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INTRODUCTION

Mas Lazuli, located on the hearth of the Empordà, is a four stars superior hotel with a particular and unique charm. It was originally a friary.

Preserving the charm of the ancient stones and combining those elements with a modern decoration, the Mas Lazuli is receiving, since May 2014, visitors from all around the world. The Mas offers an exceptionnal stay, highlighted by the comfort and the gastronomy.

The hotel provides spacious and elegant rooms, a restaurant where the traditional Catalan flavours are mixed together with innovation and creativity, a saltwater swimming pool, a spa, amazing views of the Empordà landscapes, bike excursions around the fields and the pleasure to enjoy a daytrip in a boat through the different beaches and coves with a stunning natural beauty. Everything, absolutely everything, is done and thought for our guests, to make them feel comfortable and more than welcome.

You will find an exceptional hotel, next to the border with France, less than 6 hours by train from Paris, and just one hour from Barcelona.



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THE MAS

Mas Lazuli is ideally located in the hearth of the Empordà, less than one hour from the border, close to villages like Cadaqués and Roses, at 6 hours by train from Paris and one hour from Barcelona. Mas Lazuli is distinguished, over all, by the landscape of its surrounding.

Mas Lazuli is, mainly, a combination between products of passion and reunions. The passion is coming from the owners : Caroline Deffis and Jean-Marc Fau. Caroline is a designer. Jean-Marc is a businessman, with a solid experience in the hotel industry and a passion for art and gastronomy. Both of them share the love for the Catalan country and, particularly, for the Empordà region. They discovered in 2012 this ancient friary from the 11th century and this discocery inspired them : they understood that it was the place where they could implement their passion, share their talents and build a hotel corresponding with their dreams.

The hotel opened in May 2014, after 18 months of intense works. The authenticity of the ancient stones has remained untouched, but adapted to the modern demands and comfort, as well as a contemporary decoration. From this contrast, or perhaps from this fortunate meeting, was born the unique identity of this place.

The rooms include all the structural and original elements, as the reform is made while conserving all the possible elements from the medieval friary; there are five types of rooms, from the double room, with terrace or balcony with views to the olive tree, to a big apartment for 4 persons.

The staff is young and dynamic, smiling and helpful, and perfectly completes the Hotel.

"I have always paid attention to beauty", says Jean-Marc Fau, "and for me, Mas Lazuli is a place where to find beauty and wellness. Our guests do not only come only for the Alt Empordà : they also come for the place, for its particular vibes. Specially, it is an Hotel where you feel good, where you feel at home."



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THE RESTAURANT

Jordi Dalmau is the chef in charge of the Mas Lazuli Restaurant. He first trained with the prestigious **Carmen Ruscalleda** (Chef of Sant Pau, in Catalonia, 3 stars in Michelin's Guide, and then in Sant Pai in Tokyo, 2 stars, and author of the best selling book "Cuinar per ser Feliç"). Dalmau then improved his art, working for more than 10 years with **Santi Santamaria**, in "El Racó de Can Fabes", 3 Michelin's Stars.

Santamaría always insisted about the importance of the traditional dishes, like the *paella*, the roasted lamb, etc. Just like his mentor, Jordi Dalmau stands for the "home made cuisine" and he does not consider himself as a fan of the modern molecular or fusion cuisine as, Santamaría said, is a clear symptom of decline of the Mediterranean Cuisine.

Dalmau is committed to the traditional cuisine, based on typical Catalan dishes. A cuisine made of authenticity, pleasures and natural flavours, elaborated with high quality local, and with an excellent presentation.

Lobster salad with tomatoes, onions with tapioca pearls, shrimp ravioli with mushrooms, mushroom risotto with glazed double chin at Jerez... without forgetting the desserts, where the freshness and the fruits are essential.

Being conscious that the pleasure of food also has an aesthetic side, the Mas Lazuli has created an open kitchen, visible from the dining room which offers a spectacle in which every guest could feel to be part of it.

The dishes that are part for the menu are made with ingredients that provide directly the orchard of Mas Lazuli: aromatic herbs, tomatoes, eggplant and several types of beans offer freshness and quality to the dishes.

Also conscious that the Restaurant will not be the same and will not have the expected quality if will do a lot of services at the same time, the Restaurant of Mas Lazuli is limited to 40 guests inside and the same number outside. It also offers you the possibility to have lunch or dinner in our terrace, enjoying of the amazing Empordà's views.



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OTHER SERVICES

The charm of Mas lazuli is not limited to its rooms, nor to its restaurant. Apart from these two pillars, the Mas has also exceptional qualities. Every details have been thought and designed to offer to the guests a pleasant and relaxing stay.

Firstly, the simplicity of the access: if you come by train or plane, you won't need to rent a car, as the transfer services from the hotel will provide you with a taxi upon your arrival. During weekends, a bellboy will also help you with your luggage.

Once you arrive in the hotel, the opportunities to relax are numerous. A 18 meters long infinity saltwater pool offer to the guests an opportunity for relaxations and resting moments when the summer's heat arrives. From the swimming pool, the views on the landscape and the olive trees are stunning. From the terrace, you can see the Empordà's mountains, reminding the atmosphere of *sfumato* and the mannerist landscapes from the Golden Century.

After the swimming pool and the terrace, you can visit the Spa. Mas Lazuli includes a wellness center where you will enjoy body treatments, manicure, beauty and facial cares... You can also prefer the Hammam or make a booking for a relaxing massage.

For the sportive guests, we have bicycles at your disposal, allowing visits in the natural landscptes and rural roads of the area. For the ones who prefer the sea, the hotel organizes trips to discover the natural beauty as Cadaqués and part of the Costa Brava on an 8 meters boat.

But the Mas Lazuli services do not end here: a collaboration with the Peralada Group offers benefits for our guests, for example discounts for the Peralada's Music Festival or free entrance to the Casino. Last but not least : the hotel's Boutique offers a wide choice of different souvenirs, like the Mas' products: wine and oils.

That's why your stay in Mas Lazuli will not be just about the comfort and a good restaurant: everything is based on relaxing services.



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VINEYARDS AND OLIVE TREES

If Mas Lazuli has an orchard which provide the Restaurant with beans and aromatic herbs, its farm production is not just this. It is working, among other things, together with the Empordàlia Cooperative in Pau, who is in charge of the winemaking processes; the Mas works 7 hectares of Merlot and Cabernet, whence is coming the "red wine" (D.O. Empordà), served in the restaurant and is available in our boutique. The white wine, coming from the Macabeu and the Garnacha, is also worked by the cooperative, without being directly a product from the area.

The land, 5 hectares of olive trees, where is allowed to walk around, and that provides to Mas Lazuli an oil made locally in Empordàlia. You could taste it at the restaurant and you can also find it in the hotel boutique.



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TESTIMONIALS

Everything was perfect. The room it was so clean, original design and too charming. Everything around was enjoyable. The food was delicious. The staff is so helpful and friendly.

SYLVIE, FRANCE

We found everything perfect; this hotel is magnificent, modern and decorated with a lot of knowledge. The staff is helpful with everything you could need in order to have an exceptional stay. The rooms are awesome. The restaurant is excellent. This hotel is the truly paradise.

PHILIPPE, FRANCE

When we were arriving, between the land of olive trees, we were aware that we were going to spend an enjoyable stay, and that we were going to discover a charming ancient Spanish friary. We had a warm welcome at the reception. The receptionist shows us the different types of rooms, and then we were able to choose in order to our needs and preferences.

The rooms are all different, but all of them have the same spirit: contemporary decoration, charming and chic. The terraces are so nice with the furniture completely according to the design. The web photos show you the reality of what the Mas Lazuli is offering. Something to point is the garden and the saltwater swimming pool: delicious. Palm trees, olive trees, fruit trees and panoramic views above Figueres and the Bay of Roses. The infinity pool and the bar are exceptional. The hotel is completely new and is impeccable. Obviously the restaurant is part of the hotel, excellent, dishes with fresh products and fish of the day.

The service at the panoramic terrace is amazing. The value for money is perfect. It is impossible to find something similar around its surroundings.

EDOUARD, FRANCE

All together is magnificent. Our room was elegant, fresh and comfortable at the same time. The staff was so helpful and efficient. We stayed 2 days, were so nice. We suggest to have breakfast on the terrace, enjoying the views of the olives trees. Thanks to the Chef and his team for the veal. Also, thanks to the owners for the reception.

EMMANUEL - FRANCE

An exceptional stay, a magnificent hotel I have enjoyed all the time I have stayed, and I was wishing to stay for long to be able to enjoy the professional services and of all the details that this Hotel can offer.

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VI. TECHNICAL DETAILS

DESCRIPCIÓN

The Mas Lazuli is a 4 stars superior hotel. The room prices are from 190€ to 450 € per night, it depends of the season, the room and the length of your stay.

The Restaurant is open every day.
Schedules:
1:00PM – 3:30PM
8:00PM – 10:30PM

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Please, you do not hesitate to contact us for further information or to receive more complementary images.



01
A Mas' room



02
Room at the attic, which conserves elements from the ancient friary



03
Apartment for 4 persons, with views on the fields and Empordà's landscapes



04

A large and elegant room. In the background, you can see a decoration made by the artist of Catman.



05

Jordi Dalmau, chef of Mas Lazuli



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Tables at the terrace



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Inside the restaurant room



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Views of the kitchen



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Terrace with views on the fields



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The swimming pool



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Views of the terrace, enjoying the Empordà



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When the night falls, we can enjoy the spheres, from Carles Bros, and the olive tree with clouds' forms that frame the Mas Lazuli entrance



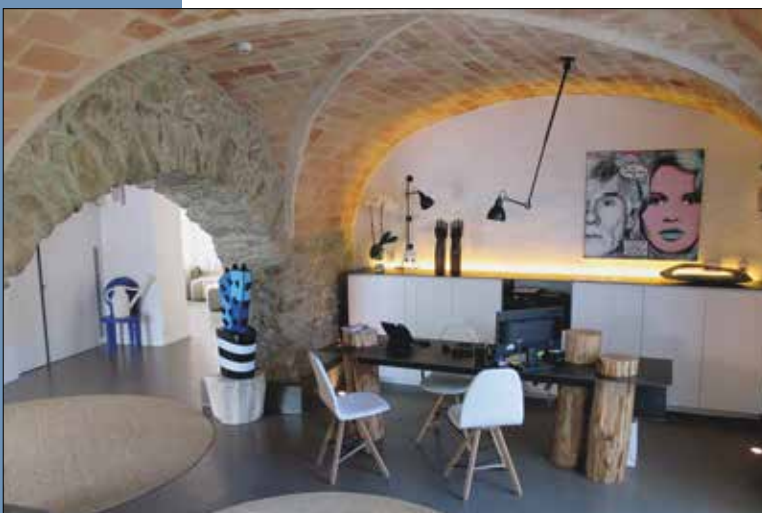
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Views of Mas, from the swimming pool, at nightfall.



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Living room



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Wellness and spa room



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Reception.
Artistic works.



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The Mas' wine