

FUENGIROLA – LA JOYA – WINTER 2019 – 2020

This time we traveled to Spain on November 2nd to stay there during the winter. Bjørn drove us to the airport. From there we traveled with Norwegian to Malaga. The plane departed from Gardermoen at 13.10 and arrived in Malaga at 17.15.

One thing we did not like was that Norwegian had started weighing the hand luggage, and we did not realize that they also weighed duty free goods and handbags along with the rest of the hand luggage. It turned out that we had two pounds overweight, and we had to pay 750 NOK to get on the plane. It was not only us who were dissatisfied. Norwegian received a lot of complaints, including ours, and we got the money back. Now they have adjusted the rules.

In Malaga we took a taxi to La Joya. It is a residential area just south of Fuengirola.

We were going to stay in the same apartment that we rented the previous two winters, 2017 - 2018 and 2018 - 2019. Furthermore, we have stayed in El Faro, about a kilometer further south, winter 2011 - 2012.



This is the view from the terrace of the apartment at sunrise.



The view during the day.



Anne Berit at the dentists.



The dentist's office is located at this park, the Plaza de Hispanidad.

In the park there are many palm trees and there are many pigeons and [monk parakeets](#). The parakeets have nests in the palm trees and they make a lot of noise. Here is a dove at the top of almost every lamp.



Bjørn and Bente also stayed in Fuengirola this winter. Here we met at the Miramar Shopping Center. We had a small lunch at a cafe on the 2nd floor of the center.



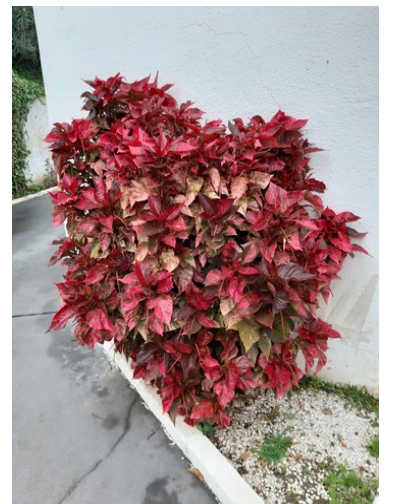
When we took the taxi back to La Joya, something happened that should not happen: The driver went out to take our cart from the trunk, but before he got that far, all the doors locked. The keys and his cellphone were inside the car, so he had to borrow my cellphone to call for a spare key.



A few days later we visited Bjørn and Bente where they stayed.



Here we wait for a taxi after the visit.



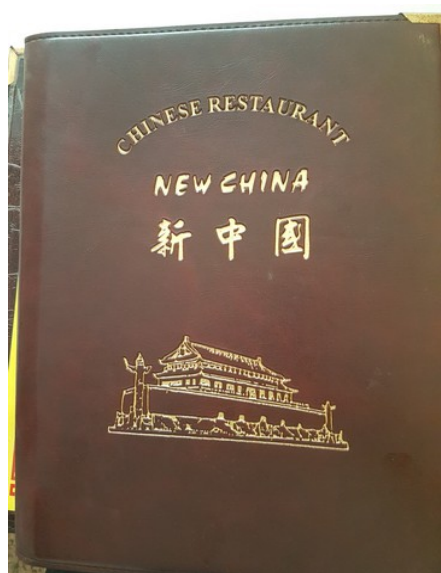
While waiting for the taxi, we took some pictures of plants growing there.



This is in [La Cala de Mijas](#). We went there one day to shop at SuperSol Supermercado. We took a taxi both ways.



Among other things, we had planned to buy a carton of red wine, but found only glass bottles. We think they are a bit heavy to carry. At the checkout we saw such plastic containers. It looked like red wine so we didn't study it as we took one with us on the go. Big was the surprise when I opened it and poured olive oil into the glass.



After shopping, we had lunch at this restaurant.



I study the menu.
They have a great selection of dishes and the food was good.



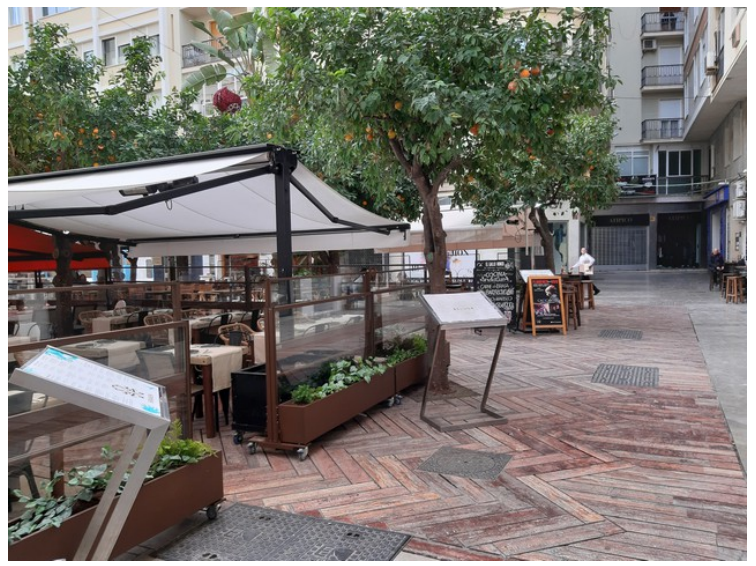
Here Bjørn and Bente visit us a few days later.



This is in Malaga, [Plaza de la Constitución](#). We took the train from [Fuengirola](#) and a taxi from the railway station.



This was just before Christmas and it was very decorated in this pedestrian street which was now a Christmas street, [Calle Marqués de Lario](#).



We first wanted something to eat. This is at [Plaza de las Flores](#). Here are some restaurants and we chose one of them.



This is the plaza.



Inside the restaurant called [El Gallo Ronco](#). It is decorated with copper objects everywhere. Every Friday there is live flamenco music.



Bjørn and Bente have started studying the menu.



We are take photos of.



Anne Berit is on a photo too.



All of us had skewers. Simple and decent food.



After we had eaten, we proceeded down the pedestrian street.
Here is a guy who has dressed in newsprint.



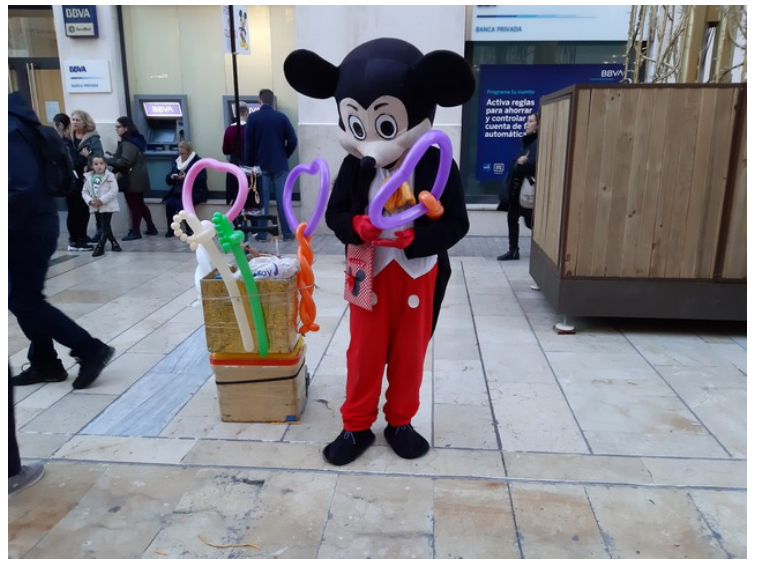
Bente wonders what he reads.



Further down the street, there were many inventive methods to make some money.



Star Wars.



This is down at the end of the pedestrian street. We see the statue of Marqués de Larios standing in the middle of a roundabout. It was he who got the pedestrian street built and he got the street named after himself.

We thought it was a little early to return to Fuengirola, so we turned around and walked a little way up the street again.



We stopped in a side street and bought wine and beer.
It got dark while we sat there.



When we returned to the pedestrian street, we saw that
there was light in all the decoration.



This is down on the main street that is called [Plaza de la Marina](#) on this stretch.

There is a taxi station here and we did hope that there
would come a taxi that we could take to the train station.





Here I and Bjørn are waiting for a taxi.



Bente comes too.



While waiting, I studied a guy who made crepes.



The there came a taxi.



During the taxi ride we took a couple of lighted tree trunks.



Outside the railway station [Málaga María Zambrano](#).



Inside the station hall. Here is a decorated Christmas tree.



Here we are on the right track and waiting for the train to arrive.



There was a lot of decoration in Fuengirola too.



The taxis are ready outside the railway station.



Flowering outside the apartment.



Ready for Christmas dinner. We had ribs purchased in Spain. In Spain, it is customary to remove the rind before the meat is sold. We therefore avoided the problem of getting a crispy rind.



Christmas Eve we had a visit of Bjørn og Bente.



Coffee and cognac after dinner.



Evening mood at La Joya.



On New Year's Eve we visited Bjørn and Bente. Bjørn and I are already seated at the table. We had pinnekjøtt brought from Norway.



For dessert, Bente had made rice cream.



The rice cream.



Everyone is happy after dinner and dessert,



Bjørn makes coffee while Bente receives a telephone from Norway.



I'm waiting.



Coffee.



Bjorn shows me the bottle with Cognac.



Relaxing.



More evening mood from La Joya.



In the end of January we were visited by Isak and Tiffany.



This winter I suddenly understood how to solve difficult Sudoku. Then I was bitten by a basil and solved three thick booklets with Sudoku.



The lawn had to be watered occasionally, and the gardeners mowed the lawn every other month during the winter.



We make real dinner every day. A few examples of the dinners we made during the winter.



Here we are served waffles at Bjørn and Bente.



Bente is pouring coffee.



Everything arranged.



One more waffle.



Afterwards we sat out on the terrace.



The view from the terrace.



We are waiting for the food.

In late February we were visited by Alexander and Monica. Here we are at a restaurant called [Safari](#). It is located in a hotel complex just above La Joya.



Here we are in [Mijas Publo](#) at a restaurant, which is called [Restaurante los Arcos](#).



Just before we returned to Norway, we visited Per and Venche Skogrand, who were staying at [Club Calahonda](#).



We needed a picture before leaving.



Going to phone for a taxi.



Flowers.



I had office work every day with lots of overtime.

We had planned to return to Norway on April 1st, but because of the Corona virus we booked a new ticket and traveled on March 19th instead. We took a taxi to the airport. There were few people at the airport and everyone kept a good distance. The plane departed at 15.50 and was at Gardermoen at 20.00. Bjørn picked us up. Then we were quarantined for 14 days and we hoped that we had not been infected with Corona virus along the way.