



CAN SERRAT

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Can Serrat is a Catalan farmhouse located in El Bruc (Montserrat), 45 km outside of Barcelona. One of the oldest international residency programs in Catalonia, it has welcomed artistic and literary projects since 1989, when eleven Norwegian artists collectively bought the house and created the residency.

The organization is focused on supporting and guiding the creative process through individual and collective meetings, and the local professional network. The house welcomes up to 35 people from a diverse range of countries and disciplines, which allows for rich exchanges.

Can Serrat manages the multidisciplinary on-site residency, as well as Crucero, a virtual program that offers an advising and coaching service and delivers collective creation workshops called REMOTA.

Can Serrat receives support from the Generalitat de Catalunya, and is a member of Xarxaprod, a network of artistic production centers in Catalonia.

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

THE CURRENT TEAM

- Sophie Blais, Director
- Georgina Teixidor, Director of Administration and Logistics
- Sarah Goodchild Robb, Residency Program Coordinator and Resident Support
- Ely Daou, Community Coordinator
- Ana Nemirovsky, Communication
- Anne-Tone Lie, Chef and Taxi Services (to and from the airport, to the Monastery, to Martorell, etc.)
- Laia Teixidor, Cleaning
- An invited live-in Coordinator Assistant
- 1 cat! (Salvador)

COLABORATORS

- Vlada Predelina, Gardening Project
- Michael McMahon, Gardening Project
- Rafael Duarte, Bodega Workshops
- Judit Luna, Bodega Workshops

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WORKING SCHEDULE The staff has a hybrid working model during the week typically between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm Monday-Friday with. A schedule is posted on the office door as a reference.

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LANGUAGES

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

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.

Can Serrat staff speak Norwegian, English, Spanish, Catalan, and French.

ACTIVITIES

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

Each month, there is programming that activates and facilitates understanding of the research and process of the residents. The activities we organize reflect an interest in being present to process, research, question, doubt, understand, curiosity, and debate.

A welcome email is sent to you before your arrival that outlines the monthly calendar with specific information about what to expect while you are in residence. You will be notified of other activities and updates during your stay.

Please note: We do not organize shows or directly connect residents with gallery spaces. Can Serrat is thought of primarily as a space of production. Special off-site events organized with past residents are typically arranged on an invitation-basis.

Below are listed the monthly activities we may organize. Other annual or special events may also be planned during your time here.

- WELCOME COFFEE: We meet in the garden to introduce each other over coffee. Go over the activity calendar/month, answer questions, etc
- RACONS: Small, informal group dialogues where residents can speak about past and current projects and what they plan to do during their residency.
- DINAR OBERT/OPEN LUNCH: 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.
- COMMUNITY MEALS: Anne Tone prepares a weekly communal meal for the residents.

Activities are organized on a monthly basis and if you arrive after the first week, you might miss introductory activities such as the welcome coffee and the racons.



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. 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. We hope it is an enriching experience for all, but we also try to listen and tweak logistics if necessary.

We trust, 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, understanding, and communication are valued during your stay in this shared living environment.

BASIC COMMUNITY RULES:

- We do not tolerate disrespectful conduct, discriminatory comments or behaviors against cultures, races, genders, ages, 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, customs, ages, and daily rhythms. Kindly observe quiet hours after 11 pm (except the nights when a cultural event might take place at Can Serrat).

Internet: please note slow connection!

We try to have the best internet possible. However, being in a rural area 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.

Please plan accordingly based on your specific needs, and don't forget to bring a plug adapter if you're bringing your laptop, camera, or other equipment.

Studios

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

- An old winery: printmaking studio and space for workshops, dance/performance/theater/yoga.
- A multifunctional space with plenty of natural light, usually dedicated to visual artists or painters.
- A writing area equipped with desks, chairs, and internet.
- A multifunctional room with a good internet connection.
- Residents may also choose to work outside in the garden.

*Each group or individual is expected to clean their workspace during their stay and return any borrowed materials and tools before leaving.

Communal equipment

- Manual printing press (80 cm wide) with felt blankets, glass surfaces, and sinks. Please plan to bring all your own supplies. Note that the printmaking area is NOT equipped or set up for acid-based techniques.
- 1 projector.
- Some basic hand tools for DIY projects.

While there are some supplies left by previous residents for communal use, artists are responsible for bringing their own materials and should plan accordingly.

If you need assistance with locating specialty supplies, please email us ahead of your arrival so we can assist if we are able to.

Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to store or preserve artworks. All residents are fully responsible for their own work and material and must take their projects with them at the end of their stay. Can Serrat reserves the right to discard any materials or projects left behind.

The rooms

The house has 16 rustic bedrooms of various sizes, available for individual, double, or triple occupancy. All rooms are located upstairs, so you will need to climb stairs to access them.

If you book a shared room, you will typically share it with two other people. If you are a light sleeper, we recommend bringing earplugs.

Each resident is expected to keep their room clean during their stay and, before departure, to strip their bed and leave the sheets in the laundry. Residents clean their own sheets during their stay.

Check-out is at 11:00 AM, meaning you should remove your belongings from your room by that time in case we need to prepare it for an incoming resident. However, you are welcome to stay in the house as long as you need for the rest of the day.

Sheets and towels are provided upon arrival.

Bathrooms & Laundry

There are 5 toilets, 5 showers, and 5 sinks, all shared and located on the ground floor.

Residents have access to two washing machines with detergent provided, as well as clotheslines for air-drying laundry outdoors.

Kitchen

The kitchen is a communal space, and each resident prepares their own meals—although people often choose to cook together.

Can Serrat does not provide groceries, but does organize prepared dinners twice a week, as well as some snacks for certain activities, which you will be notified about.

Tea, coffee, regular milk, plant-based milk, are available for everyone.

For other items, there is a supermarket in the village where you can purchase food and personal necessities.

The kitchen is equipped with basic cooking utensils, plates, cutlery, a microwave, a kettle, a coffee maker, an oven, and filtered water for communal use.

CLEANING

Keeping the house clean is a collective effort, and it is the responsibility of all Can Serrat residents to maintain common areas clean and organized.

A staff member will come twice a week to do a deep cleaning of some common areas only. (Does not include bedroom, studios, or kitchen). Additionally, residents will follow a task list to help with daily upkeep (see Appendix I for the list of household tasks).

Your understanding and cooperation in this shared responsibility are greatly appreciated.

If a group stays at Can Serrat while you are here, they are expected to clean their own spaces.

FAMILY – PEOPLE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY

Can Serrat is an exciting place for children!

Regarding overall safety: there are machines, heavy equipment, tools, and chemicals both indoors and outdoors. Therefore, young children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Can Serrat is an old rustic farmhouse located in a rural setting. Residents need to walk to the village (5–10 minutes) to buy groceries, access the bus stop, etc., as there is no public transportation available between El Bruc and Can Serrat.

All rooms, as well as most studios, are located upstairs, and there is no elevator, so residents must be able to climb up and down the stairs.



PREPARING FOR YOUR STAY

Arrival

- The residency is 40 minutes by taxi from the airport and 45 minutes by public transportation (bus) from Barcelona.
- Can Serrat is a 10-minute walk from the village of El Bruc, where you will find shops, bakeries, a pharmacy, a medical center, bars, restaurants, a supermarket, a library, etc.

Please refer to Appendix III on how to arrive by public transport, or to book a taxi.

Materials & Shipments

All artists and residents are responsible for bringing their own materials and supplies. Please have a look at the non-exhaustive list of art supplies available in and around Barcelona (Appendix II).

We have a very limited list of basic communal items, and it is recommended to plan ahead.

You are also welcome to send supplies directly to us. Please see Appendix II for more information.

Weather

Although we are in Catalonia, not every day is hot and sunny. We recommend checking the local weather before packing for your stay to ensure you bring appropriate clothing.

In autumn and spring, be prepared for cooler, rainier days with a light and/or waterproof jacket. In winter (December to March), a good coat is necessary. Although there is heating in the bedrooms and in some common rooms, other spaces are not heated, so layers are important, along with a good cup of tea to help stay warm in winter. There are two fireplaces.

As a general rule, in summer (June, July, August, September), the days can be quite hot with direct sunlight. Make sure to bring sunglasses, sunscreen, hats, and your swimsuit-- (the village's outdoor pool is open in July and August, and you can obtain a monthly pass for a reasonable fee). Be prepared for mosquitoes from June to October with a good insect repellent.

Can Serrat is within walking distance of trails in the Montserrat mountains and good hiking boots or trail shoes + layers are good options to have on hand.

The Village of El Bruc

In the village, there are several bars and restaurants. There is also a community center with yoga, a bakery, a pharmacy, a massage place, a tobacco shop, some grocery stores, a supermarket, a hair salon, and a public library worth visiting.

You can enjoy some special local festivals, such as the Timbaler Festival in June, the village festival in August, or the annual music festival in November and December,

Check local schedules, as many shops close at midday and are closed on Sundays and holidays.

- Charter Supermarket: Carrer Bruc del Mig, 86.
- Local Doctor: (See contact information on the emergency contact page)
- Pharmacy: Carrer Bruc del Mig, 15.
- Tobacco Shop: where you can find maps for local hikes, stamps, bus tickets and passes, and souvenirs.
- Post Office: located in the same building as the medical center, open for 1 hour/day only.

There is an ATM next to the public library.

In the neighboring village called Collbató, there is a Sunday market until 2 PM, offering fresh fruits and vegetables, cheeses, bread, clothing, and other treasures. Collbató also has a larger supermarket called Bon Preu.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

For ambulances or emergency services, call 112.

Can Serrat Contact Number and Address:

Mobil: +34 689 32 51 37

Masía Can Serrat, Sin Número (El Bruc), 08294 El Bruc, Barcelona.

Primary Care Center in El Bruc (CAP):

Tel: 93 771 01 31

Carrer de Bruc del Mig, 23 Baixos, 08294 El Bruc

Hours: CAP Schedule

Pharmacy in El Bruc:

Tel: 937 71 02 01

Carrer de Bruc del Mig, 15

Other Medical Centers and Hospitals Nearby:

Primary Care Center in Esparreguera (CAP):

Tel: +34 93 770 81 00 // +34 902 111 444 (appointments: 24 hours)

Carrer Via del Mil·lenari, 16, 08292

Hospital Igualada Emergency Room:

Tel: +34 93 807 55 77

Avenida Catalunya, 11, 08700 Igualada

APPENDIX I

The following table provides an overview of some of the shared tasks to help maintain the house. This task chart rotates every two weeks.

1	DOWNSTAIRS KITCHEN	• Keep the sink clean • Clean bread crumbs near the toaster • Clean the burners (remove grease or remains after cooking) • Keep the oil area clean • Sweep the floor and mop • Keep the eating table clean • Clean & tidy up the areas of dishes, cutlery, pots, kettle, etc. • Take care of the garbage
2	UPSTAIRS KITCHEN	SAME THAN DOWNSTAIRS KITCHEN
3	EXTERIOR + ENTRANCE	• Keep the outside table and benches clean • Keep the entrance and bar <u>clean / tidy</u> • Clean the exterior corridor (remove leaves or fruits that fall, or cigarette butts, paper, collect glasses, bottles, etc.) • Take care of the garbage
4	LAUNDRY + CAT'S POP	• Common Laundry (towels, sheets, etc) • Clean the cat litter box
5	PANTRY + COMMON FRIDGE S/<u>FOOD SPACES</u>	• <u>Organice</u> the fruits and vegetables • Inform when something is missing o <u>need</u> to be buy • Keep cleaning supplies shelves organized • Clean the space • Organice the common frigde and spaces (remove food that is out of date, etc). • Sweep the floor, mop
6	<u>DINNING</u> ROOM	• Clean dining: piano, sofa cover and wash it, clean dining room <u>furniture</u>s and dining table
7	<u>STAIRWAIS</u> + CORREDOR	• Sweep regularly to avoid accumulation of dust. • Mop with disinfectant (little) and / or water every week.
8	TERRAZA 2	• Keep the outside table and benches clean • Clean the exterior (remove leaves that fall, cigarette butts, collect glasses, bottles, etc.)

9	SALON 2 (UPSTAIRS NEXT TO KITCHEN)	• Remove the garbage from the bin • Clean tables & keep the space tidy • Sweep the floor and mop
10	WRITTERS STUDIO + GREEN ROOM	• Remove the garbage from the bin • Clean tables & keep the space tidy • Sweep the floor and mop
11	STUDIO 2 (END OF THE CORREDOR)	• Remove the garbage from the bin • Clean tables & keep the space tidy • Sweep the floor and mop
12	BODEGA	• Remove the garbage from the bin • Clean tables & keep the space tidy • Sweep the floor and mop
13	GARDEN	• Take care of the garden (plants, trees, etc)
	GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS	• GARBAGE IS EVERYONE JOB - We separate the garbage in: 1.PAPERS 2.PLASTIC 3.ORGANIC 4.RESTA 5.GLASS / Don't let the ORGANIC and the GLASS stay full. • BATHROOMS: After shower: clean, remove your hair, and put the courtin up. Don't forget to tkae your towel with you. The toilet paper goes in the toilets. The bins are just for feminine pads and things like that) • KITCHEN: Don't leave glasses or cups in private/common spaces without taking it back. Clean your own stuff • CIGARRETES: Please clean the ashtrays. • COMUNNAL DINNERS MEANS COMMUNAL EFFORT. • Don't take things from others without asking. All things that are in common spaces can be use. • Please keep an eye on your spaces and do a properly cleanning once a week (or as the space needs) • If you have doubts about something (is this art o garbage?) please ask • If you find something broken or you can make the place better, feel free to collaborate with the house • Try to be respectful and kind • Whatever happens, please feel free to talk with the team <3

APPENDIX II

Local Art Supply Stores

Artists are responsible for bringing their materials. Below is some information on local stores. It is also possible to send materials to Can Serrat if planned in advance. **It is strongly recommended, that if you send materials to the residency ahead of your arrival, that you purchase items within the European Union to avoid hefty customs fees and delays.**

Before sending any materials, ensure the following:

- Customs fees are included in the price you are paying.
- The total value of the goods is declared and does not exceed 100 EUR.
- It is sent from a personal address (i.e., not a business). Otherwise, you will be required to pay additional fees when receiving your package and provide customs with an invoice for the contents.

Shipping address for materials:

c/o Georgina Teixidor

"Your name"

Masía Can Serrat s/n

08294 El Bruc – Barcelona – SPAIN

Tel: +34 689 32 51 37 (cell phone/WhatsApp)

Tienda de Arte (BCN)/Art Supply Store	Sitio Web/Website	Notas/Notes
Barna Art Barcelona	https://www.barna-art.com/	paints, brushes, pens canvases, printmaking supplies, etc. NO DRAWING PAPER or notebooks!
Barna Paper	https://www.barna-art.com/papeles	papers, notebooks, bookmaking supplies. <u>Same</u> 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/	paints, inks, drawing supplies, canvases

APPENDIX III

How to get to Can Serrat

BY TAXI

If you plan to arrive by taxi from the airport, the cost is 60 euros per trip to be paid in cash directly to our driver, Anne Tone. She is also available to provide rides for a fee, for example, to the monastery or to purchase art supplies. You can also share the cost by organizing and sharing the ride with other residents.

To book a ride, please contact Georgina via email at canserratart@gmail.com and provide your:

1. Terminal
2. Airline and flight number
3. Arrival time
4. Phone number (WhatsApp)

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

There is no direct bus from the airport to Can Serrat. First, you need to go to Maria Cristina in Barcelona and take the bus from there by following these steps:

1. From El Prat Airport to Zona Universitaria/Maria Cristina in Barcelona.

Take the L9sud metro line from the airport to Zona Universitaria. You can view the map [here](#).

You can purchase your ticket at the ticket machine at the metro station using cash or a card. The approximate cost is 5,70 euros. (April 2025)

From Zona Universitaria, transfer from the L9sud line (orange) to the L3 line (green) in the direction of Trinitat Nova. It's 2 stops to Maria Cristina (the transfer is free).

Approximate travel time from the airport to Maria Cristina: 45 minutes.

2. From Maria Cristina, Barcelona to Can Serrat, El Bruc

After exiting the Maria Cristina metro station, you need to head to the Hispano Igualadina bus stop, which is the second bus stop after the Vanguardia newsstand across the street from La Caixa bank (a dark building with two towers). The bus stop will have the Hispano Igualadina sign in small letters. Double check with driver that he stops in El Bruc.

Here is the [PDF](#) of the bus schedule going to and from Barcelona and El Bruc. **Transportation is organized by zone. Barcelona is zone 1, and El Bruc is located in zone 5.**

(The schedule is in Catalan. You can use a translator or ChatGPT if you need help with the vocabulary.)

Approximate travel time from Barcelona Maria Cristina to El Bruc by bus: 50 minutes.

Bus Ticket Options:

- Option I: You can pay in **cash** (i.e no cards. The only buses that accept cards are intracity buses). The bus driver can only make change for 10€ bills! The approximate cost for a single ticket is 8,80€.
- Option II: You can purchase a **T-Casual zone 5** pass for 51,20€ (Includes 10 rides total) at the ticket vending machines in the metro station. (cannot be shared between users)
- Option III: Purchase a **T-Usual, zone 5** pass for 59,60€. (Unlimited use for 30 days within all of zone 5, including Barcelona. Cannot be shared between users). This is the most economical option if you plan on making several round-trips between El Bruc and Barcelona and move around the city during your residency. **Additionally, with this pass, you do not have to buy a separate ticket to go to and from the airport on the metro.**

(Prices are updated as of March 2026)

*Notes about Hispano Igualadina to keep in Mind:

There is an express line that does not stop at El Bruc, so we recommend checking with the driver to make sure the bus will stop at El Bruc.

3. Getting to Can Serrat:

You can ask the bus drivers if they are willing to drop you off at Can Serrat. (Can Serrat does not have its own stop, but some drivers are willing to let you off at the driveway)

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

There is a steep cement path that descends to the right. Go down this path for about 50 meters, and the house will be at the bottom on your right.

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

Some drivers may not consider Can Serrat to be an appropriate stop and will leave you in the village of El Bruc, past Can Serrat.

If this is the case, turn around and walk back about 500 meters until you reach the entrance of the driveway and the Can Serrat sign, which will now be on your left. Be cautious of traffic while walking along the road!

Arrivals are requested between 9:30 AM – 6 PM. Advance notice of your arrival time is appreciated so we can coordinate someone to be here to welcome you and show you around the house.

BY PRIVATE CAR

You can check all car rental companies at the airport using this link: [Car Rental Companies](#)

From Barcelona, take the A2 Highway toward Lleida, exit 572 – El Bruc. After exiting the highway, continue straight for about 550 meters and follow the sign for "Can Serrat," turning down a slightly right paved road until you reach the house.

You can also enter “Residencia Internacional de Artistas Can Serrat” in your GPS.

