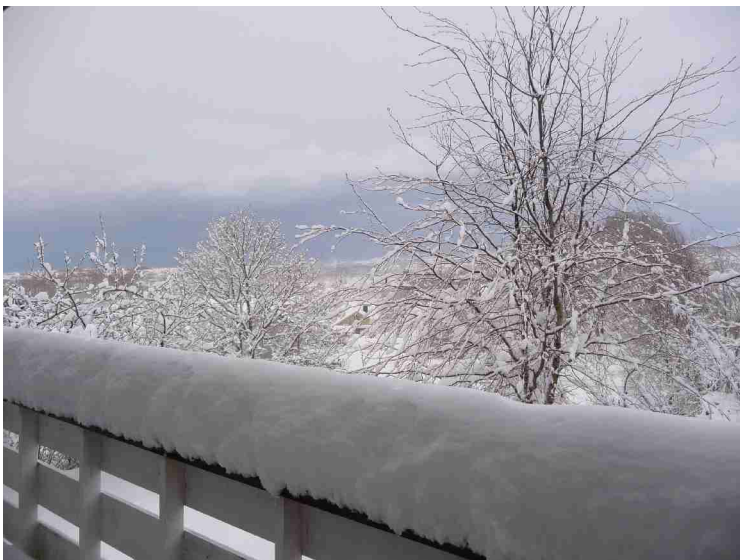


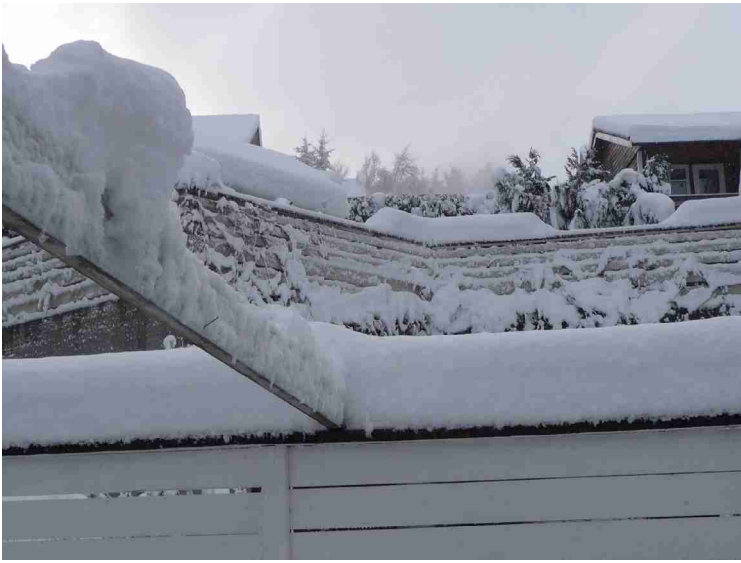
Cumbre del Sol January – February – March 2010

We had decided to stay at more southern latitudes in the worst of the winter cold this year. We had found a flat in Spain, Cumbre del Sol, midway between Alicante and Valencia, to an acceptable cost.

Before Christmas we were at Kvernaland. The 18. og 19. of December there came a lot of snow at Kvernaland, where there usually is almost no snow before in February.

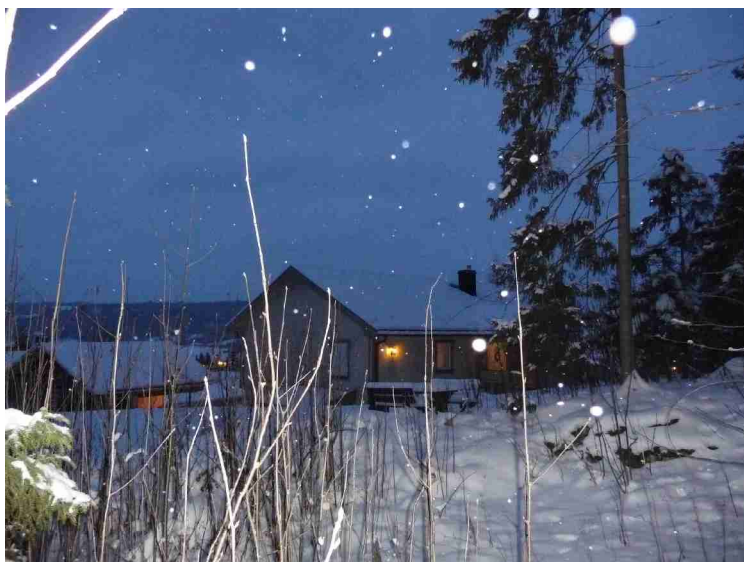
Below are a few snow pictures from Kverneland.





Normally there is not much snow at Gran in December eigher, but this year the snow came about Christmas.

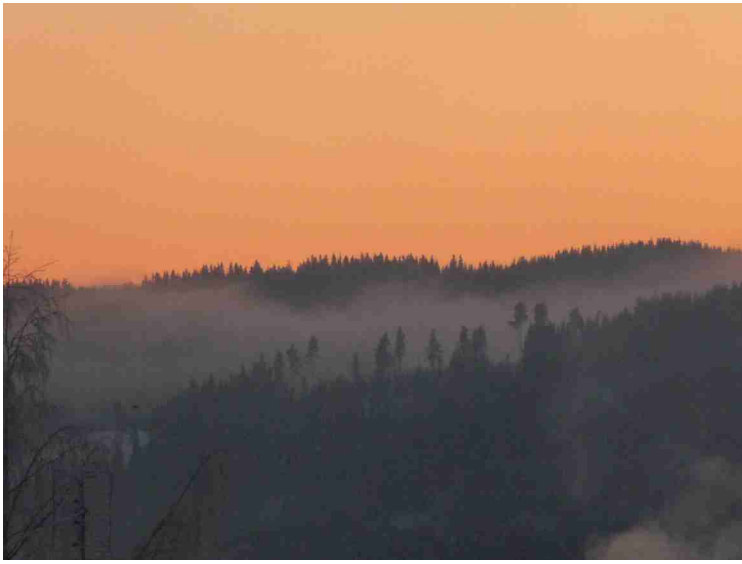
The 25th of December we went for a walk in the snow.



We had planned to leave for Cumbre del Sol the 2nd of January, but by then Kjell had got the flu and we had to postpone the departure for an indefinite time.

While waiting for Kjell to be well enough to travel, there came much more snow and it became very cold, down to minus 28°C.

Below are some frosty snow pictures from Gran.



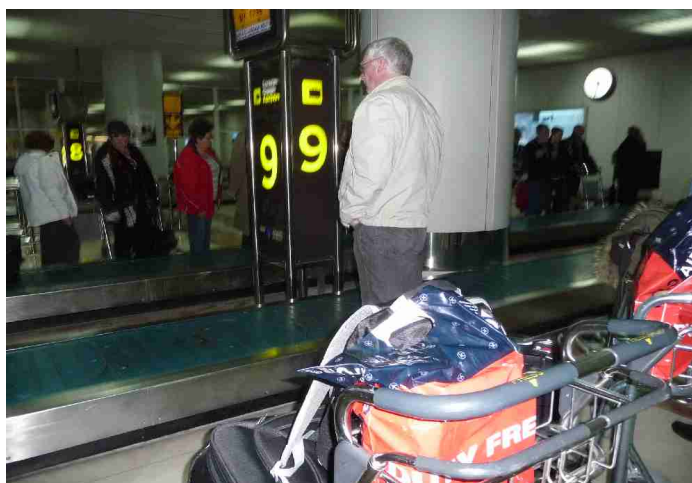
We had planned to take our bikes with us to Spain, and to be able to do this, we bought a bike bag each. Below we are disassembling the bikes to put them into the bicycle bags.



Kjell was not well enough to travel until the 13th of January. We left Gran at 07.00 o'clock. Silja drove us to the airport. There were minus 21.5 °C then. We went with Norwegian from Gardermoen to Alicante. The plain was scheduled to leave at 09.45, but it was a bit late in to Gardermoen because of fog, and it was therefore also a bit late out again.



Kjell had to show all the contents in his backpack in the security check at Gardermoen, because he had som many devices and wires in the backpack.



Here we are waiting for the luggage in Alicante



We had rented a Citroen Berlingo for the whole stay. Here we get the keys, and then we loaded the car with suitcases and bicycles.



The airport in Alicante



Here we are out on the freeway



More freeway



We «had» to have a picture of the Spanish bull



Particular mountain formations



Here are the remains of the snow that came in the high mountains before we arrived



Here we are driving past the skyscrapers in Benidorm



Now we are soon arriving Cumbre del Sol



Here we are at the apartment and we are phoning to get the keys



Here is the view from our terrace

14. January



Here we can sit outside in the sun without being cold



The view from the terrace and along the street

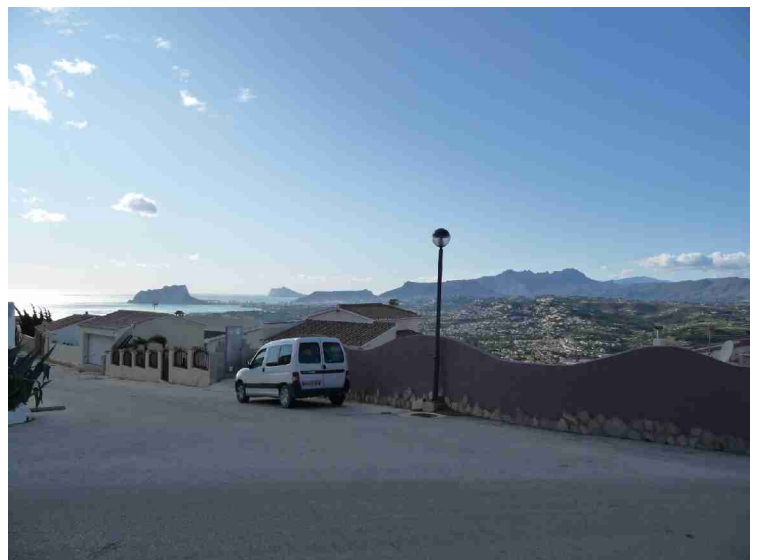


Here we are looking up into the hill from where we are staying



There are pools in almost all the houses in the area

It is nicely planted everywhere



Here we are driving up in the hill and are looking downwards. We are staying in the area to the left

Here we have stopped at the top and are looking southwards along the coast towards Calpe. Here is also the car, which we are renting.



From the top we can also see inland



Here we are driving downwards on the other side.



Here we have arrived at a small town, Moraira.
Very nice little town.



Here we look over to the harbour



Here we see a little part of the town



This is aroundabout on the way into the town.



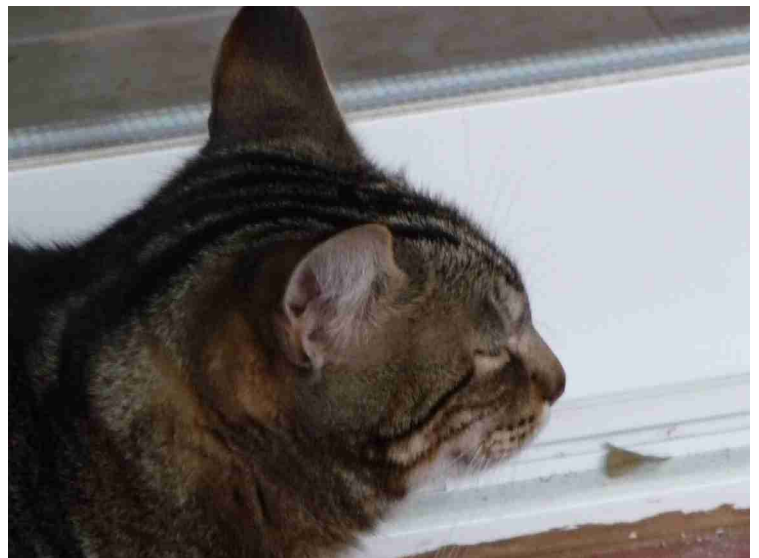
Here we are almost «home» again on the top where we are staying, and we have taken a couple of pictures of the views northward.



Here we are looking southward



When we were back, we started making vegetable soup with meat.



Then this cat came and sat on the terrace and wondered if he too would get some food



When he didn't get anything, he went away



Here is an evening view from the terrace

15. January



Here we see northward at a lighthouse in the distance.



We went for a drive this day and we went to the lighthouse. The place is named Cap de la Nau.



Here we have arrived in a town named Javea.



There were big waves on to the shore.



The beach was partly sandy and partly rocky



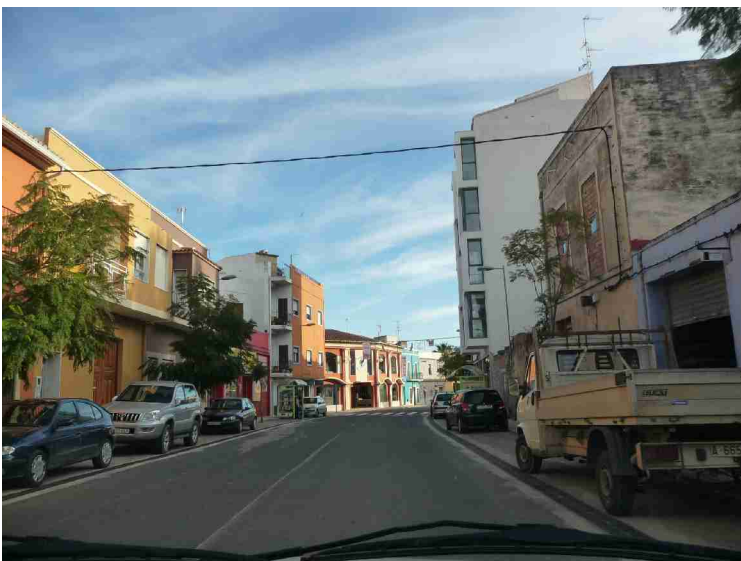
In the town was a stylish roundabout



Here we are past the town, driving north.



Here we are looking down on a town named Denia.



Here we are driving past a small town named Gata de Gorgos.

16. January



Today we just relaxed, looked at the sports on TV in addition to reassemble the bikes.

17. January



Today we walked up on to a small hilltop nearby



Here we are at the top, looking south. It was well above 20 °C and we had put on too much clothes.



There were unbelievably many flowers to be in the middle of the winter







There were no more flowers, so this was just shit

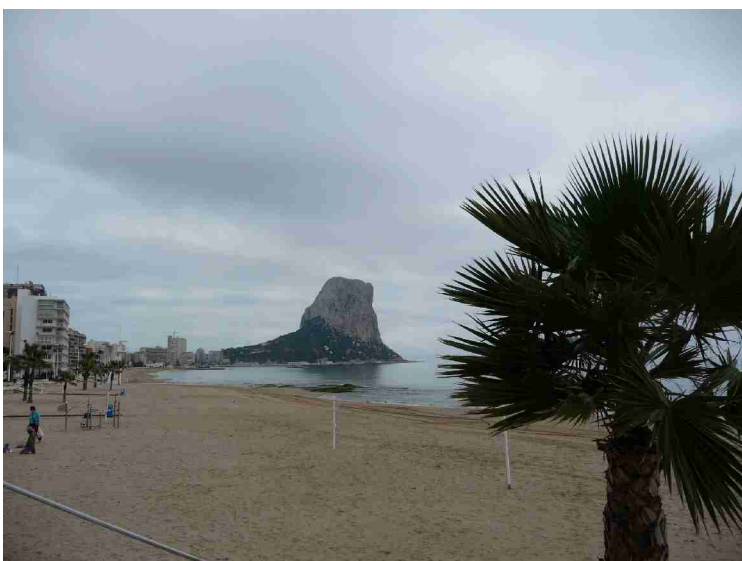
18. January



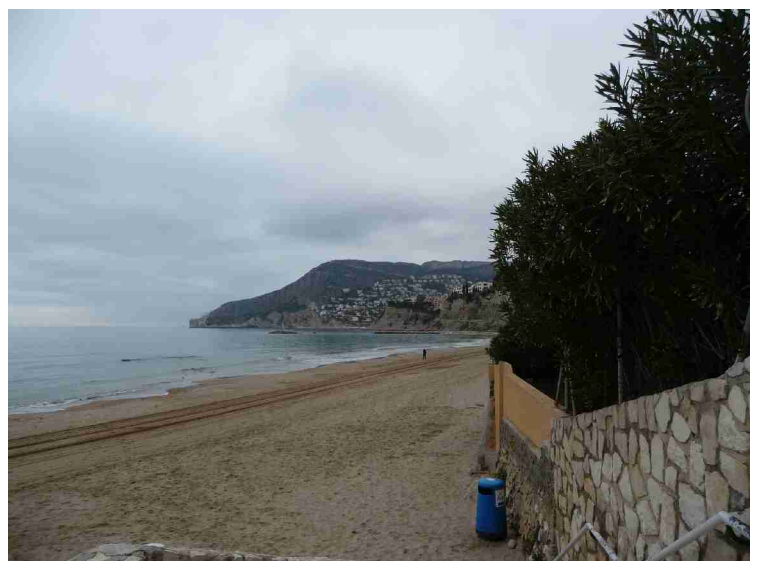
This day we went for a little drive.
Here we are driving past Altea.



Now we are approaching Calpe with the rock, Peñon de Ifach. The rock is also called Little Gibraltar.



Here we are at the beach promenade, looking towards the rock



Here we are looking in the other direction



Orange trees in the streets



Here we have taken a picture from our table inwards in the restaurant where we had fish and chips



Here we are finished and want a cigarette



There were a lot of gulls at the beach



This is a little lake, Salinas el Saladar, just inland of the beach



There is a lot of birdlife in the shallow lake

19. January



Today we have tested our bikes. We cycled a bit around in the neighbourhood. They were quite OK after having been disassembled to be packed in bicycle bags, transported in the plain and then reassembled.

Beyond that, we just relaxed.

We had chicken for dinner.

Here are flamingos wading in the lake