

Casa Esmeralda

Region: Andalucia Sleeps: 10

Overview

Situated in Sotogrande, in the heart of the Costa del Sol's premier golfing area, the house is surrounded by mature gardens with shrubs and trees. There are steps down to the pool and sun terrace, which enjoy all day sunshine in summer. A covered terrace outside the lounge provides shade during the heat of the day for outdoor dining or relaxing. Central heating is an option for cooler evenings.

Set on a hill, with views across two golf courses, to the mountains and the sea, the house has a first floor master bedroom with en suite, and adjacent room with double sofa bed, and one double and two twin bedrooms on the ground floor. The house can accommodate up to ten people. The recently modernised kitchen/breakfast room is the hub of the house, with four comfortable stools for chatting over the preparation of meals. All bathrooms have also recently been refurbished and provide baths and showers.

Valderrama, Almenara, Sotogrande, La Canada and La Reserva golf courses are all within ten minutes' drive, as is the marina of Sotogrande, with its stunning boats to drool over, as well as numerous bars and restaurants from which to watch the world go by.

Facilities



Interior & Grounds

A pretty, gated, patio leads to the front door, which opens to the entrance hall. There are stairs up to the master suite and a door to the downstairs bedrooms and bathrooms. There is also a door to the garden. The reception rooms and stairs are floored in marble, with carpets in all the bedrooms. The kitchen and bathrooms have tiled floors and the bathrooms have underfloor heating (which is not usually needed in summer, but rather pleasant outside the high season).

The entrance hall opens into the spacious open plan lounge / dining room, with telephone and wifi connection. Three steps lead down into the tastefully decorated lounge, with its three sets of sliding double patio doors opening onto the terrace. Leather sofas and wicker chairs and occasional furniture provide space for reading, watching TV and playing board games. Three steps up lead to the elegant dining room and the door to the fully equipped kitchen/ breakfast room, with patio door to the terrace and garden. Equipment includes induction hob, oven, dishwasher, microwave, large fridge and air conditioning unit; the adjoining utility room, with door onto the drive, has a washing machine, tumble drier and fridge / freezer. A door from the utility room opens to an enclosed patio with washing line.

The first floor master suite has its own terrace, enjoying views of the sea and La Reserva and La Canada golf courses. A queen sized bed and three double wardrobes (with internal lights), and air conditioning unit provide a comfortable space to relax. The modern bathroom comprises bath, separate shower, two basins, and WC. A small adjoining room offers a comfortable double bed-settee and two double wardrobes.

There are three further bedrooms downstairs, one double and two twins, all with ample storage facilities; and two bathrooms, one with separate shower, and the other with WC and bidet; there is also a separate WC with basin.

Outside, a large shady terrace helps keep the house cool in summer. Outdoor dining provides views across the golf courses. The elevated position of the house means that there is usually a pleasant breeze on the upper terrace. Steps lead down through the well established, attractive gardens to the pool, with its own terrace and lawns, which is an absolute suntrap. The pool is approximately 10 x 5 metres, and two metres deep at the deep end. There are walk in steps at the shallow end.

At the front of the house, there is ample off road parking for three cars, but on street parking is also safe and convenient as the road is a cul de sac, with little traffic.



Location & Local Information

Sotogrande was created for luxury living. Its marina, within ten minutes drive of the house, has mooring for numerous luxury boats, and its bars and restaurants offer a range of facilities from tapas to fine dining. Strolling around the marina on a sunny evening is a very pleasant experience. There are three beaches and two private beach clubs, both offering temporary membership, as well as tennis, polo and horse-riding. Guadiaro and its satellite villages, also within ten minutes drive, provide a range of shops, supermarkets, bars and restaurants.

There is plenty to see in the area; few can resist a visit to Gibraltar to see the apes, the amazing man-made caves and the red pillar boxes just like those in the UK. If you're lucky with the weather, the views from the cable car to the top of the rock are amazing. Benalmadena, about forty minutes away, offers a water park, cable car ride, and Sealife Centre.

Other day trips include Cadiz, with its opulent churches and the camera obscura giving a different perspective of the city; Tarifa, well known for wind surfing and its old town and castle; Jerez and its sherry houses; Ronda and the white towns, each with charming narrow streets and its own castle; as well as shopping opportunities in Marbella and Puerto Banus. Cordoba, Granada and Seville are all about two hours' drive away, mainly on motorways. However, they are too far and too amazing to do justice to them without an overnight stay, but would be well worth an extra day added on to your stay.

Most people fly into Malaga (100 Km or one hour away), hiring a car at the airport. There is an excellent motorway, which is also quite expensive, and a coast road, which is almost as fast to reach the house. Gibraltar offers an excellent alternative (30 minutes away, and is our airport of choice), with car hire just over the border in La Linea reducing the border crossing times. There are also some flights into Jerez (about 90 minutes away) and Seville (two hours away).



Terms & Conditions

- Arrival time: 4.00 pm
- Departure time: 10.00 am
- Energy costs included?: Yes
- Linen & towels included?: Yes
- Pets welcome?: No
- Smoking Allowed?: No
- Changeover day: Any day of the week