



Dona d'aigua water lady sculpture. Photo: Mollet Council



Pinetons park. Photo: Mollet Council



Borrell square. Photo Mollet Council



The House of artist Joan Abelló. Photo: Lluís Salvadó



Prat de la Riba square. Photo: Mollet Council



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Visit Mollet del Vallès

Presentation

We'd like to invite you to visit and get to know Mollet del Vallès. It's the main urban hub in an area known as the Baix Vallès, 20 km from the city of Barcelona. This town has over a thousand years' documented history. Having started out as an agricultural settlement, it underwent major industrialisation at the turn of the 20th century, thanks to the textiles industry, principally silk and tanning. These days, with 51,000 inhabitants, Mollet is a major centre for businesses and services. It stretches over 10.8 km2, half of which is covered by the urban area and the other half by the Gallecs countryside area, a home to outstanding agriculture, nature and landscape, which deserves special protection thanks to its location in a densely populated metropolitan area. Mollet is home to many other famous and lesser known jewels: a spectacularly large Neolithic menhir, considered the biggest in the Iberian peninsula and indeed in the whole of southern Europe; and the Abelló Museum, located in a modernist building that houses this local artist's work and collection of over 10,000 exhibits, including a wide range of 19th and 20th century Catalan paintings and sculptures. Stroll around Mollet and lose yourselves in its historic centre and shopping areas with wide streets and welcoming, family-friendly squares. Discover its parks and treat your senses to the nature and art they contain. Mollet is a friendly, welcoming, dynamic and civic place. It's somewhere you'll enjoy and is sure to be a pleasant surprise.

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Town Hall

This building was inaugurated in 2002. The council used to be located in Prat de la Riba square in the historic town centre, which is also home to Domènec Sugrañes' modernist fountain (shown on the cover photo). The new town hall is situated inside the Illa de Can Mulà, an important city shopping area. Poet and artist Joan Brossa designed the mural on main façade for this administrative building. It features two historic symbols of Mollet: the pier and waves framed inside a reclining letter A, designed to express humility. This first letter of the alphabet is the gateway to culture and knowledge. The main façade looks over Pau Casals square, which is a lovely green rise.

Pl. Major, 1



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The Mollet Menhir

This impressive Neolithic menhir was discovered in 2009 during work to create the Pruneres park. It is an extraordinary find for Catalonia. It measures 5 metres tall and weighs 6 tonnes, making it the biggest menhir on the Iberian Peninsula and one of the largest in the whole of southern Europe. It's possible to make out a face, hypothetically that of a deity, in the relief sculpture, making this a menhir-statue. You'll find it in the Can Mulà Library gardens, which are accessible during library opening hours.

c/ Alsina, 1 (Can Mulà park)
Tel. 93 570 16 17
Enter via the Can Mulà Library
Phone the Abelló Museum to arrange a visit:
93 544 50 99



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Gallecs Countryside Area

Gallecs is an agricultural/forest area measuring some 734 hectares. It is used for farming, and leisure activities and is important for its ecology, landscape, culture and the educational opportunities it provides local people. Agriculture is the main activity in this area. As of 2005, farming became largely organic in this area, and was designed to recover traditional plant varieties. The area now cultivates ancient forms of wheat, cereals, legumes and leafy vegetables. All this organic, local produce is sold under the Gallecs Produce label and is available from the Farm Shop (Agrobotiga).

Can Jornet Xic farm (home to the Gallecs Countryside Area Consortium headquarters)
Farm Shop, under the portico of Can Xambres, next to the Santa Maria de Gallecs church



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Abelló Museum

Housed in a modernist building, this municipal museum is home to a major selection of the work of local artist Joan Abelló, in addition to one of the best art collections in Catalonia, the result of Abelló's passion for collecting. The museum showcases two permanent exhibitions: one dedicated to the collections, including art by Dalí, Sorolla, Casas, Mir, Nonell, Hugué, Tapiés or Brossa, and the other to Abelló's own paintings. It also offers an interesting programme of temporary exhibitions houses L'Aparador a centre for the promotion and distribution of visual arts. We strongly recommend visiting the house where Joan Abelló was born. Now an original museum, it houses thousands of exhibits, the objects and artworks that he treasured. The streets of Mollet also allow you to admire some of Abelló's sculptures, like the Harlequin or the 'Garriganga' a local and well-loved market gardener who invented a wheeled contraption to quicken her way to market.



c/ Berenguer III, 122. Tel. 93 544 50 99



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City parks

Mollet aims to show the world that it is home to lovely, carefully maintained parks. There are plenty: the Plana Lledó park, the Colours Park designed by architect Enric Miralles, Can Mulà park, Pruneres park, La Farinera park and the Sentits park. Each has its own highlights and charms, from both a botanical and an artistic point of view. Most have children's playgrounds. We'd like to draw your attention to the photo of the Pruneres park. Inaugurated in 2011, this is an outstanding example of a park that blends into the landscape. It melts into the coastal mountains in the background, producing an original, pleasing optical sensation we recommend contemplating.



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