



# **Golfing holiday to the COSTA DEL SOL 2 – 12 September 2010**

They say that September on the Costa del Sol is as close to golfing bliss as it gets! Great golf courses, sunshine without excessive heat, whitewashed buildings, the buzz of the coast, long dinners with sangria by the jug full, vibey nightlife and of course shopping, bazaars and markets for the shoppers. And the Europeans are finished with their holidays!

For all those golfers who want to get away to play golf, have an overseas holiday and simply enjoy themselves, we have packaged the tour especially for a group comprising couples. Based in ever-popular Puerto Banus, the package promises you golf, sun and loads of fun. Even if you have been to Spain before, you don't want to miss this one! The programme has been structured so that you can be part of the group or you can break away as you like. And once again we have included a car per room to give you total flexibility in your movements. Venues for evening dinners (always an important part of such a tour) have been carefully worked out and an evening or two in beautiful Benahavis is a must for everyone. Tee-off times booked are all morning times on A-category courses which have been specially selected for their challenge and beauty.

While the package includes a car per room, some couples have indicated that they wish to share cars and this will reduce their package price. The size (and therefore price) of the shared vehicle will depend on the number of golfers in the car.

## **This is what awaits you when you board the plane:**

### **Thursday 2 September**

Assemble late afternoon in Johannesburg before departing for Spain.

### **Friday 3 September**

We land in Malaga on the Costa del Sol and collect our cars and drive along the coast, past Marbella to Puerto Banus...the centre of the buzz on the Costa del Sol. Our hotel is situated just two hundred meters from the world-renowned marina and the endless restaurants, bars and nightclubs which line the marina. Many of our previous groups have stayed in the hotel and we again chose the hotel for its modernity, location and facilities, which include a small kitchenette in every room. After checking in, we have the afternoon free for a stroll along the marina, go sightseeing or head for a nearby tapas bar for our first Sangria on the Costa del Sol.

### **Saturday 4 September**

Today is a day at leisure to allow everyone to get over the travelling, but of course there will be some in the group who want to play an extra optional round today. Most of the group will start exploring and enjoying the region in earnest this morning. From the superb modern shopping centre almost alongside our hotel, to the boutiques of Marbella. From the waterfront tourist shops at the marina to the fascinating shops in the Old City of Marbella. From the waterside bars of the Puerto Banus Marina to the sun-splashed tapas bars on the Marbella promenade. Or a short outing to the many tiny villages with narrow streets, whitewashed buildings and sun

splashed bougainvillea. And for the sun lovers, the famous beaches of the Costa del Sol or the hotel's own pool await you.

### **Sunday 5 September**

Our first chance to savour the superb golf on the Costa del Sol is at the beautiful **Los Naranjos**, a short drive from our hotel and always in superb condition. After an afternoon beside the pool or on the beach, take a short drive into the hills and enjoy dinner in the town of Benahavis, where nearly every building houses a restaurant. Join up with the group or enjoy a quiet dinner on your own....either way it will be a memorable evening! And of course Sunday is Bullfight Day in Spain and the nearest ring is just 5 minutes from our hotel – you won't necessarily enjoy it if you decide to attend, but it is an experience you will never forget.

### **Monday 6 September**

The lovely winding **Santa Maria** course has enchanted many of our groups in the past and is certain to be a hit with this year's group. Lying in the foothills, it offers stunning views over the Mediterranean as well some breathtaking holes over lakes and hills. After golf, we suggest that you explore the mountain village of Mijas, an enchanting labyrinth of white buildings and cobbled streets perched tightly against the mountainside with stunning views down the coast and across the Mediterranean. Sip sangria at the street bars and watch the shadows lengthen over the coast below before trying the local cuisine in one of the many restaurants. And if you need a taxi at the end of the evening, remember that the taxis in Mijas are donkeys!

### **Tuesday 7 September**

Time to take a break from the golf and get in some serious sightseeing! Top of the list for many will be nearby Gibraltar, but other popular day outings will include Ronda (one of the most interesting and visited towns in the region) and Granada, where they will see the Alhambra (a World Heritage Sight). For those wanting to play golf today, we shall arrange golf with the hotel's golf desk's discounted rates on the course of your choice. If you decide to play Valderrama, the challenge will be to tame the course that played host to the 1997 Ryder Cup. This amazing and controversial course winds its way between long-established trees and remains the most sought after (and expensive) course on the Costa del Sol. It really is a day at leisure to do as you like, with your own car the choice is yours....suntan beside the pool or on the beach with the rich and famous, go exploring the small Andalucian villages in the nearby hills, seek out further Spanish shopping bargains...the only problem you will have is finding time for everything.

### **Wednesday 8 September**

**Santa Clara**, the exciting course designed by Enrique Canales and which is receiving praise from everyone who plays it, is our course for today. Described as a typically "dramatic" Spanish course, it features spectacular water features on a number of holes and will be as enjoyable as it is beautiful. Even the palm trees come into play!

### **Thursday 9 September**

Golf today is at the stunningly beautiful **La Quinta Country Club**, the highly-acclaimed course which will remain etched in your memory for a long, long time. The Club Director is an old friend and we can look forward to an extra special welcome. As the sun sets this evening, we shall no doubt be sipping sangria or our favourite long cool drink beside the marina as we soak in the atmosphere with the rich and famous of Puerto Banus for the last time on this tour.

### **Friday 10 September**

After a morning kept open for last minute shopping, tanning or catching the sights missed earlier, it's a short drive back to Malaga airport to drop off our cars before boarding our flight home.

### **Saturday 11 September**

Our flight arrives back in Johannesburg mid-morning, and it's time to share our memories with those unfortunate folk who were not with us on the tour!

### ***The tour package includes:***

- Return economy airfares

- Experienced tour leader
- 8 night's accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis
- 4 green fees (additional golf can be arranged at the applicable discounted rate through our hotel as required)
- car rental (1 car per room), including unlimited mileage and insurance
- Experienced tour guide
- Daily golf competitions
- DVD with all the photographs taken on tour
- detailed tour itinerary and accompanied outings to major sightseeing attractions
- sightseeing guide-list for non-golfers

**Not included:**

- visa costs (Shengen visa)
- airport departure taxes (currently R 3 200,00)
- international driver's licence
- personal travel insurance
- meals not listed
- petrol
- parking

**Package price:** The package prices for the tour are:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Rc</b>
Golfer – sharing	15 790,00
Non –golfer sharing	13 240,00
Golfer - single	On request

**Please Note:**

1. All prices are quoted ex. Johannesburg and are strictly subject to exchange rate fluctuations.
2. The airline allows a limited number of tour members to leave the group at the end of the tour and extend their stay in Europe. A nominal levy for the extension may, at the discretion of the airline, be charged.
3. As the tour costing has been calculated on direct deposit payments, no credit card payments can be accepted.

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