

FUENGIROLA – LA JOYA – WINTER 2017 – 2018

This winter we had decided to stay in [Fuengirola, Spain](#). We had found an apartment ([Link 1](#) [Link 2](#)) which we thought looked nice. It is located a little south of the city in La Joya, in an area called Urbanización Polarsol. Here is also [Club La Costa](#), with which La Joya has some cooperation.



This winter the snow came many days before we had planned to travel. View from the balcony.



There were some ridges after the snowplowing outside our apartment.



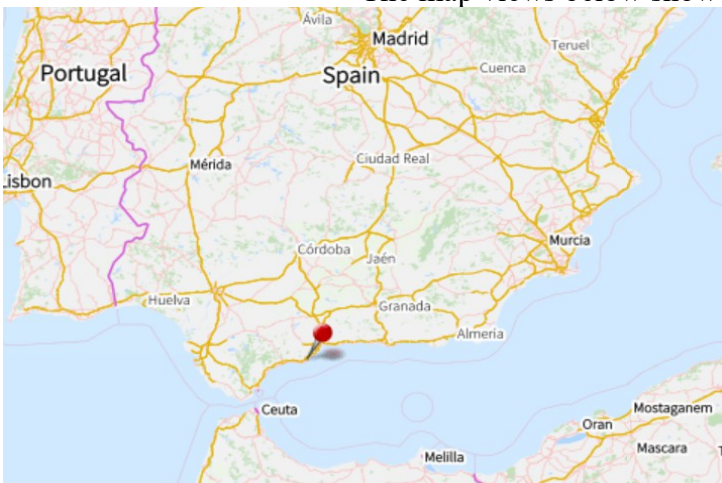
Bjørn and Pia drove us to the airport and they even helped us get our luggage in and out of the car.

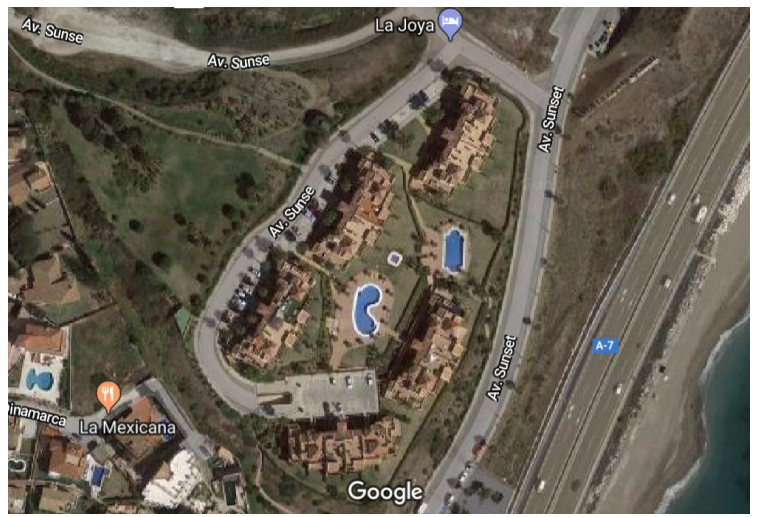


Here I am in the plane.

We went with Norwegian from [Oslo Airport, Gardermoen](#) the 1st of Desember at 13.10 and we arrived in [Malaga Airport](#) at 17.15. From here we took a taxi and were in the apartment after approx. 20 minutes. We paid 50 € for the taxi.

The map views below show where the apartment is located.





A few words about [Fuengirola](#)

Fuengirola was founded by the Phoenicians and is first mentioned in writings from the 1st century AD. It eventually became quite a big settlement. In the early Middle Ages, the city was set on fire by pirates and the people fled to [Mijas](#). Fuengirola was then practically deserted until the 17th century, when the threat of Turkish and Moroccan pirates disappeared. A guesthouse was opened near the beach that offered accommodation for travelers, mule drivers and seafarers. A few cabins were also set up nearby and together this was a small village. Fishing and agriculture remained main industries for more than a century.

In the 1960s, Fuengirola entered a new phase and became a leading tourist center. Fuengirola now offers all the facilities expected by a major tourist resort, - hotels, restaurants, bars, discos, sports clubs, marina, and wide beaches along a promenade. Of the approx. 75,000 citizens registered in the municipality 25% are from other countries, mainly European.



Panoramic view from the area where we lived



Entrance to the apartment.



Seen from the other side.



From the living room



Two large bathrooms



Two large bedrooms



Large kitchen



Large dining table



Large terrace



Nice garden



View down to the pool



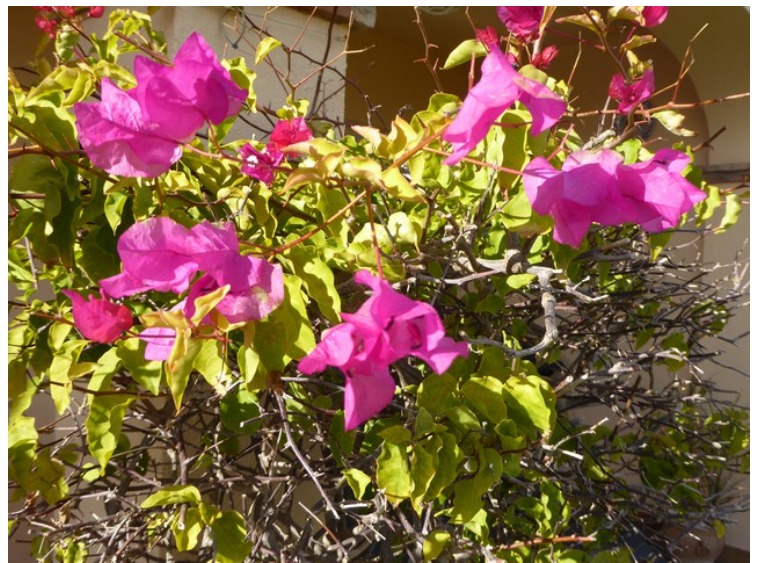
View south



More views



Nice palm tree in the garden



Nice [bougainvillea](#), which is about to fade now as it is winter here.





More views



On Christmas days we were visited by Isak and May.



Opening Christmas presents.



This is one of two convenience stores where we shopped. This store is called Supermercado el Faro.



To get there we had to go down these stairs.



Further down this hill.



Then we came down to the sea and the main road that goes here.



On the other side there is a house in strong blue color.



Here we look up to where we stayed.



Then we must move further uphill.



The store is located behind this passage.



This is the second convenience store. It lies in the other direction; on the north side of the area where we stayed.



To get there, we must leave the apartment. It looks like this.



Then we have to go down here to the main gate of the area.



Just outside the gate there is a stop for a local train that runs throughout the area as Club la Costa operates.



Here comes the train



At Christmas time, the wagon was decorated with Christmas decorations.



After 10 - 15 minutes driving time we are at the second store, Supermercado Marina del Sol.



From the store we look down the hill where the train has one end station.



Here is the train waiting for us.



When we were to get rid of rubbish we had to go down the hill to the main road. Here there are several containers for different types of waste.



There is a tunnel under the main road. Then we come to the beach.



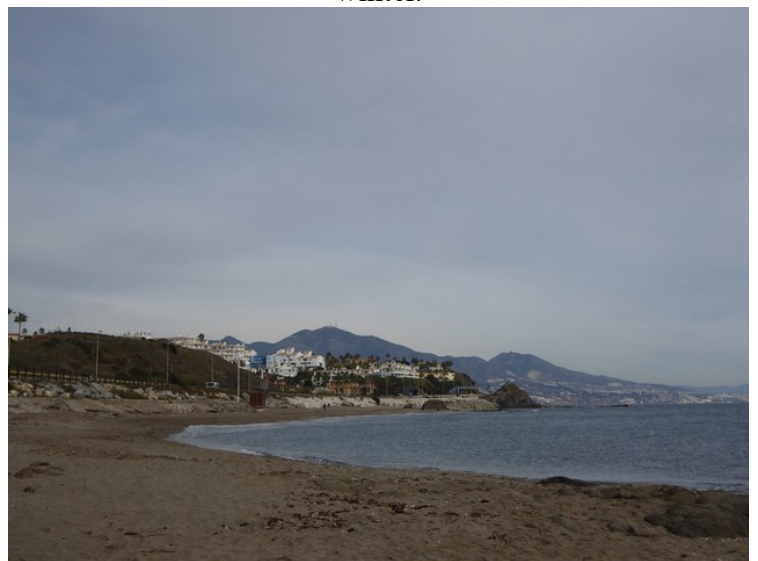
Anne Berit tries to find nice shells.



There is a beach-side restaurant here. It is closed in winter.



All outdoor furniture is stowed away.



Here we look towards Fuengirola.

Up in the hill is an apartment hotel called [CLC Santa Cruz Suites](#). It also has a good restaurant called [Safari Restaurant](#). Below are some pictures from a trip up there.



By the restaurant



Here they have a fountain with running water.



Some bird shots





We had a few periods with heavy rain.



We also had some wind



As a rule, it was good weather



