

The Front Desk

September 2006



Dear Clients,

It has been a pleasure to see so many of you this summer. After some very hot weather, September is already feeling a little cooler. Having said that, daytime temperatures are predicted to range between 27° – 29° C with plenty of sun over the next few days.

Important Final Reminder - IBI Tax

Your IBI* (Local Council Tax) must be paid before 11th September 2006. If it remains unpaid after this date, 20% will be added. Please check with your accountant or fiscal representative in order to ensure that the deadline will be met.

Air Conditioning Systems

August has been a nightmare month for failing air conditioning systems, with about 20% of our clients experiencing a problem of some sort. It certainly highlights the importance of an annual service, which we promote during the autumn and winter months.

An important message for you to highlight to your guests is the importance of not running systems continually, e.g. when the property is not occupied, and of ensuring that all windows and external doors are kept closed. We had several instances of water damage where systems were run continually, resulting in additional maintenance costs for clients.

Marbella to Host International Film Festival

From 8 to 10 September, Marbella will host an International Film Festival, to be held at the prestigious Puente Romano Hotel. Organised by New World Trust, the festival will have Antonio Banderas as one of its main participants.

Dining at La Esquina and D'Antonela's

Two new restaurants for you to try when you are in San Pedro are La Esquina and D'Antonela's. La Esquina (opposite Manolo's and run by Nicolas and Ruth from Argentina), may look like a roadside café, but the food and service are excellent. D'Antonela's is hidden in a residential area a short walk from our office and offers fine dining. Ask us for details when you are next in the office.

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Internet Wine

One of our clients has set up an internet wine service, specialising in quality French wine, but also able to source wine from other countries directly from the producers at very competitive rates. If you are planning your autumn and winter wine purchases, let me know and I will put you in touch or check her website www.quality-french-wine.co.uk.

Roadside Breakdowns or Accidents

Don't forget that if you have to stop at the side of the highway because of vehicle breakdown or accident, you must wear the reflective jacket supplied for the driver's use by your car hire company. Local newspapers reported the recent case of a driver not wearing the reflective jacket and being tragically killed.

Hipercor Fined 14.6m €

The caretaking committee running the Marbella town council is to fine Hipercor 14.6m € for extending its Puerto Banús store without a municipal licence to do so. The fine is equivalent to 100% of the estimated value of the work carried out. The committee is now taking steps to legalise the situation, which might involve the demolition of the entire extension!

Autumn Maintenance Programme

A number of clients are planning their maintenance programme for the autumn and winter months. Projects include internal re-painting (full or part), sun blinds, re-upholstery, terrace tiling, replacement wardrobe doors, new double glazing, and so on. If you have any projects in mind, please let me know and I will arrange for Jamie to organise a quote for the work for you to consider.

Gibraltar, Spain and UK Accord

An historic tri-partite agreement is due to be signed on 18th September, dealing with controversial issues such as the airport, telephone communications, pensions and the frontier. It is hoped that cross-border co-operation will increase, with the possible joint use of the airport, which will provide a boost to the region's economy.

Office Hours

Please note that our office hours are Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 17.00 and that I am normally at lunch between 13.00 and 14.30. If an emergency arises outside these hours, our helpline is contactable on **00 34 606 97 58 33**. Please also advise your guests of these times. If any situation arises at short notice, please do not advise us by email as we only guarantee to monitor this during normal office hours.

More from the Front Desk next Month.

Kind regards

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