

Mas de la Serra

WILDERNESS RETREAT, SPAIN



Exclusive hire for families, large groups and private celebrations

Mas de la Serra is one of the most extraordinary luxury villas in Spain. Situated near Barcelona this newly renovated fortified farmhouse sleeps 16 in 8 beautiful double bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms and is available for weekly hire with staff. It's the perfect property for a group of families or a private celebration set in the stunning coastal mountains with access to the sea



The Property is set in 60 acres of almond groves and pine and oak forest and has all the facilities of a boutique hotel with but feels like home. Restored Over 7 years by Alasdair Grant of the Glenfiddich whisky family it has a well stocked honesty bar and combines elements of his Scottish heritage with Spanish antiques in a contemporary mix.



Our guests can enjoy a safe solar heated infinity pool with stunning views, 3 sitting rooms, 3 terraces / patios, hammam, rowing machine, home cinema, children's games, pool table, broadband wifi throughout the house, UK / International TV, DVD library. Babysitting and spa treatments using our local herbs can also be arranged.

'The location is idyllic. Matarranya, in eastern Spain, is often called the Tuscany of Spain, though its hushed, vertiginous ancient hill towns reminded me even more of Tuscany's near neighbour, Umbria, which is no bad thing.'

The Scotsman



Family Activities at the Villa

There is lots to do for the whole family without even leaving the property.

Wildlife watching - it's possible to watch the rare wild ibex most evenings in the grounds as well as red squirrels and vultures.

Many of the kids enjoy fossil hunting which is very rewarding and they are easy to find.

Walking in the surrounding hills, or just relax at the pool, kids love collecting beautiful insects and in the evenings there is always the home cinema and games and puzzles.

Or why not help out on the farm with the almond harvest or looking for truffles.

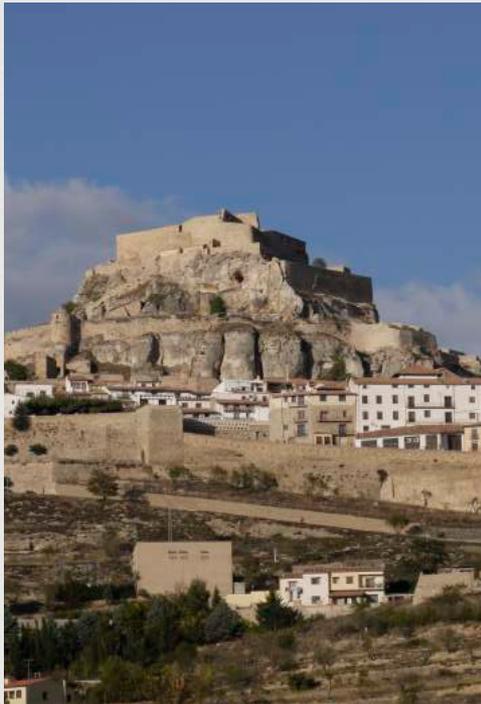


Family Activities in the Surrounding Countryside

This is the real authentic Spain and the local nearby village is a typical example with its medieval charm. The local town Valderrobres has been voted as one of the most beautiful in Spain and is dominated by its impressive castle. There are a many villages like these which can be easily visited from the masia many with wonderful traditional restaurants and bars.



Morella with its huge stone walls is a must for any visitor and the surrounding countryside is perfect for mountain biking, riding, canoeing on the lake and hiking in gorges and playing in turquoise pools. We can arrange 4x4 trips into the mountains and its easily possible to spend the day on the coast with some wonderful beaches and water sports on offer.



There are few places in Spain that offer such a range of activities for all ages and aside from winery visits, the Picasso and civil war museum and great walks there are surprisingly plenty of bars and nightlife for the younger ones despite being in the countryside.



The property comes with our chef who specialises in Spanish and Peruvian cuisine using local ingredients our prices include daily breakfast and 5 gourmet dinners.



The guests can all sit together whether on the terrace on warm evenings or in our dining room and enjoy almond and truffle soup, sucking pig and ceviche

As well as paellas we also cook lamb each week in the traditional outside oven. Guests can prepare their own lunches and have 2 evenings when they can either dine in a nearby village



We have have great reviews on trip advisor and in the press.

'We stayed with as a group of 5 families with 10 kids between us. From start to finish we were made to feel at home. Great food cooked by Luis and Jenni who were friendly and professional. The house is a real labour of love - recently restored over 5 years by Alasdair, the owner. The area is remote and beautiful.

Fantastic walks down river gorges, fossil hunting, exploring castles, up the mountains.'



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20 For wildlife lovers
Mas de la Serra, Fuentespalda, Spain

Mas de la Serra is an elegant estate, surrounded by wild mountain countryside that is alive with ibex, griffon vultures, red squirrels and wild boar.

Details: Doubles from €160 B&B.



20 Spanish rural retreats

Stay on a finca, cortijo or traditional inn to see Spain at its best, says [Annabelle Thorpe](#)

Best for walkers

1 Casa Olea, Priega de Córdoba Andalusia

Tucked away among the silver-tinged olive groves of the Sierra Subbética and just over 90 minutes from Granada Airport, this newly-opened former cortijo (country property) has six simply-furnished rooms, which overlook the hills. Hearty breakfasts and suppers are served up by the English owners, Tim and Claire, who have an encyclopaedic knowledge of local walking/cycling routes.

Details: Doubles from £214 (0034-696748209, casaolea.com)

fireplace. The five bedrooms are light and airy with a cosy dining room.

Details: B&B doubles from £63 (0034-962586337, casasibarita.es)

Best for isolation

4 Mas de la Serra, Fuentespalda Aragon

Widescreen views of olive groves and vineyards, unbroken by buildings, make this a relaxing spot to escape to. The house is an old masia (farmhouse) that has been restored so that it mixes tradition with luxury. Rooms are sleek with vast beds, while the surrounding countryside offers hiking, cycling, kayaking and horse riding. Mas de la Serra sits inland about halfway between Barcelona and Valencia.

Details: B&B doubles from £108 (f-escape.com)

They all have private terraces overlooking the orange groves. It is located towards the north of the island, a scenic half-hour drive from Ibiza airport. Being Ibiza, the feel is a mix of Asian and Spanish, with a sushi bar next to the pool, Balinese furniture and a spa that offers oriental-themed treatments and therapies. It is an egalitarian kind of place: perfect whether you want mojitos or meditation.

Details: B&B doubles from £150 (08450340700, mrandmrsmith.com)



Best for cooks

2 Finca Buen Vino, Sierra de Aracena Andalusia

Surrounded by lush countryside, 90 minutes from Seville, this perfect gastro-escape was created by Scottish couple Sam and Jeannie. It has just five rooms that feel delightfully homely. Four and five-night cookery courses run in spring and autumn, focusing on traditional Catalan dishes, while Cordon Bleu-trained Jeannie serves up wonderful suppers in the cosy dining room.

Details: B&B doubles from £118 (0034-959124034, fincabuenvino.com)

Best home from home

5 Trasierra, Cazalla de la Sierra, Seville

The Scott family have been running Trasierra for more than 30 years, and in some ways it's more like staying in a private home than a hotel — although the spacious bedrooms, all different and each with their own terrace — have a sleek hotel feel. Tucked away in the hills behind Seville, this is a great

choice for walkers and those who long for a real feeling of escape.

Details: Doubles from £85 B&B (0034609550600, trasierra.eu)

Best for grown-up clubbers

6 Atzaró Ibiza

Away from Ibiza's sprawling coastal resorts, Atzaró is a gorgeous, family-run finca with 24 stylish rooms.

EN MATARRANA LEJOS DE TODO, CERCA DEL CIELO

SI QUERES ESCAPE, TERRAZAS, PISCINA, PROYECTOR, MISION DE GRAN BUDEN, EN SUS TIERRAS CONFLUYEN LA TRADICION, LA CULTURA Y LA GASTRONOMIA DE TRES GRANDES REinos: CASTILLA, VALENCIA Y ARAGON. EN SUS MONTAÑAS, UN APREHENDIENDO DECIDIDO TENDRAN POR UNA MANERA DE CONVIVENCIA CON SU BELLEZA TOQUE LOS ALBERTOS.

