

The Front Desk



January 2008

Dear Clients,

Firstly, let me wish a Feliz Año Nuevo to all our clients, friends and colleagues around the world. Many thanks to you all for your good wishes, whether these be by phone call, email, card or personal visit. We all appreciate your kind thoughts and look forward to working with you throughout 2008.

The weather here at Christmas was uncharacteristically cold and wet, with record levels of rainfall. Several basement garages and storerooms were flooded and roofs were tested to the limit! Fortunately, no one experienced any serious damage and Jamie and the team were on hand to deal with any issues.

By contrast the New Year period has been very sunny and warm during the day, although the night time temperatures have been very cool. So, if you are visiting imminently, pack accordingly.

Of course the season's festivities have not finished in Spain, with Three Kings Day being the major event on 6th January. As this falls on a Sunday in 2008, Monday 7th is a public holiday and our office will be closed.

Fiestas and Ferias

Talking of festivities, if you want to join in the festive fun of Spain, or avoid it, here are the feria and fiesta dates for your diary.

Public Holidays in Andalucía – 2008			
1st January	New Year's Day	15th August	Asumption Day
7th January	Epiphany	13th October	Spain's Nacional Day
28th February	Andalucia Day	20th October	San Pedro (Feria)
20th March	Maundy Thursday	1st November	All Saints Day
21st March	Good Friday	6th December	Constitution Day
1st May	May Day	8th December	Immaculate Conception
12th June	San Bernabé (Feria)	25th December	Christmas Day

Please remember that banks, offices and most shops will be closed on these days, although most bars and restaurants will be open. Our office will be closed on these public holidays, although our 24-hour emergency client helpline will operate as usual.

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Nerja

For those of you looking to extend your knowledge of the Costa del Sol, a trip to Nerja is worthwhile. Located just a short distance to the east of Malaga, on the Costa Tropical, with the mountains coming right down to the sea and the coast formed by a series of coves, this picturesque town and world famous caves can be reached in little over an hour's drive from Marbella. Just a short drive inland from Nerja, is the unspoiled "pueblo blanco" of Frigiliana, with spectacular views across to the Mediterranean.

Winter Maintenance Programme

Now is a good time to catch up on maintenance or just giving your property a little "TLC". Whether it is a deep spring clean, a fresh coat of varnish on your front door or complete re-decoration, we will be happy to quote for this work.

Don't forget soft furnishings and bedding. Sofas and chairs endure a lot of wear and tear during the high season. Our specialist upholstery contractor also offers a curtain cleaning service. Finally, duvets and valances would welcome a freshen-up.

Fine Dining

Somewhere new to try for a special night out is the Restaurante Valparaiso. The restaurant is located on the road up to Mijas village – not exactly on the doorstep, but worth a visit. The walls abound with pictures of stars of stage and screen who have enjoyed a meal there. With live music to dance to every night and great food, this venue is well worth a visit.

Advertising Bill Boards

As you are driving along the A7, you may see construction workers removing advertising bill boards. It seems that there are around 300 illegal structures and the new mayor in Marbella has ordered their removal as part of the clean-up programme.

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day in 2008 falls during the week before the UK school half term. So, chaps, now is the time to book an economical flight to bring your loved one to Spain for some romance. And with all the money you save on the budget flight, you will be able to spend a little extra on flowers, chocs and champagne – don't forget to place your orders!!

That's all until next month

Best wishes to you all for 2008

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