



Sant Fruitós de Bages

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The town



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Sant Fruitós de Bages is in central Catalonia, right in the heart of the Pla de Bages region. The origins of the town date from the tenth century and, over time, the tradition of winegrowing and cereal crops gave way to new production sectors. Industry arrived in the town towards the end of the nineteenth century with the first textile factories: at Sant Benet and later at the Pont Vell site (the Fàbrica Vermella - Red Factory) and around the centre of Torroella de Baix in the twentieth century from the 1950s. Businesses started springing up along the old Berga road and, from that point on, the town has grown continuously in its industrial and commercial areas, which co-exist with the town's more traditional trades.

Sant Fruitós de Bages is an active and modern town thanks to its institutions and associations and its inhabitants. Its public infrastructures and facilities in culture, sport, education, healthcare and other fields, the balance between the urban space and the natural environment, the dynamism and tranquillity have made Sant Fruitós a truly attractive town with a great quality of life.

Come and get to know the town and be involved with it.



LA SAGRERA LIT UP

Old town

La Sagrera

This is the old town of Sant Fruitós, which grew up around the parish church. It contains the houses that were built in a circle around the church to protect the sacred building, which is where the name Sagrera comes from. Going through the arch leads to the centre of the old town, to the Sant Fruitós market gardens which spread out from the old town, creating a highly attractive and very interesting agricultural landscape.



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GREEN WAY WHERE THE "BO" WATER COURSE AND THE "OR" RIVER MERGE

The Parish Church

Built in the twelfth century, Romanesque in origin, it includes renovations created in the Gothic style from the late seventeenth century. Its belfry and the octagonal tower alongside it are particularly remarkable. The fact that this church is dedicated to Sant Fruitós comes from the alleged presence of some relics of the bishop and martyr from Tarragona (the first recorded bishop of Catalonia) in our town.

Next to the church, the old rectory houses the Sant Fruitós Museum, which has a very interesting display of ancient objects that help recreate how people lived and worked in a typical central Catalan house in the nineteenth to twentieth centuries.



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SANT FRUITÓS DE BAGES CHURCH AND PARISH

Sant Benet

Sant Iscle Farm



MONASTERY OF SANT BENET DE BAGES

The Monastery of Sant Benet de Bages, founded in the tenth century by the nobleman Sala, is one of the jewels of the Catalan Romanesque style and unique due to its architectural and heritage value. After centuries of upheaval, after 1907 the monastery began a new lease of life as the family residence of Ramon Casas i Carbó, the acclaimed Catalan Modernist painter.

Finally, in August 2000, important and full restoration and modernisation work was begun on the Monastery of Sant Benet de Bages. In November 2007, the Monastery of Sant Benet de Bages reopened its doors following thorough restoration and improvements to the building.

The new Monastery of Sant Benet de Bages is part of a wider tourist project, Món Sant Benet. This new arts and tourism complex includes the Alícia Foundation, devoted to food research, the Michelin-star L'Ó and La Fonda restaurants, the La Fàbrica convention hall and the Hotel Món. It also hosts a number of events throughout the year.



THE SANT BENET DE BAGES CLOISTER, TWELFTH TO THIRTEENTH CENTURIES



THE ROMANESQUE CHURCH OF SANT ISCLE AND SANTA VICTÒRIA DE BAGES

Sant Iscle Farm, documented in 950 and a contemporary of the Spanish March and the Monastery of Sant Benet de Bages (cradle of the Bages winegrowing culture), has a long tradition of growing vines.

Since the start of the century, the Vilanova family has been farming the thirty-three hectares around the Romanesque church of Sant Iscle i Santa Victòria de Bages and producing top-quality wine and sparkling wines, with particular emphasis on the indigenous Picapoll variety, under the Pla de Bages D.O. label.



La Sèquia

A mediaeval canal built in the fourteenth century to bring water from the Llobregat River from Balsareny to Manresa. Stretching 26 kilometres, it is considered one of the major mediaeval hydraulic engineering projects.

And what's more exciting is that six centuries after it was built, it is still in full working order and supplies the water needed by Manresa and the different towns in Bages county. Come and take a stroll along La Sèquia, where you can visit many areas of natural, historical and architectural interest.



POINT WHERE LA SÈQUIA ENTERS AGULLA PARK

The threshing machine



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COBERT BUILDING ON PLAÇA ONZE DE SETEMBRE

Built in the early 1950s by the Chamber of Agriculture, it has been used for work associated with threshing and storing grain. The uniqueness of the Cobert building has as much to do with its unique shape as it does with the construction system used to create a structure whose arch has a span of over 31 metres. This has made it a very important feature of Sant Fruitós' architectural heritage, as well as an agricultural architectural focus of its time. Recently restored, it is now used as a multi-purpose space.

El bosquet

An extremely lively park due to its location in the centre of Sant Fruitós. El Bosquet hosts a whole range of popular events and festivals and it is the perfect place for lying on the grass, underneath the pines with a privileged view of Montserrat mountain. Visitors can also play and exercise in the children's play area, on the sports track or the health circuit.

Near El Bosquet, there is a wide range of different sports and leisure facilities, such as swimming pools, the football pitch and the multi-purpose sports hall, and a great many shops, restaurants and public services.

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EL BOSQUET AND THE RAMON OMS SCULPTURE PARK

Festivals

The Winter Festa Major

Celebrated on 21 January, Sant Fruitós' saint's day, with events including the Marxa del Terme, a popular walk in which many of the public take part, organised by the Posa't en Marxa Ramblers' Group, and the Sardanes dance at the church.

The Rice Festival

Declared to be of tourism interest, this is a popular meal held on Carnival Sunday whose origins date back to when the marginalised population of the town were given food to help them prepare for the abstinence of Lent. Today, 3,000 portions of rice are served. As well as the popular lunch, the festival offers a varied programme of activities for the whole family to enjoy based on popular and traditional culture. The Rice Festival is part of the activities held to celebrate Carnival.



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GROUP OF COOKS PREPARING THE RICE IN EL BOSQUET

Singing the Caramelles

The Caramelles have been performed in Sant Fruitós every year for over a century.

Many years ago, there were up to three groups that sang them. "El Casino", "La Cooperativa" and "El Centre parroquial". Today, and since the 1970s, the Sant Fruitós Choral Society has been singing the Caramelles.

The Summer Festa Major

An extensive programme of festival activities are held on the first weekend in July and over the following week.

The Sant Fruitós de Bages International Classical Music Festival

Thursday evenings in July.



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