

# STOCKENBRIDGE

## BREAKS



## Hotel Casa Anamaria, Catalonia, Spain

Sunday 6th October - Sunday 13th October 2024

A luxury Autumn Bridge week with the Stockens in a fabulous 4-Star Hotel and Spa in the heart of the Catalan countryside

from £1791pp\* including:

\* with 10% loyalty discount

7 nights' stay in this luxury hotel and spa in Catalonia

Full board at the hotel's acclaimed restaurant including:

- breakfast and a light 3-course lunch
- refreshments available during bridge play
- reception with aperitif and canapés on the first evening
- delicious three-course dinner with 1/2 bottle per person of selected wines

Transfers from Girona Airport for a selected flight from London Stansted

All Bridge tuition, course notes and prizes

*Very special bridge holidays*

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## Catalonia

The Catalonia region in northeastern Spain stretches from Pyrenean peaks to the warm, turquoise waters of the Mediterranean, passing plateaus, forests, wildflower meadows, rice paddies and ravines along the way. With medieval towns, the Costa Brava's prettiest coves, fantastic cuisine and fabulous cycle and hiking trails, this beautiful part of Spain has plenty to offer.

### Hotel Casa Anamaria

Situated deep in the Catalan countryside, framed by the Pyrenees mountain range, this honey-coloured patrician villa, was built by French businessman, Olivier Mitterand in 2016 in the image of the Palladian villas of the 16th century. Set in over 60 acres of gardens, woods and fields with pine and oak trees lining a salt-water swimming pool, this villa is situated next to the original 14th century farmhouse buildings which have been converted into luxury accommodation, perfectly blending new with old.



Inside the main building, French-influenced design includes chandeliers, high ceilings and a touch of opulence. A spiral iron staircase leads to contemporary bedrooms on the first and second floors and vintage ornaments are peppered throughout. Expect tranquility and warm, friendly service.

### Restaurant Can Motes

Mar i muntanya – sea and mountain – is the key to Catalan cuisine according to executive chef, Pere Arpa, who spent 14 years as owner and chef at a nearby Michelin-starred restaurant and came to Casa Anamaria in 2021. His ethos is to link ‘territory, culture and local products’ and fills the hotel’s pantry with delicious fresh and seasonal products from local small producers and the hotel’s organic garden. The hotel’s excellent restaurant has an eco-focus offering a heavily Catalan-based menu with a modern twist.



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## *DINNER MENU at CASA ANAMARIA*

*Tomato salad with burrata, anchovies and pesto Genovese*  
*Casa Anamaria seasonal salad*  
*Vegetable ceviche*  
*Grilled tuna belly*  
*Sardines with chickpeas and pumpkin seeds*  
*Marinated mackerel with citrics and candied vegetables*

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*Grilled fish from the market with seasonal vegetables*  
*Sea cucumber with green asparagus and spring garlic*  
*Squid sautéed with local fresh onion*  
*Roasted suckling pig with citrus*  
*Angus beef ribeye, raised in the village of Cornellà de Terri*  
*Roasted lamb with herbs from the Casa Anamaria garden*

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*Goat's milk ice cream with basil and blueberries*  
*Breton apple with liquorice and caramel parfait*  
*Lemon pie*  
*Cheesecake with raspberry, red peppers and ginger*  
*Chocolate textures*  
*Artisan cheese board*



### Please Note

This is a sample menu and will vary according to the season and availability of produce.  
Dinner will be accompanied by half a bottle of house wine per person.  
There will be a choice ordered in advance.  
Any dietary requirements can be catered for - please let us know at the time of booking.

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## Accommodation

Inside the main building, 16 contemporary-style bedrooms are spread across two floors centred around the courtyard. With high ceilings and large windows, the rooms are light and airy and have panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.



There are 10 more bedrooms in the original 14th-century farmhouse buildings, Villa Maria and Villa Ana. They are more traditional country-style rooms with exposed stone walls and beamed ceilings. Villa Maria has a large communal terrace on the 1st floor.



The main building has a lift serving all floors. However there are steps to access the outside terrace and 8 outside steps to the bridge room. Contact us for further details on rooms and accessibility.

*Bedrooms are available from 3pm and check out is by 12pm.*

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| Family Villa ♣          | 2nd floor of Villa María, 2 connected double bedrooms, each with en-suite bathrooms and a living room. 17-22 m <sup>2</sup> . These rooms must be booked together.  |
| Deluxe Villa ♦          | Ground floor of Villa María. Shower or bath. 17-25 m <sup>2</sup>   |
| Deluxe Prestige Villa ♥ | Deluxe rooms: 2nd floor of the main house - the smallest in the main building. Shower over bath. 17-25m <sup>2</sup><br>Prestige Villa rooms: 1st floor of Villa Maria or ground floor of Villa Ana. Seating area. Shower/bath. 22-33m <sup>2</sup> |
| Prestige ♠              | Spread over the main building, the rooms are spacious with a seating area. Shower and/or bath. 22-33m <sup>2</sup>  |
| Junior Suite NT         | On the first floor of the main building, these rooms are the largest. Balcony. Separate seating area. Spacious bathrooms. Shower and most have baths. 32-40m <sup>2</sup>   |

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## Bridge with Zeb & Claudia

Zeb Stocken has many years experience of teaching and hosting bridge events, and whether you come as a group, in a pair or on your own, you can be certain of an instructive and enjoyable game adapted to your level.



Claudia – Zeb’s sister – will be on hand to ensure the smooth running of your holiday and will be joined by their mother, Dinah, to supervise and partner guests if needed. The bridge programme will be a mixture of teaching, supervised play and some duplicate or teams – all played in a fun and friendly environment.



The tuition sessions will use Compass Cards (*set deals*) and a fun topic tailored to the group. All bridge sessions are optional and open to all standards of play although we can only accommodate complete beginners if booked as a group of four. Water, tea and coffee will be available during play.

We will be playing bridge in an adjacent converted barn, El Paller, with plenty of natural light or, weather permitting, outside on the terrace under the pergola. *(NB 8 outside steps with handrail to access bridge room; steps down to the loos)*

It is important to stress that our holidays are not aimed at the type of player who likes a serious 24-board duplicate every night. Our ethos is that bridge should be a friendly and social game where you can meet like-minded people, and our holidays reflect that. No partner is needed on a StockenBridge holiday and non-bridge playing partners are of course welcome.

## Bridge Schedule

### Every Day

Bridge tuition

10am – 12.30pm

Teams or duplicate

5pm - 7.15pm

After dinner supervised bridge or Chicago



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## Excursions and things to do in the area

There will be two wonderful optional excursions and we will contact you nearer the time with full details. Here are some local attractions:

### **Girona** (35 minutes drive)

Wander through the medieval streets of charming Girona (right) where parts date back to Roman times. Visit the picturesque Jewish Quarter, the Ramblas, market places and cafes and the impressive Gothic Cathedral which was famously featured in Game of Thrones.



### **Besalú** (30 minutes drive)

Besalú is a historic gem and one of Catalonia's best preserved medieval towns with cobbled narrow streets and a striking Romanesque bridge spanning the river Fluvià (right).



### **Figueres** (30 minutes drive)

Soak up surrealist art in ancient and modern Figueres (right), birthplace of Salvador Dali.



### **Costa Brava beaches** (35 mins drive)

Head to L'Escalà's turquoise waters or to Sant Pere beach, which has 4 miles of sand dunes. Nearby, Sant Pere Pescador is a pretty little village sandwiched between countryside and coast, on the banks of the River Fluvià.



### **Barcelona** (1 hr 30 minutes drive)

Barcelona, the regional capital, has a historic Gothic Quarter, La Rambla pedestrian area, world-class restaurants, vibrant markets, museums, spectacular architecture such as Antoni Gaudí's iconic Sagrada Família and sandy beaches. Why not spend a couple of nights here at the beginning or end of your holiday?

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### Local walks, cycling, tennis and hotel spa

The surrounding fields and woodlands making up the scenic Catalan countryside are a paradise for walkers and cyclists alike. The hotel has a number of bikes available to use and rackets for a game on the well-maintained tennis court. If all this feels a bit too energetic, book a relaxing massage, a regenerating treatment or simply a soak and steam in the hotel's well-equipped spa.



### Travel Details

Girona Airport is the closest airport and only 35 minutes drive away. Ryanair have many flights from the UK to Girona (*NB Ryanair confusingly call this airport 'Barcelona Girona'*) including a convenient flight from London Stansted - we will include airport transfers for this flight in the cost of your holiday.



Taxis from the airport cost approximately 60€ each way from the taxi rank. Girona also has a high-speed train station with TGV trains running directly from Paris and other European cities.

Barcelona Airport is about 1hr 40 minutes drive away and many airlines operate direct flights from the UK including BA, Easyjet and Vueling. A taxi from the airport costs approximately 250€ each way. Alternatively we can book a group transfer for a convenient BA flight from Heathrow for £30 per person each way (*minimum 8 guests*). Please contact us for full details.

Alternatively you may prefer to hire a car at the airport which will give you greater flexibility during your stay at Hotel Casa Anamaria

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| PRICES<br>(*per person, based on 2 sharing) | ♣     | ♦     | ♥     | ♠     | NT    |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Full Price*                                 | £1990 | £2190 | £2390 | £2490 | £2590 |
| With 10% loyalty discount*                  | £1791 | £1971 | £2151 | £2241 | £2331 |
| Single occupancy                            | £2310 | £2560 | £2760 | £2860 | £2960 |
| Single occupancy with discount              | £2079 | £2304 | £2484 | £2574 | £2664 |



### Loyalty Discount

We are offering a 10% 'loyalty' discount on the holiday price for guests who have already been on a StockenBridge holiday if booked before Jan 31st 2024. If you would like to share a room with a friend, even if they are new to Stockenbridge Breaks, the discount will apply to them too.

### How to Book...

To book your holiday, please first email Claudia (see below) to check availability. Then fill out and submit the on-line booking form - contact us for the link or see the Girona holiday page of our website. Alternatively we can email or send a booking form to you to print out and fill in. Please also pay the deposit of £250 per person by bank transfer. Please see our website or contact us by email for payment details.

The full payment will be due by 30th June 2024.

See our website for our Terms and Conditions or we can email them to you.

Financial Protection Your money paid to us is fully protected against the insolvency of StockenBridge Breaks, in compliance with the Package Travel Regulations 1992. In this unlikely event, you will receive a full refund of your money.

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