



*Creative Residency*  
**LABABUCH**



# CREATIVE RESIDENCY

LaBabuch Creative Residencies are for people who need space and time to immerse themselves in an artistic project.

LaBabuch is an old farmhouse that has been restored with the help and collaboration of many people. A place surrounded by nature, inviting calmness and concentration, perfect for learning and sharing ideas in the creative fields.

LaBabuch is a project created by Clara Gassull and Israel Ariño. LaBabuch is their home, and their workshop, too.

# ABOUT US

**Clara Gassull**, visual artist and art educator.  
**Israel Ariño**, photographer and editor  
at Ediciones Anómalas

Israel and Clara have been working together on artistic and educational projects since 2017. They were both drawn to art through their fascination with the world beyond appearances. They are interested in the things that go unnoticed, that we don't quite understand about the world around us, everyday situations. Their projects are often a dialogue with other fields, such as anthropology, geography, archaeology and geology. Israel works in photography. So does Clara, but she combines it with other artistic languages such as drawing, sculpture and video.

In 2019 they founded LaBabuch, an initiative through which they create and share workshops on language, storytelling and photographic processes. Since 2021 Chiara Capodici is part of the team organizing and carrying out some of the workshops.

In 2023, Clara and Israel launched their creatives residencies to share their workspace with others.



*Photo by Laura Covarsí*



# LA MAISON L'ATELIER

Photo by Laura Covarsi

*The house is divided  
into two spaces:  
La Maison and l'Atelier*

## **LA MAISON**

- Private and/or shared bedrooms
- Shared kitchen
- Shared bathroom
- Shared studio equipped with desks, printers and a photobook library

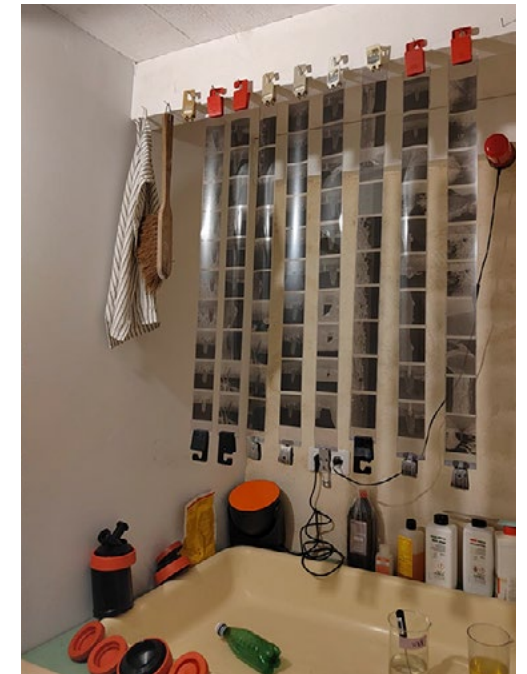
## **L'ATELIER**

- Private bedroom
- Private bathroom and kitchen
- Studio with worktables
- Etching press
- Analogue and digital photo lab

# LA MAISON



# L'ATELIER



# TYPES OF RESIDENCIES

## *Residency in la maison*

With this option, you share the house and facilities with other residents.

Single room with a shared bathroom, kitchen and studio, access to the l'Atelier facilities (photo lab and etching press).

Breakfast and home-cooked dinner included.

**Base price: €560 per week.**

The minimum stay is one week.

**Additional costs\*:** Technical and/or artistic support and consumables (printing, laboratory chemicals, binding materials, etc.). Please contact us for the price of these services.

## *Residency in l'atelier*

With this option, you get a workspace that is separate from the main house.

Private bedroom, bathroom and kitchen, private studio with workbenches, photo lab and etching press.

**Base price: €750 per week.**

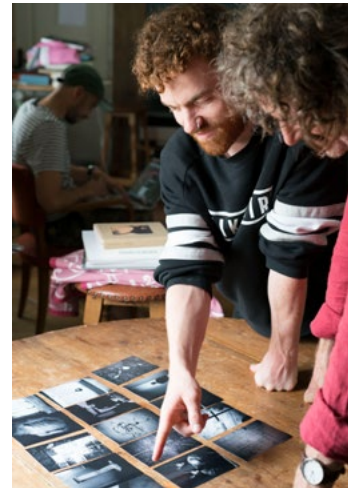
The minimum stay is one week.

**Additional costs\*:** Technical and/or artistic support and consumables (printing, laboratory chemicals, binding materials, etc.). Please contact us for the price of these services.

## *Residencies for groups*

For private groups or collectives in the visual arts, performing arts, literature, cinema, music, etc., contact us about potential collaborations.

**\*Contact us for information about the price of the additional services and possible ways of collaboration.**





# TECNICAL AND ARTISTIC SUPPORT



Israel Ariño and Clara Gassull work as teachers and researchers in the field of art, particularly photography. At LaBabuch they offer technical and artistic support for those who need it.

## Types of support available\*:

- Portfolio review.
- Support with theory and guidance for artistic projects.
- Storytelling and editing for photography projects.
- Technical assistance in using the darkroom and the etching press.
- Technical support with bookbinding and creating book-objects.
- Technical support with other processes such as platinum/palladium, cyanotype, wet collodion, etc.

**\*This type of service has an additional cost additional to the basic price of the residency. Please contact us for more information.**

A photograph of a riverbank with dense green trees and two people standing in the water. The text 'THE SURROUNDINGS' is overlaid in white, bold, uppercase letters on the left side of the image.

# THE SURROUNDINGS

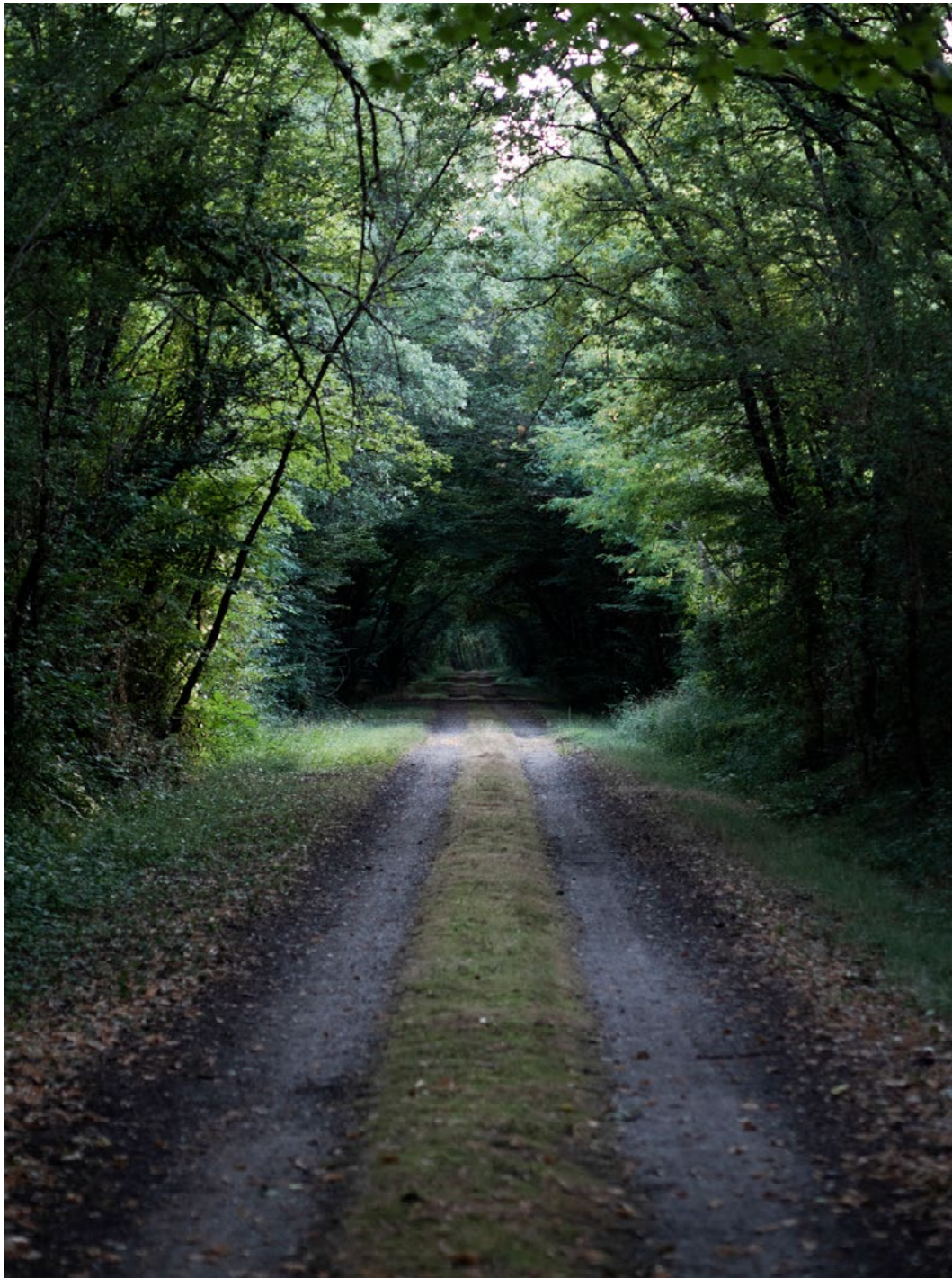
*The house  
is located in the  
Brenne Natural Park,*

a perfect environment for walking and enjoying nature. The Camino de Santiago passes in front of the house and at the back there is a path that connects to the nearest villages. The closest river, the Anglin, is a 10-minute walk from the house.

The area is known as a paradise for flora and fauna, and a refuge for many species of migratory birds.

Click on the following link to find out more about the Park and what you can see and visit.

**<https://www.parc-naturel-brenne.fr>**



*Photo by Josep Maria Vidal*



# LOCATION AND TRANSPORT

*LaBabuch is located  
in Mérigny,*

in the Indre (36) department of central **France**. The nearest cities are Poitiers and Châtelleraut.

The nearest train station is in Montmorillon, where you can be picked up by car. Bus service connects several towns between Poitiers and Le Blanc, which is 15 minutes by car. We can help you find the easiest way to get to our house.

Bicycles for exploring the area are available to residents.



# OUR FOOD

At LaBabuch we buy our produce from local markets and the Gaya organic cooperative.

The residencies include breakfast and dinner (family style). Residents are welcome to use the kitchen, which is stocked with the basics (coffee, tea, rice, vegetables, pasta and local fruit). Meals are prepared taking into account participants' specific dietary needs (allergies, intolerances).





# WHAT WE EXPECT FROM RESIDENTS

- A collaborative attitude.
- Respect for the house and the environment.
- During the residency, if you share the experience on social media or if you formalise and/or publish your project in any way, we would be grateful if you mention us in your posts/publications to raise awareness of the LaBabuch residencies.
- Share the creative process at the end of the residency.

# CALENDAR

Residencies take place between **May** and **October**. For dates outside this period, please contact us to discuss other options.



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