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## FLIGHTS TO THE COSTA DEL SOL

Flights to Gibraltar, Granada or Malaga on the Costa del Sol fly from the following UK airports:

**Gibraltar:** Gatwick, Heathrow, Luton, Manchester

**Granada:** East Midlands, Liverpool, Stansted

**Malaga:** Birmingham, Bournemouth, Bristol, Cardiff, Dublin, East Midlands, Edinburgh, Exeter, Gatwick, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Luton, Manchester, Southampton, Stansted



## Spain's No. 1 tourist destination has been reigning supreme now for 40 years and with 325 days of sunshine a year and gorgeous beaches, its appeal to both holiday-home buyers and expats shows no sign of waning

**S**un, sea, sand – the three S's are what Spain's Costa del Sol is all about, making it the most popular of the Spanish Costas. Every year, millions of us spend our annual holiday on this 160-kilometre stretch of coastline. And a million of us like it so much that we either live there permanently or we've bought a holiday home there. And it's no wonder – its climate is year-round, with 325 days of sunshine a year and average winter temperatures not dipping below 12°C. As a result many of the resorts are busy all year, with the inevitable increase in population during summer.

Stretching from Gibraltar in the south to Malaga in the north, the Costa del Sol caters to all tastes and pockets. Torremolinos is the

largest resort, then there's Benalmadena, Fuengirola, Mijas, and of course the exclusive resorts like swanky Marbella, Puerto Banus and Sotogrande.

While much of the Costa del Sol has been developed, the natural scenery here is dramatic. The west has rolling hills and many rivers, while the Sierra Bermeja mountains offer an imposing backdrop to Estepona, and Marbella is at the south of the Sierra de las Nieves national park with its high peaks.

The popularity of the Costa del Sol means it's well served by airlines, with plenty of flights operating from all over the UK to Malaga airport. Depending on where you're visiting on the Costa del Sol, Granada and



Gibraltar airports also broaden your options.

And now you could have your very own sunshine retreat. At today's auction we have properties in the west of the Costa del Sol, between Sotogrande and Estepona, which offer proximity to some of Spain's finest golf courses, and in the east, close to Nerja, east of Malaga.

### MANILVA

Famous for its grapes – which some claim are Spain's best – and wine, the appealing inland town of Manilva is next to the province of Cadiz and Casares, about halfway between Sotogrande and Estepona, and 90 kilometres from Malaga airport. Five kilometres from the coast, it is blossoming into a town. Out of season it has a population of around 11,000, but this swells to five times that in summer. It has all the amenities you could need, from shops to sports facilities, and it is convenient for the A-7 motorway.

### CASARES

Think of the picture-perfect whitewashed village in Andalusia and you have a close match to the inland mountain village of Casares. Further north than Manilva and closer to Estepona, it's surrounded by attractive countryside and is popular with foreign buyers, which means that prices can be high. TV presenter Robert Kilroy Silk owns an 11-bedroom villa with pool here. Casares has the full range of amenities, and is just over 96 kilometres from Malaga airport.

### FRIGILIANA

Just to the north of Nerja, at the extreme eastern end of the Costa del Sol, the village of Frigiliana is acknowledged for the beauty of its narrow streets.

