

The Front Desk

August 2006



Dear Clients,

The summer is certainly in full swing now and with a high of 39°C expected today, who can blame anyone for choosing to sit around the pool with a nice cool, tall drink.

Culture Vultures

Yes, it's hot hot hot and the beaches are calling but there is more to our local area than just sand, sea and sangria!!! Did you know that in San Pedro there is a early Christian Basilica and an early 3rd century A.D. Roman bath house in Guadalmina and even a Roman villa right next to Puerto Banus. If you would like to visit these sites there are free visits with an English speaking guide on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week at noon - all you have to do is book at the tourist office under the San Pedro arch - at least a day before. You can also ring 952781360 to make the booking. Well worth a look for you budding historians out there.

Feria Fever

One of Andalucia's best known ferias, comes to the city of Málaga this month. The fair kicks off on Friday the 11th of August, with thousands of locals and visitors gathered on the beaches at La Malagueta to hear the " Pregón de la Feria ", the inaugural speech that marks the official opening of the Fair. This year, singer Diana Navarro has been invited to give the opening speech.

At midnight, a magnificent sound and light firework display begins. In half an hour over 4,000 kg of pyrotechnics fill the Málaga sky with light, fire, music and colour, coinciding with the lighting up of the Paseo del Parque's illuminations.

At different sites on the Park and Plaza de la Marina, there are music shows to suit everyone's tastes: flamenco or traditional music, pop-rock, etc. Thousands of people of all ages come out in force to have fun and enjoy this first night of the Fair that lasts until the small hours. The fair continues until the 20th of August, and there is lots to see and do at both the day fair and evening fair. If you are in town, it's definitely worth a visit!

If it's good enough for Posh & Becks...

A couple of weeks ago, Victoria, David and the boys were seen leaving the Puerto Banus cinema. There are often the latest releases playing in their original version, to see what is playing, you can check out their website, which is <http://www.cinesgranmarbella.com/>, which lists times – I see that you also now receive 3 hours free parking in the adjacent car park. Can't be bad.

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Mobility Aids

We currently have a client staying with us whose Mother really wanted to join them, but was almost put off, owing to the heat and general hustle and bustle of the summer. He asked us if we could organise a wheelchair, to help Mum get around a little easier. We did a little bit of research, and have found an excellent small company who can supply most mobility aids. I am pleased to say that Mum has had a great time and even managed a visit to the local market. For more information, please feel free to contact me in the office.

Staying in touch with News on the Coast

If you have a fast internet connection and feel like a fix of the Costa del Sol, the local weekly newspaper, Sur in English, can now be downloaded from their website, in PDF format. The website address is: <http://www.surinenglish.com/index.php>

Malaga Airport

Please forewarn any visitors about the chaos they are likely to encounter at Malaga airport on their arrival. As many of you already know it is designed to double its passenger capacity to 20 million per year. Included in the scheme will be 84 new check-in desks, a second runway and extensions to the car parks (responsible for the current congestion!). Additionally, an automated baggage handling system (as used in Madrid and Barcelona airports) will be installed. There are even public apologies in the local press from Aena, the company which runs the airport.

Party in the Plaza!

For those of you who remember the 80's big hair and great groups like Madness, you are in for a treat – as they will be appearing at the Marbella bullring on Thursday, the 10th of August. Friday, the 11th of August sees a more current act, in the form of the popular Sugababes. So glad rags out, and away you go!

Wherever you are in the world, stay as cool as possible, and enjoy the month of August.

Kind regards

Beverley

P.S. Please note that the 15th of August is a National Holiday in Spain. Our office will be closed, but as always, we are contactable on our Emergency Helpline in case of any problems

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