

The Front Desk



January 2007

Dear Clients,

Firstly, let me wish a Feliz Año Nuevo to all our clients, friends and colleagues around the world. The weather here over Christmas and New Year has been generally sunny. Michael confesses that it was warm enough on several days to sunbathe on his terrace in his bathing shorts. This is probably too much information!

Of course the Christmas festivities have not finished in Spain, with Three Kings Day being the major event on 6th January.

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 – 2007			
2nd January	New Year's Day	15th August	Assumption Day
6th January	Epiphany	12th October	Spain's Nacional Day
28th February	Andalucia Day	19th October	San Pedro (Feria)
5th April	Maundy Thursday	1st November	All Saints Day
6th April	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, although our 24-hour client helpline will operate as usual.

Website

Our website www.spanishrentalholidays.com has a new look. The Home page has been updated to reflect more clearly our core skills and we have changed our headline to HPS Spanish Rental. We are also giving greater emphasis to Special Offers, which might cover holiday rental, car hire, golf fees or other services such as air conditioning maintenance.

During 2006 we launched a “snagging” service for new buyers, which has proved extremely popular and which we now feature as part the New Buyers page.

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Winter Maintenance Programme

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

- Over the past few months a number of clients and guests have experienced power failures. In some cases this can be due to external factors, for example owners have contracted an insufficient supply from Endesa and the whole supply fails when there is too much load in use at the same time (washing machine, air conditioning, tumble dryer). In other cases, it is due to internal factors, namely when there is too much load on a particular circuit, e.g. you turn on the hair dryer and all the lights go out!! We can arrange a report and inspection of your property and make recommendations for upgrading or improvements where appropriate.
- Following the tragic death of two young children in holiday accommodation in Greece last year, prospective guests are beginning to expect accommodation to be equipped with smoke detectors and a minimum of fire fighting equipment. Where there is a gas installation, they would also expect a gas detector. In fact, some tour operators are insisting on this as part of their rental conditions. We can supply and fit a battery operated smoke detector for 70 € plus IVA. A fire blanket can be supplied for a further 75 € plus IVA.
- We always recommend an annual air conditioning service. Please let me know whether you would like us to schedule a service for you and we will confirm the programmed date. The price for the service in a two or three bedroomed apartment or townhouse is 72.50 € plus IVA or 135 € plus IVA if regassing is required.
- Finally, 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.

Let me know if you would like to follow up any of these options.

Ten Pin Bowling

If our weather does turn unpleasant, remember there is Ten Pin Bowling at La Cañada shopping centre. They cater for small and large groups as well as young and old. Their website is <http://www.megabowlmarbella.com>, which has their opening hours and prices.

That's all until next month.

Best wishes to you all for 2007.

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