## TRIPS WITH BJØRN AND BENTE MIJAS PUEBLO – LA CALA DE MIJAS

On Wednesday, February 13, we took a taxi from La Joya up to Mijas Pueblo. <u>Wikipedia.org</u> <u>Andalucia.com</u> <u>Malagaweb.com</u>



An aerial view of the city.



At first we had a look at the donkeys. We could be driven with donkey cart or ride on the donkey's back.





Roasted chestnuts are sold here.



Bente tasted some.



Souvenirs are sold here.



A chapel is located on the edge of this plateau.



The chapel is called <u>Ermita de la Virgen de la Peña</u>. Virgen de la Peña (Virgin of the stone) is the patron saint of Mijas and the chapel is built in honor of her. According to legend, the statue has been hidden for 500 years and was recovered by a mason in 1587. His sons were herdboys and they were led there by a dove.

Some pictures from inside the church.





View from the plateau outside the chapel.



The back of the chapel.

Benches to sit on.

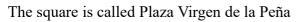


Down in the square, cheese is sold.



Here is sold honey and jam.







We had to have lunch so we went into this restaurant, <u>Los</u> <u>Arcos</u>.



This is before we got the food we had ordered and everyone looks happy. I remember getting OK food, and it wasn't expensive, so I expect we were just as happy after we had eaten.



Here we are out on the plaza again.

We could have been driven in wagons pulled by horses, but we didn't.



Instead, we sat at this restaurant, <u>Peccati de Gola</u>. Someone had to have a smoke and someone wanted a beer and some an Irish coffee. Afterwards we shopped some items in a supermarket. We wanted to take a taxi back to La Joya, but there were no taxis in. While we were waiting for the taxi the bus

arrived, so we took it to Fuengirola and taxi from there.



On February 20 we took a taxi to <u>La Cala de Mijas</u>. This is a watchtower, <u>Torre de la Bateria o Torreon de la</u> <u>Cala de Mijas</u>.

It was built in 1773 to protect against pirate attacks from the sea, and several guns were installed. There were a whole series of lookout towers along the coast, and at the risk of attack, they could signal to each other by mirrors during the day and by fire during night-time.



This is a restaurant right next to the tower.



Some street pictures from the town.













We walked until we got to a small park where there was also a small playground for kids. There was a small restaurant and some tables here, so we sat for a while and took a beer etc.



Here we stand in line to buy drinks.





After that we went back to have some lunch. We went in on KonFusion Tapas & Cocktail Bar.





I had shrimps in a spicy sauce. Very good.



We all had different dishes and everyone thought it was good.





I was very pleased.



Finally we had dessert. The others had ice cream while I had an advanced <u>creme catalana</u>. Everyone had sherry.



Another street photo.



After that we went back to the beach. <u>This beach</u> has got a blue flag.



Me and Anne Berit have a wine while Bjørn and Bente have a coffee.









More pictures taken at the beach of La Cala.



We see the lighthouse in El Faro in the background.



There is no marina here, so the boats are pulled up on the beach.



One of the restaurants by the beach. To the left is the start of a promenade that goes all the way to Calahonda.



Finally we took a taxi back to La Joya.