

Eighteenth century mill becomes a boutique hotel in Catalunya

Fifteen room Hotel Vall Amagada del Molí opens April 2026 in the Llémena Valley in Garrotxa with fusion dining, specialty coffee, and services for active travelers.

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Our vision for Vall Amagada warm stone, soft light, long evenings by the pool, and the quiet of the Llémena Valley in Garrotxa after a day out on the trails and roads.

Karel and Robin, Founders of Hotel Vall Amagada del Molí

The rural estate formerly known as Mas El Molí is being transformed into Hotel Vall Amagada del Molí in Sant Esteve de Llémena in Garrotxa near Girona. The project preserves the story of an old mill and brings contemporary comfort for design minded guests and active travelers. Vall Amagada is an actual hotel that is completing the full process for the official hotel license in Catalunya. Opening is planned for April 2026.

The setting is the Llémena Valley in Garrotxa. Oak and holm forests, quiet roads, rivers and natural pools, and small villages define the area. Guests will find a heated pool, a gym, broad terraces with long views, and rooms that pair rustic materials with a simple calm. Breakfast and dinner are served daily. Evenings feature a fusion style restaurant with local and international flavors in sharing style dishes and a specialty coffee program.

“We want the house to breathe Catalunya. Stone walls, soft light, generous rooms, and service that feels natural and warm.” Robin Verkade, co founder

“We put Catalunya first in everything we do. Before we learned Spanish we started learning Catalan so we could listen with respect and understand local life and perspectives.” Karel den Ouden, co founder

“My workshop door will be open every day. From a quick tune to a full build, riders can roll out confident that the bike feels right for the route.” Karel den Ouden, co founder

Made for active travelers

The valley is a natural base for hikers, trail runners, climbers, and yoga groups with scenic routes that begin at the doorstep. At the heart of the property there is a shared laundry room with drying closets so guests can reset gear between days out. The space includes a bidon filling station and easy grab snacks. Boots storage and a dry rack help keep equipment ready for the next start. Cycling is a house specialty within this wider offer with secure storage, a cleaning station, a fully equipped workshop, and a recovery service for longer rides. Karel den Ouden will personally take care of on site bike maintenance. Vall Amagada will collaborate with local cycling clothing brands and nutrition partners and will offer rentals through trusted local companies.

Weddings and gatherings

Vall Amagada will host weddings year round. Warmer months are expected to be especially popular for outdoor celebrations on the terraces and grounds. The hotel is fully equipped for indoor weddings in any season with an epic ceremony spot in the large central hallway and generous reception spaces, and the option for exclusive use. In the quieter months the house will welcome business events from inspiration trips and leadership meetings to small conferences and training retreats.

About the founders

Founders Robin Verkade and Karel den Ouden met in hotelschool and bring a mix of hotel management, revenue leadership, operations, strategy, and entrepreneurship. After relocating from Amsterdam to Catalunya, they began the careful transformation of Mas El Molí into Hotel Vall Amagada del Molí, shaped by a love for nature, cycling, and warm attentive hospitality.

Location and timing

Hotel Vall Amagada del Molí is in Sant Esteve de Llémena in the municipality of Sant Aniol de Finestres in Garrotxa near Girona. It is about thirty minutes from Girona Costa Brava Airport. The hotel is under active restoration now and is set to open in April 2026.

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