

ii Pequeño Paraíso – Your own Little Paradise!!

A Luxury New, Lavish 3 Bedroom Holiday House with Stunning Surroundings: Just a stone's throw from Beautiful Blue Flag Beaches and Spanish Fishing Villages Galore!

Where?

On the Spanish Algarve: Nuevo Portil, Huelva, Andalucía, Costa de la Luz, South Atlantic Coast of Spain; 20 minutes drive from the Portuguese border & the Portuguese Algarve and one hour by motorway to Seville, Cadiz and Jerez - three of Spain's most atmospheric and interesting cities!

[Fly to Faro or Seville – equidistance between them.]

The Costa de la Luz (Coast of light) is the western part of the Andalucía coastline that faces out to the Atlantic. The sand is finer and a more golden colour than the neighbouring Costa del Sol.

The Costa de la Luz is luminous and fascinating; its atmosphere is unique. It really cannot be imagined, it needs to be experienced.

'Coast of Light' is a perfect name for this sun-drenched sea shore. It begins at Tarifa, near Gibraltar in the south of Spain, continues up along the western Atlantic coast of Andalucía via Cadiz, and swings north and west, encompassing the marshy region around the Doñana Park and up to the City of Huelva, and then across to the Portuguese border.

The special south-facing, sun-catching spot where our house is, is the coastal strip at the western end, roughly 50 kilometres long. Our coast starts at Ayamonte, on the River Guadiana, which borders Portugal's Algarve, and ends close to the boundary of Europe's largest nature reserve, the Doñana National Park. This section of the coast has the least wind, the least rain and the most sun on the entire Costa de la Luz.

Geographically the coast is a continuation of Portugal's Algarve. Welcome to the Spanish Algarve: Costa de la Luz!



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Costa de la Luz in summary

- **Costa de la Luz has 417km of coastline with golden sand beaches and small seaside towns devoted to national tourism**
- **Costa de la Luz has over 3,000 hours of sun, with an average annual temperature of 20°C – eg. 20°C in February**
- **You will find 14 Atlantic coast golf courses on the Costa de la Luz with another 9 in the pipeline**
- **Enjoy easy access from four international airports; Faro, Seville, Jerez and Gibraltar**
- **The Costa de la Luz offers residents a wide array of sporting activities and is regarded as the cultural hotspot of Spain**
- **Near to our property there is a medical clinic, dentist, small supermarkets, shops, bakeries, bars, restaurants, children's playgrounds, mini golf, tennis courts and a sailing school.**



Luxury accommodation - sleeps up to 8

This house has 3 large double bedrooms, intended for 6, but if you prefer it'll easily sleep 8 adults all on individual beds with 4 sharing in one very large air-conditioned bedroom. (More photos available on request.)

If you have a group for a larger party/more than one family, we can easily arrange for more houses to be rented, all in the same place!

The property has air conditioning throughout (& efficient heaters should you ever find it cold?!), with the kitchen fully equipped with hob, oven, coffee machine, orange juicer, microwave, washing machine, dishwasher, large fridge-freezer etc. We provide all bed linen, towels *and beach towels* and can arrange a weekly clean during longer stays here, if required. A wall-mounted security safe, iron/ironing board, and hairdryer are provided.

There is an iPod/MP3 player docking station/ music system in each bedroom and the lounge, 2 large flatscreen 32" TVs + DVD & several games consoles. Outdoor furniture is provided, including tables & chairs to seat up to 10 and also sun loungers. There is also a small collection of board-games & books.

If you want to leave the pool for the glorious coast on your doorstep, important beach equipment is provided (in addition to beach-towels) such as chairs/loungers, parasols, a tent for children, a coolbox and coolbags.

A high chair & cot & additional campbed are also provided free of charge, should these be desired. (Additional provisions for children are available upon demand).



Nuevo Portil

Nuevo Portil is three minutes' drive beyond El Rompido on the coastal road towards Punta Umbría. When approaching Nuevo Portil from El Portil or from El Rompido, the sparkling coastline is always visible between the umbrella pines, sometimes opening up to tantalise the eye with a glimpse of blue water and small white boats gleaming in the sun. There are no developments on the beach and new laws are firmly in place to ensure that there will never be buildings on this stretch of coastline. Nuevo Portil is spread out low, on the edge of a protected pine forest, between the woods and the sea. The avenues are wide and handsome; the architecture is Andalusian. The developers had to take account of the new laws for low-density housing, restricted heights, transplanting and replacing trees, recycling waste water and making large lakes on the golf course for watering the greens. The homes of Nuevo Portil have become very popular with owners and their rental guests alike.

Great beaches

The typical beaches on the Costa de la Luz are more expansive and probably backed by sand dunes and pine trees. This part of the coast has not seen the high-rise hotel development of other areas. Hot summer days are tempered by a mild Atlantic Breeze offering an excellent climate all year round.



The beaches of western Costa de la Luz stretch for miles and are uncrowded during the spring, autumn and winter. Unlike many Mediterranean beaches the beaches here are still wild with sweeping sand dunes and pine trees. The vast Atlantic Ocean lies in front for as far as you can see. Take a long afternoon walk or maybe even a run along these beautiful beaches in the sunset!

During the summer months, the Spanish population come to these beaches for their holidays and the area becomes very lively with plenty of beach bars and restaurants.

Nuevo Portil itself is on a 120km stretch of uninterrupted golden beaches, for which Huelva has been awarded the European Blue Flag for many years due to their variety, quality and beautiful natural surroundings. The nearest beach of Nuevo Portil, 700m away, is a 10-minute stroll around the local golf course and is protected by a promontory of sand dunes - "La Flecha" as it is locally known. This has created a 300 metre-wide sheltered stretch of seawater, which provides a haven for fishing and water sports. A ferry crosses the estuary regularly, for swimming and picnics on **La Flecha**, the sand spit between the estuary and the sea. La Flecha is a nature reserve, having on its Atlantic coast yet another wide, golden beach, running along the coast in both directions, as far as the eye can see.

Nuevo Portil's beach is 12 kilometres long, the sand is soft and golden, and stretches from Nuevo Portil to Punta Umbría, facing the sunny south. From the beach, sailing, waterskiing, windsurfing and canoeing trips can be arranged.



Stunning local nature

The area also features a host of nature with stunning local scenery as it is set in acres of Pine woodland (90% protected no-build area prevents over-development) and is next to the Donana National Park - one of the last great wildernesses of Europe & home to flamingos and the rare Iberian Lynx. The beautiful mountains of Andalucia are also nearby. In addition to Nuevo Portil's peaceful, chilled-out atmosphere, on its doorstep is the wonderfully tranquil village of El Rompido with its newly built marina and multiple fine fish restaurants. The nearest large town is Huelva, 20kms away and hosting many fine shops, historical sites and familiar Spanish cobbled squares and walkways.

Unlike many of the other 'Costas' that are swamped by foreigners, Costa de la Luz is swamped instead with an abundance of blue flag beaches, golf courses and 90% protected countryside. It is one of the Spaniards' best kept secrets – they all love to go there on holiday themselves!

The essence of Costa de la Luz

Food

In Costa de la Luz you will find excellent food made with the freshest local ingredients – whether it is seafood, fruits and vegetables or meat. There are an abundance of top quality seaside restaurants that are relatively inexpensive in addition to excellent tapas & beach bars

Drink

Visit the Sherry bodegas of Jerez or sample 'rebujito' (Manzanilla and Sprite) at the festivals



Flamenco and Feria's

Costa de la Luz is certainly the most culturally interesting costa. The festival season starts in March with the feria of Cádiz and lasts well into the summer months. A superb blend of sombre religious processions followed by wild Flamenco or Sevillana parties brings this area to life.

The Sierra de Huelva

A short drive will take you into the breathtaking mountainous countryside of Huelva. Here you will find small white villages perched on the edge of cliff faces, where traditional crafts include ceramics and basket weaving. The hills are covered in cork and pine trees, and oak trees provide nourishment for the famous Jabugo black pig.

Other Activities

Nearby at **El Portil** there are small supermarkets, shops, bakeries, bars, restaurants, children's playgrounds, mini golf, tennis courts and a sailing school. In addition to sight-seeing and all the stunning beaches, the area also offers some fantastic golf courses. For the more adventurous, water sports are particularly popular along the Atlantic coast. Partake in a sailing regatta, go surfing or enjoy wind/kite surfing with the strong winds in Tarifa. Deep sea fishing and river fishing are also to be enjoyed.

Equestrian sports are a serious pastime here. As a spectator you can see world class dressage or world championship polo tournaments. As a rider there are plenty of riding schools that organise trips through the forests or along the beaches. There is also clay pigeon shooting, nearby theme parks and even a go-karting track, hugely popular with young people. In summer there is a water park for a wild day out with the children.

If this all may prove a little too much, it is an ideal place to just come and relax. There is also a cycle track through the pine forest, circling the lake at El Portil and going all the way to Punta Umbría and Huelva. People of many different nationalities visit regularly, mingling happily with the Spanish.

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From Nuevo Portil, trips can easily be made to the **Convent of La Rabida**, near Huelva, where **Columbus** lived before he set sail for America, and where you can see replicas of the three ships that crossed the Atlantic in 1492. Huelva is only 20 minutes' drive away, with good places to eat, good shopping and friendly locals. The beautiful **Aracena** mountains are close by, also the **Doñana National Park**, one of the largest in Europe and a must for bird-watching. About half-an hour's drive away is the marvellous medieval castle of **Niebla**, and an hour's drive takes you to the Rio **Tinto** mines, where you can visit the amazing craters with red and orange rivers running through them. Don't miss the fascinating museum at Rio Tinto, winner of an EU award for excellence. A day trip to **Portugal** can be fun, with beaches, mountains and the River Guadiana to explore.

Nuevo Portil is a *dream* destination for holidays!

Welcome pack & Supermarkets

If you wish we can provide a welcome pack upon arrival with all essentials such as bread, milk, cereal, pasta, wine/beer etc. (pretty much whatever you would like) should you wish to be immediately 'settled in', arrive late in the evening, or wish some supplies yet arrive on a Sunday (most shops in Spain are shut on Sundays!).

The nearest supermarket is about 5 minutes drive, the local one in El Portil (variably open briefly on Sundays), however there is a bigger one, 7 minutes away and a Carrefour (very large, like an American supermarket with absolutely everything!) in Cartaya which is about 15 minutes drive away.

Family friendly

The area is very family friendly and whilst there's a large swimming pool on complex, there is also a kiddies' pool - both of these are open with a resident lifeguard for the peak seasons of the year. A further children's play area & football pitch are immediately next door. There are also fantastic Paddle Tennis courts on-site (a very Spanish game, considered a 'cross' between tennis and squash...!).

Late nights

While there are some local bars & watering holes (as in any traditional Spanish coastal village), if you really want to paint the tiles, nearby Huelva is cracking for the night life! It's far enough away that it doesn't disturb the local tranquility, yet it is only a short ride in a cab & it tends to be extremely busy at the weekends especially. The Spaniards keep the clubs open & rocking until 8am & I can certainly recommend a few of the outdoor ones, particularly the one at the old castle...

...or you might prefer to stay 'close to home' to watch the premiership in the local (English managed) Sports Bar...

300 days sunshine a year in the Costa de La Luz

It's hot practically all year round, rarely dropping below 20 degrees. Enjoy your lunch al fresco on the patio in our private garden!

Average monthly temperatures in Nuevo Portil, Costa De La Luz
(Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/weather/forecast/2404>):

November to February: 15 to 20°C
March to April: 18 to 25°C
May to June: 24 to 30°C
July to September: 26 to 34°C
October: 22 to 30°C



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Championship Golf

Where to start...?

The region of Huelva is the fastest growing golf tourist destination in Spain. The number of foreigners playing on golf courses in Huelva has consistently risen by 30% for the past ten years, and for good reason – they are excellent courses! There are currently 7 golf courses in the Huelva region and a further 9 in the pipeline.



There are a great selection of golf courses on the Costa de la Luz, from Isla Canela and Islantilla in the west and Monte Castillo and Costa Ballena in the east. Our two favourite courses are Club de Golf Nuevo Portil and El Rompido.

The townhouses are located in the midst of a cluster of courses, from Nuevo Portil itself to El Rompido, Bellavista, Islantilla, Isla Canela and Dunas de Donana all within an hours drive maximum giving enough variety for a new course every day!

Nuevo Portil's own golf course covers an area of 46 hectares, completely surrounded by pine trees. Founded in 2002, the exquisite design by Alfonso Viador maintains its initial flavour with wide fairways and soft pleasant greens. While the course's smart technical design is suitable for international championships, golfers of every level will find the course enjoyable. Likewise the El Rompido golf has just seen its second 18-hole course open June 2008, and it is surrounded by natural marshes and parklands with views to the sea.

Over the holes of the courses you will always enjoy the beautiful scenery of the coastline of Huelva Province - never ending dune beaches, ocean vistas, pines and century-old savins...

Please find some links below:

http://www.andalucia.org/golf/huelva/golf-nuevo-portil/?set_language=en&campana=100google

<http://www.clubdegolfelrompido.es/>

<http://www.islantillagolfresort.com/>

Apart from the courses being of great quality, the low prices and few people make a round of golf on the Costa de la Luz so much more enjoyable! Rent with us and you can benefit from reduced golf fees from selected golf courses. We also have a very professional team who can also cater for golfing parties – Ladies' & Men's – on & off the course. We will arrange minibus/transportation as desired...

We are tee'd up to tailor-make you an individual golfing holiday, if that's what drives you!

Bookings for Groups

We can gladly help plan trips for groups of people and assist with planning a range of itineraries where we can collect & return you to the airport, provide all transportation and organise a variety of activities to suit for you to do while you are here – just let me know what you would like to do and we'll take it from there!

Interested in Viewing Property to Buy?

Property prices have remained extremely stable in Nuevo Portil and its surrounds, despite much of Spain being rocked by the recent property crisis, so this is certainly an excellent place to consider investing! However, if you're looking for a bargain, some developments just 20minutes up the coast have been offering massive discounts of up to 50% of late!

Check out <http://www.titan-properties.com> or ask for us to put you in contact with Andy Benitz, MD of Titan, awarded the "Best Agent in Spain" at CNBC's recent European Property Awards. Andy will gladly arrange a meeting & for viewings of properties to suit your budget & his company can make all the necessary arrangements to allow a successful purchase easy for you. (100% finance options, interest-free no repayment periods, 30-yr mortgages and some other special deals, including a property lettings management service, are all available.)

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Prices and Payment

****SPECIAL OFFER FOR NEW SIGHT EYE CARE FUNDRAISING EVENT:
10% OF BOOKING PRICE BELOW GOES DIRECT TO THE CHARITY FUNDS**

1 week Prize is valid for all weeks except Peak Season, subject to availability.

Extra nights available on request.

Period	Notes	Price
Jan 5 - Mar 31	Long term winter lettings also available	£525/ WEEK
Apr 1- June 30		£600/ WEEK
July 1 – July 30	Spanish Peak Season	£950/ WEEK
July 31 - Aug 27	Spanish Peak Season	£1150/ WEEK
Aug 28 - Sept 4	Spanish Peak Season	£950/ WEEK
Sept 5 - Oct 31		£600/ WEEK
Nov 1 - Dec 19	Long term winter lettings also available	£525/ WEEK
Dec 19 - Jan 4	Christmas / NYE	£525 / WEEK

**Note that the above prices assume that you wish to use our towels, beach towels and linen on the beds. If you prefer to provide your own then we will be able to discount the price by a further €50 as we will save this much on the laundry charges.*

You will also see that the prices increase substantially over July and August - these are the peak months of the Spanish summer holidays when there is rarely a day that any rental property in the region will be left empty! However, if you would like to stay for more than one week we can certainly talk about a discount, as longer stays will reduce the overheads necessary. Regrettably, it is not financially viable for me to knock much off the price over these peak months due to the popularity and almost guaranteed rentals with the Spanish - but it is certainly a great place to be at those times and even paying the full amount over this period it still only works out at £20pppn based on six of you.

Discounts can be discussed for stays shorter than a week – ask for details & let me know when you're thinking of...

Making a Reservation

If you wish to make a reservation, let me know and I will send you a form by return email. Upon receipt of the completed form containing your details, I will hold the property in your name for 5 days, during which time you need to transfer a 25% deposit to secure the property. The remaining 75% of the balance is due 6 weeks before your holiday is due to start.

A £215/€250 refundable deposit is collected either in advance or as cash upon arrival, as security against breakages/damage etc. (This is standard practice for luxury holiday accommodation!)

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Flying there

Goto www.skyscanner.net and check out regional flights to Seville or Faro. In addition to your nearest regional airport, also consider smaller adjacent ones which are often easy to travel as they make an effort to have good transport connections and cheaper parking. This will increase your options on flight times and dates - if you choose carefully it can be as little as €60 return.

UK airport parking can also be sourced online for under £30/week at <http://www.parkbcp.co.uk/> or airport transfer buses are as little as €8 rtn city-airport (eg. Manchester-Liverpool=£6rtn) – Terravision operate throughout Europe & may do transport transfers to your regional airport: <http://www.terravision.eu> .

Hire a family-sized car when you arrive for about €12 a day. Go direct to <http://www.auto-europe.co.uk/booking> or <http://www.farocar.com> or search on <http://www.travelsupermarket.com/c/cheap-car-hire>.

Note, many car hire companies charge a lot extra for 'no excess' insurance policies. If you'd like to reduce/eliminate your excess, before paying with the car hire company, you might like to check out <http://www.insurance4carhire.com> (or other similar sites) for a cheaper, excellent value policy that will massively reduce any excess/negate it to zero. This can be as cheap as €6/day or €60 for an annual policy.

Huelva is an hour's drive from Faro, or just over an hour from Seville. Airport transfers are easy to arrange, but unless in a large group, generally more costly than driving yourself.

Enjoy yourselves!!!

Please do let me know if you are interested, how many are in your party, and your thoughts on dates. I can then check for availability and we can also talk about the finer details that you would require such as a local map & directions etc.

We hope this helps and we look forwards to hearing from you. Please let us know if there is anything else...!

Very best wishes,

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