

Du 23 juin au 30 juin

J'ai adoré notre séjour à votre chalet, la
vue merveilleuse, - Skanada était super,
les plages au alentours, Super propre
et le confort des lave vaisselle et la
laveuse à linge très appréciés et le
climat super, le lit confortable. C'était de
tout repos.

June 30 - July 1

We thoroughly enjoyed our vacation and stay here. The chalet was very cozy and the view was fantastic. Due to the incredible weather and heat, most of our days were spent lounging in the sun, at the pool. However, we did venture into Estepona, ⁺Gibraltar. Estepona was a quaint beach town - cute side streets, and many shops. Gibraltar was a fun day, including shopping and taking a tour up the rock to see the view of Africa, caves, and monkeys! It is 100% worth taking a bus tour up the rock (near the cable car) rather than the cable car, as you get to see 4 sites, rather than having to walk 10km around the rock.

On one of our lazy days we ventured up to the Roman baths (behind the lido). It is believed that Julius Caesar bathed there thousands of years ago. It was very cool to go and cover ourselves with mud, and swim in these ancient structures, although the air stunk because of the sulfur in the water.

* One piece of advice! The pool closes at 2100, and you CANNOT get out after 2100. We ended up having to climb over the fence because we tried to leave at 2103 as we lost track of time.

Overall, our stay here was lovely (not long enough!) Beautiful weather, view, and place to stay!



July 21-28

Had a wonderful week with a good mixture of relaxation & tourism. Our best memory will be sitting outside in the evenings enjoying the view. A few suggestions ... do take the tour in Gibraltar, it was really good. The Roman Ruins in Bolonia are worth the drive but go early. By 1330 it was like a scene from Field of Dreams with the cars going into Bolonia. For the folks behind us, if you have children there is a festival in Casares on 3-4 Aug (geared towards kids) Also check out the gallery of David Espaine, cool paintings at low prices.

As far as shopping goes the Mercaderes on the way to Estopona had a good selection with a fresh fish counter and there is a Carrefour (Walmart) on the far side of Estopona (Avenida del litoral - the others are just food stores)

Enjoy!

18 July August 18

Agree with everything previously written
Would recommend the following

- Beach north of Tarifa - Playa de los Lances
 - world centre for kite surfing, beach bars (very relaxed vibe), dunes etc ... cool ...
 - Casares village, views, birds of prey, castle
 - Roman baths - Baños de Hedondia
turn right by kids and continue until you go under motorway viaduct, then turn right until you come to the parking. After this short walk to baths.
Absolutely amazing! Must do!
- Day trip to Tangier from Tarifa port.
Parking near port available. Quite a bit of queuing to get your passport stamped on the ferry, but definitely worth it. Tangier is a very interesting city, and could have spent longer there.
- use Viajes Travelsur
- Malaga - we parked at the airport (about 16€) and then caught the train to Malaga Centro. A very short walk took us to the Cathedral + the Picasso Museum. We would also recommend eating at a very small bar serving tapas called Ludwig + Lola. Fab food, friendly staff.

Ronda - windy road up from Marbella but not narrow. Lots of views, historic sites, a must see.

Gibraltar - parked at Santa Barbara car park (google maps) and walked over border, - did Gibraltar info tour taking cable car and walked all around the rock (about 10k!). Watch out for nose monkeys!

Restaurant at bottom of hill next to petrol station is unassuming but does fab food at good prices.

We also found a really useful app - Info medusa, as there were lots of jellyfish. It's in Spanish but you'll get the idea. The beach below the apartment is listed as Playa Ancho.

Had a fabulous holiday - loved it!

Aug 25, 2018

Wow! What a peaceful & wonderful week. Thank you!

Roman Baths as both said are really cool. A few recommendations go earlier before noon to enjoy a more quiet time, ~~the~~ (2) go online a few days before you go to book the private spas. The tickets are free & only allow 25 per hour. Totally worth it! Bonus de Herencia. Short drive & a 400 metre walk to the baths. Enjoy the mud!

Check for the flaps for medusas (jellyfish) on the app that Cathy suggested. If you get stung - vinegar + gently scrape (we used credit card) to remove the stingers. I took an antihistamine for the swelling. My daughter used her snorkeling gear & was able to see them quite easily.

Walk, Walk, Walk... the town to the right is lovely. The welcome delicious, (the night of cards) + carrying on a family from Canada... priceless. Enjoy

The barbq briquettes are in the wicker bin to the left of the Rhinoceros. The barbq is messy so recommend sweeping the floor after to avoid dirty feet coming in the house.

The town of Cesarea is high up on a hill 10 km from here. Great views ~~at~~ & an awesome restaurant for a lunch of tapa.

The guest bathroom toilet seat is firmly, & loose.

All is all wow! beautiful sun rises in the morning & lots of fun.

Enjoy Cheers!

P.S. on Tuesday there is a cute little market in the town of Marbella. Best if I have to say you should and cannot miss it. Also walking the beach with you to get to the beach. The area is amazing.

Aug 25 - Sept 1st 18

What an incredible fun-filled week we had here @ this wonderful villa, we did a day trip to Ronda, Gibraltar + Tangier must do's for sure you are so close.

If you go to Tangier get a hold of this tour guide, "Fouze" he was wonderful there were 4 of us and he was charging €15.00 each, and ended up paying him €20.00 each cause he was so good. Tell him the 4 Canadian Sisters sent you.



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Should you go to Ronda, go early and know that you are going to go up + down mountains its quite curvy (windy). Its such an beautiful town but much bigger then we thought and didnt have much time as we left ~~late~~ You can go back to the villa the way and much easier.

Lots of places to eat around and a little just the next exit off the #7 to pick up items for the villa.

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**CASARES
(Málaga)**

This is a must for a supper out. Its only 8 km from here and such a great supper the owners are so lovely

The Pool area is wonderful, was quiet so we went a few days for a couple of hours. We did try the beach that was in front of the villa, but the jellyfish were close so could not go in swimming but was OK to go in to get wet + cooled off.

We absolutely loved this villa, it was just perfect for the 4 of us. We loved getting up in the morning having our tea + coffee out on the chairs overlooking the sea. The bedrooms are so great having the A/C in there. We cooked breaky + some lunches in the kitchen, it has everything in there you need

We hope you enjoy your vacation as much as we did, we were 4 friends coming from Belgium, UK + Canada getting together to enjoy ourselves.

Had a fab time!



SEP 15-22, 2018

SAT SEP 15th

- ARRIVAL @ 11PM
- IT WAS HOT, AC IN RUC REQUIRED

SUN SEP 16th

- GROCERY SHOPPING... DIFFICULT... NOT TOO MANY PLACES OPEN
- DECIDED TO GO TO GIBRALTOR, NO TOUR, NO GUIDE... SUCCESS... HOT 28°C IN THE SHADE. COMMUTE THERE, REASONABLE, PARKING NOT AN ISSUE.
- CONTINUED TRAVEL NORTH TO CADIZ. WENT FOR DIP/SWIM IN ATLANTIC... NICE BEACH, NOT BUSY.

MON SEP 17th

- ROAD TRIP TO 'CAMINITO del REY de ARDALES' - HIKING AND CAVES. ALTHOUGH CAVES WERE CLOSED, TRAILS AND RELICS ALONG THE WAY WERE INTERESTING. ALSO VISITED HERTA CAVES - NICE ALPS FROM CAVES TO LARGE CREEK.
- ON WAY BACK, TOOK SMALL DETOUR TO 'RONDA' TO VISIT LOCAL SITES. HISTORICAL SITE FOR MARTIROS AS TORS. GREAT VIEWS FROM BRIDGE LINKING TWO SEPARATE PARTS OF CITY.
- VIEWS WHILE DRIVING - 'BREATH TAKING'.

TUES SEP 18th

- ROAD TRIP TO SEVILLE - WOW!
- SEVILLE CATHEDRAL W/ CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS SARCOPHAGUS
- PLAZA ESPAÑA
- REAL ALCAZAR
- WORTH THE TRIP, EVEN IF IT WAS 39°C.
- LATE NIGHT, COOLING DOWN IN POOL, YES 😊

WED, SEP 19th

- ROAD TRIP NORTH OF MALAGA
- ↳ NERJA CAVES ... WORTH THE RIDE.
- ON WAY BACK, TOOK CABLE CAR UP A MOUNTAIN IN BENALMADINA.
- WOW, GREAT VIEW IN ALL DIRECTIONS

THURS, SEP 20th

- FINALLY DECIDED TO TAKE FERRY TO AFRICA, TANGIER, MOROCCO, → DAY TRIP ONLY
- RECOMMEND TAKING FERRY FROM TARIFA TO TANGIER CITY VICE ALGERIA TO TANGIER MED.
- HOOKED UP WITH GOV. GUIDE, GREAT DECISION.
- NOTE - MEN WILL OFFER CAMELS FOR YOUR WOMEN, → NINE WAS 40!
- SPENT A BIT ON SOUVENIRS, CARPETS.
- RECOMMEND YOU BRING NEGOTIATING SKILLS, HAGGLE SKILLS.
- FERRY RIDE IS O.K., GREAT SUNSET

FRI, SEP 21st

- BEACH WALKS, POOL SWIM, SOUVENIR SHOPPING
- ☹️ RTN FOR AIRPORT @ 1700

→ GREAT WEEK - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

YTF

SEPT 22nd → 28th, 2018.

We loved our week here in Bahía del Cascares. The chalet offered us the perfect quiet spot to get away from the hustle & bustle of everyday life. The views were spectacular, the rooms comfortable & clean, & we made use of the fully equipped kitchen. The pool was not too far away and offered a great way to relax & cool down.

While the ~~beach~~ beach was a bit of a walk away, the boardwalk was lovely in the late afternoon & evening hours. We tried a couple of restaurants along the beach that had good food for a decent price. "El Estribo" had an excellent sangria & the ice cream shop "Heladeria Da Vinci" had many, many flavors to choose from.

Our travels: We are early morning risers who like to arrive early to where we are going & beat the crowds & the heat as often as possible. Favourite places is, by far, Ronda. Beautiful drive up Hwy A377 to A369. We recommend stopping at the look-out points for pictures of the terrain. Absolutely stunning views. The Puerta Nuevo in Ronda was definitely a selling feature of Ronda as well as the shopping & food. Bring good shoes because the hills are steep & the stones are slippery. Malaga was very, very busy as a major port for cruise ships. The Alcazar was interesting as well as the Picasso Museum. We wish we had known about mini-golf at "Fuengirola Adventure Golf" when we were in Malaga because it looked super cool. But, alas, it was not until we had returned that we saw it. Jerez de la Frontera is also a great spot for the Alcazar, the Royal Equestrian Art School, Flamenco dancing & its Sherry. We flew in & out of Sevilla which is also worth exploring for its history & culture. We rented a room in Sevilla because we felt there is more to see there than can be seen in one day.

Groceries: We found everything we needed & more at the "Carrefour" in Estepona. It is like a big Walmart & is open fairly late. Shop on Saturday because everything, except for gas stations, are closed on Sunday. The "Lidl" is okay for basics but is pretty small.

We used Google Maps a lot while being here for directions & food options. Do not always trust the hours posted on Google for restaurants as we found them to frequently be wrong. We would often cruise the food pics online though for quality before committing.

We are ~~grateful~~ grateful to those who contributed to this book before us. The suggestions for travel, shopping & food were helpful. To all those who find themselves in this beautiful spot after us, we wish you a pleasant stay & a relaxing holiday.

J28th - 03 NOV 2018

LOVELY place to be here in southern SPAIN, beautiful weather, chalet had everything we could ask for. DURING our stay we visited CASARES, CRAVGIN, RONDA on a DAY Drive. Took a day trip to PORTUGAL in SAHRES. We also went to the Rock of Gibraltar to see the town as well as climb atop the Rock itself. WONDERFUL time here, would come back in a heartbeat.

