

# The Front Desk

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Dear Clients,

Happy New Year to you all. What does 2006 hold in store for you?

## **Fiestas and Ferias**

If you want to join in the festive fun of Spain, here are the feria and fiesta dates for your diary.

<b>Public Holidays in Andalucía – 2006</b>			
2nd January	New Year's Day	15th August	Asumption Day
6th January	Epiphany	12th October	Spain's Nacional Day
28th February	Andalucia Day	19th October	San Pedro
13th April	Maundy Thursday	1st November	All Saints Day
14th April	Good Friday	6th December	Constitution Day
1st May	May Day	8th December	Immaculate Conception
12th June	San Bernabé	25th December	Christmas Day

## **Website**

We are updating our website weekly now with special holiday offers and news items. Keep up to date with what is happening on the Costa Del Sol by logging on to [www.spanishrentalholidays.com](http://www.spanishrentalholidays.com) and selecting News and Events. Also we are adding more information to our Resources page (click link at bottom of any web page), including an archive of back copies of The Front Desk.

## **EcoTours with Daidin**

Earlier this year we announced that we were working with Daidin, who are Andalucian specialists in rural tourism – white village tours, bird watching, mountain biking, hiking, horse trekking, etc... You can see what they have to offer by looking in the Resources page [www.spanishrentalholidays.com](http://www.spanishrentalholidays.com).

## **And Now For Something Completely Different...**

How about an evening at the theatre? The International Theatre Studio based in San Pedro de Alcántara was formed in 1976 to bring live theatre to the Costa del Sol. Performing both drama and comedy, Jamie and I have appeared in several productions. We are always looking for aspiring actors and recently recruited Michael to a mime workshop – you should have seen his folding door impression!

The next production will be at the beginning of March 2006 with a play called “Five Blue Haired Ladies Sitting On A Green Park Bench”. It's about...oh, you guessed! Why not combine your next trip with a visit to the theatre? Contact me for information about performance times and tickets.

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## **La Duquesa Golf Deal**

Until 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2006 La Duquesa are offering two green fees plus buggy for an inclusive price of 80 €. This compares with the normal rate of 165 €. They are offering the same deal between 15<sup>th</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> September for 90 €. If interested, give me a call.

## **New Pharmacy Law**

If you are used to calling into the local pharmacy to buy drugs that you can normally only get on prescription at home, you may be in for a surprise! A new law will lead to fines of 30k to 90k € for pharmacies selling medicines across the counter without a doctor's prescription. Apparently, these sales have always been banned, but the law has largely been ignored and the government is concerned that these indiscriminate sales are leading to resistance to medicines being built up in the population.

## **Royal Baptism**

Spain's Prince Felipe & Princess Letizia have been in the spotlight since the birth of their baby daughter, Princess Leonor. La Zarzuela Palace have announced that the eagerly awaited baptism of Princess Leonor will take place on Saturday 14th January in the hall of the Zarzuela Palace at 12.30 p.m. Continuing with royal tradition, the Infanta Leonor's grandparents, the King and Queen of Spain, will be the godparents. Water has been brought from the River Jordan for the ceremony and the twelfth-century Romanesque baptismal font of the monastery of Santo Domingo el Real of Madrid will be used, as it was for her father and his sisters. As always, it will be cause for celebration throughout Spain.

## **More Visitors**

Figures show that more and more foreign visitors are coming to Spain. Statistics from the Spanish airports management company (AENA) show that, in November, records were broken with a total of 782,944 passengers passing through Malaga airport. This represents an increase of 9.3 per cent on last year and brings the total number for the year until November to nearly 12 million (an increase of 5.1 per cent). Experts from AENA have therefore predicted that when the year ends, the total number will be the highest ever reaching around 13 million. On a national level, there is another record, with the total number of foreign visitors expected to reach 53.6 million by the end of the year. With flights on Monarch from £9.99 (one way plus taxes), why not become an early statistic in 2006!

As always, I will look forward to seeing you in 2006.

Kind regards

*Beverley*

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