep the eating table clean</li> <li>Clean &amp; tidy up the areas of dishes, cutlery, pots, kettle, etc.</li> <li>Keep refrigerators and food shelves organized</li> </ul>				
2.Laundry + Sinks	Clean towel cabinet and keep it neat and tidy  Wash kitchen and hand towels guests sheets (they accumulate in the baskets near the sinks)  Keep cleaning supplies shelves organized  Take the garbage out of the baskets  Clean the sinks with disinfectant and / or caustic soda to remove hairs, grease, etc.  Sweep the floor, mop				
3.Exterior + Entrance + Showers next to the laundry + Cat's pop	<ul> <li>Keep the outside table and benches clean</li> <li>Keep the entrance and bar clean / tidy</li> <li>Clean the exterior corridor (remove leaves or fruits that fall, or cigarette butts, paper, collect glasses, bottles, etc.)</li> </ul>				

	<ul> <li>Clean showers: disinfect racholas, wash curtains with brush, remove hairs (soda)</li> <li>Clean the cat litter box</li> </ul>		
4.Public bathroom + Toilets + Dining room	<ul> <li>Ensure there is toilet paper in stock</li> <li>Clean the toilet inside and out</li> <li>Clean the sink</li> <li>Sweep &amp; mop the floor w / disinfectant</li> <li>Change the bleach / disinfectant on the toilet brush</li> <li>Clean dining: piano, sofa cover and wash it, clean dining room furnitures and dining table</li> </ul>		
5. Garbage	Take garbage out as needed		
6. Stairwais & corridor	<ul><li>Sweep regularly to avoid accumulation of dust.</li><li>Mop with disinfectant (little) and / or water every week.</li></ul>		
7. Writers Studio	Remove the garbage from the bin     Clean tables & keep the space tidy     Sweep the floor and mop		
8. Bathroom Behind	<ul><li>Clean showers, toilets and sinks</li><li>Sweep the floor and mop</li><li>Ensure there is toilet paper in stock</li></ul>		
9. Studio 2	Remove the garbage from the bin     Clean tables & keep the space tidy     Sweep the floor and mop		
10. Terraza 2	<ul> <li>Keep the outside table and benches clean</li> <li>Clean the exterior (remove leaves that fall, cigarette butts, collect glasses, bottles, etc.)</li> </ul>		
11. Salon 2	Remove the garbage from the bin     Clean tables & keep the space tidy     Sweep the floor and mop		

12. Bodega	Coordinate with Bernat for specfic tasks				
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Cleaning personnel comes once a week. Resident task-rotation changes every other week.

## **APPENDIX III**

# Local art supply store list

Artists are responsible for providing and bringing their own supplies. See information provided below about some stores. It is possible to ship materials to Can Serrat with advance planning.

Before shipping, make sure that custom fees are already included in the price you are paying, that total goods value are declared and do not exceed 100 EUR, and that you send it from a personal address, (i.e. not a company), otherwise you will be asked to pay more fees when you receive your package and to provide customs with an invoice of the goods inside the package:

c/o Georgina Teixidor "your name" Masia Can Serrat s/n 08294 El Bruc - Barcelona - SPAIN

tel: +34 937 71 03 13

Be aware that shipping your artwork back home can be expensive, especially if the package is not a conventional size

Tienda de Arte (BCN)/Art Supply Store	Sitio Web/Website	Notas/Notes
Barna Art Barcelona	<u>m/</u>	paints, brushes, pens canvases, printmaking supplies, etc. NO DRAWING PAPER or notebooks!
Barna Paper		papers, notebooks, bookmaking supplies. Same company as above, different location, a few blocks away.
Casanova Foto	http://www.casanovafoto. com/	photography supplies

Art Hilgard	arthilgard@gmail.com	paints, inks, drawing supplies, canvases
Casa Piera	http://www.casapiera.com	n/ paints, inks, drawing supplies, canvases
Servicio Estación	https://serveiestacio.com es/	<u>n/</u> Hardware store

### **APPENDIX IV**

# **Getting to Can Serrat**

## **BY TAXI**

If you plan to arrive by taxi from the airport, it is 50 euros one way in cash directly to our driver, Anne Tone. She is available to provide lifts for a small fee, for example to the Monastery or for an art supply run, and can be arranged on a case by case basis once you arrive. You can also split the coast by organizing and sharing the ride with other residents. In order to reserve a ride, please contact Gina via email gina.canserrat@gmail.com and share your 1/Your Terminal 2/Airline and flight number 3/Time of arrival.

#### BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

# From Airport to Can Serrat via Public Transportation\*.

\*There is no bus directly from the airport to Can Serrat. You must first go to Zona Universitaria in Barcelona with subway and and a transfer.

There is public transport to and from Barcelona via a bus system. Find bus time schedule here: <a href="http://www.igualadina.com/pdfs/bcn\_igu\_ee.pdf">http://www.igualadina.com/pdfs/bcn\_igu\_ee.pdf</a>

1. Take the subway line L9S from the airport to Zona Universitaria. See map here:

http://www.mapametrobarcelona.net/mapas-metro/mapa-metro-barcelona-2017-01.pdf

Buy a card at the ticket machine at the metro station with cash or card. Must have a pin if paying with a credit card or debit card. Approx value 4,50 euros.

- 1. Exit the metro and wait for the bus from the Zona Universitaria bus station.
- 2. Transfer to the green L3 line going towards Trinitat Nova 2 stops to Maria Cristina. (free transfer)
- 3. Get off Maria Cristina.

Approximate time: 45 mins

## From Maria Cristina in Barcelona-Can Serrat in El Bruc

## Locating the Hispano Igualadina Bus Stop:

After you exit the metro at the Maria Cristina stop, you will find the Hispano Igualadina bus stop on Avinguda Diagonal across the street from the black Caixa Bank. It is the second bus shelter from the Vanguardia news stand labeled in small print Hispano Igualadina.

Here is a link to the .pdf of the bus schedule going to and from Barcelona and El Bruc:

http://www.igualadina.com/pdfs/bcn\_igu\_ee.pdf?

The schedule is in Catalan. Please use google translate if you need assistance with vocabulary:

https://translate.google.com/?hl=es

Approximate time from BCN to El Bruc: 50 mins

## • Tickets for the Hispano Igualadina bus service:

## Option I:

You can pay in cash. The bus driver can make change. Largest bill you can break is 20E

## Option II:

You can purchase a T-10 zona 5 pass for 45,05 euros at the ticket machines in the metro station. This may be a more economical option if you plan to do several round trips between El Bruc and Barcelona over the course of your stay.

\*Notes about Hispano Igualadina to be aware of:

There is an express line as well as a local bus. Check with your driver and be sure to take the local. You can double-check with the driver to make sure they stop in El Bruc.

## Arriving to Can Serrat:

You can ask the drivers if they are willing to drop you at Can Serrat.

3) a. If the driver drops you at Can Serrat:

You will see a small white sign on the right for Can Serrat at the entrance to our driveway. It is a steep dirt road that slopes down to the right. Make your way down the drive, approx 50 meters and the house is at the bottom to your right.

3) b. If the bus driver drops you at the bus stop in El Bruc:

Some drivers do not consider Can Serrat a proper stop and will therefore drop you in the village of El Bruc past Can Serrat. If this is the case, turn around and walk back the 500 meters until you reach the driveway entrance and the Can Serrat sign that would this time be on your left. Be careful of traffic when walking on the side of the road!

It would be great if you could aim to arrive by 12 noon, and advance notice of your arrival time is appreciated so we can coordinate someone being here to welcome and show you around.

## WITH PRIVATE CAR

You can check all the rental companies at the airport at http://aena.mobi/m/es/aeropuerto-barcelona/alquiler-coches.html

From Barcelona, Autovia A2 towards Lleida, exit 572 – El Bruc. When leaving the highway, go straight on for about 550m and follow the indication 'Can Serrat', going down a paved road slightly to the right until you reach the house.



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