

The Front Desk

December 2005



Dear Clients,

Hope this finds you all in good health.

¡No fumar, por favor!

On 1st January the Anti-Smoking Law will be in force and the owners of establishments measuring less than 100 square metres will have to decide whether to remove the ashtrays from their tables. The owners will have to put up a highly visible notice at the entrance to state whether smoking is allowed on the premises or not. Where smoking is permitted, the owners will have to ban children and install special extractors that are separate from the overall ventilation system.



Bars, cafés, restaurants and discotheques which measure over 100 square metres, will have to undergo alterations to provide separate smoking rooms with independent ventilation. The government has allowed an eight-month implementation period for structural works to be completed.

If a client smokes in an area where it is banned both the offender and the owner of the premises will be fined between 30 and 600 euros

“Read All About It!”

You can now keep up to date with events on the Costa del Sol via the Sur in English website (www.surinenglish.com). The site is updated weekly on Fridays and carries most of the features that appear in the newspaper itself. Also available on-line is the Iberian Times (www.iberiantimes.com) which is also updated on Fridays, but is not as comprehensive as Sur. If you want to read something more glitzy, have a look at Essential Marbella magazine (www.essentialmagazine.com).

Los Arqueros.com

We keep a regular eye on this forum (www.losarqueros.com) and often respond to enquiries for apartments to rent. However, because we refer prospective renters to our website for prices (which of course include IVA) and details, it is possible that they may not be attracted by the published tariff, if they are looking for a “deal”. However if rental owners make direct contact with these enquirers, it may be that you will be able to come to an arrangement which we cannot! Where there appears to be an opportunity, we will highlight it to owners. But it is worth keeping an eye on the forum yourselves.

Waiter, there's a fly in my soup!

Well, not quite... but, there are a lot of dead flies in ceiling light fittings. I hate cleaning these – such a fuss and the fittings sometimes become a little corroded, which makes it particularly difficult to take them apart. However, if you would like Jamie to these special attention at your apartment, we shall be doing this at 10 € a fitting. Please let me know if you want us to “de-fly” your lights fittings.

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Los Arqueros EUC Macro-Community

Michael has said that the budget for the Macro Community was approved at the EGM in October and he has seen a copy of the 2006 budget which shows an increase from 575k € to 775k €, i.e. 200k €. The main increases are in the following:- security (110k €), general maintenance (30k €), road sweeper (15k €), "sleeping policemen" (24k €) and reserve fund (23k €). These sums are already being reflected in substantial increases in the annual fees of urbanisations and individual villas.

Something Slightly Different...

On the recommendation of a client, our intrepid secret diners (Michael and Felicity) recently tried the Mesón del Bandolero. The owners are from the Ronda area and the cuisine reflects this – almost no fish, but plenty of pork and beef dishes. Food and wine prices range from very economical to mid-range. It's just off the Avenida de la Constitución. Pick up a card and map when you are next in the office.

Christmas and New Year and Other Public Holidays

There are several public holidays arising over the next few weeks. Over the Christmas and New Year period itself, we shall operate the usual 24 x7 out-of-hours service, but will only operate a "skeleton" staffing of the office. So, if you want to see my smiling face, book an appointment now!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Office Opening Hours</u>
6th December	Closed
8th December	Closed
19, 20, 21, 22 & 23rd December	8a.m. until 2.p.m.
24th & 25th December	Closed
26th December	Closed
27, 28, 29 & 30th December	8a.m. until 2.p.m.
1st & 2nd January 2006	Closed
3rd, 4th & 5th January 2006	8a.m. until 2.p.m.
6th January 2006	Closed

December Invoices and Statements

Guillermo will be sending invoices and statements out earlier, i.e. around the 15th December, so that you do not get any surprises when you are preparing to go out on New Year's Eve. Direct debits will be taken at the beginning of January as usual. We are grateful to those customers who have changed from payment by cheque to payment by bank transfer. The post continues to be terrible and it will probably grind to a halt in the Christmas and New Year period.

Finally, I am delighted that we have been able to look after you, your family and your guests during the past year and look forward to being of service to you in 2006.

A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year: Feliz Navidad y un año prospero.

Kind regards

Beverley

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