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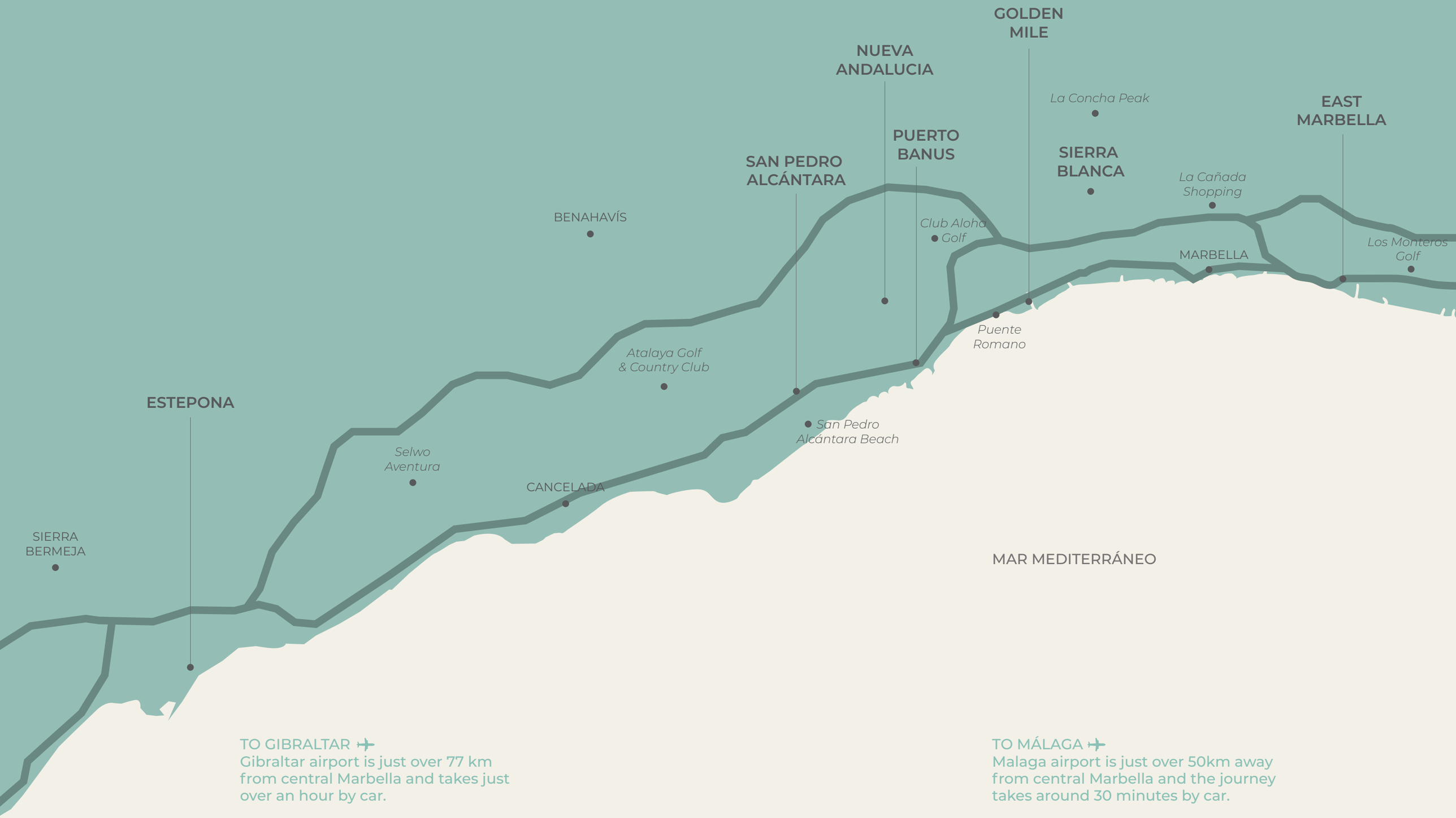
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East Marbella

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Location and Accessibility

East Marbella encompasses a series of picturesque residential areas, including Elviria, Los Monteros, Las Chapas, and Rio Real. It is located just 10 to 15 mins from Marbella town centre and offers a more tranquil lifestyle compared to the busier parts of the Costa del Sol. Málaga Airport is approximately 35 minutes away by car, making it a convenient base for international families.

Residential Options

East Marbella is dotted with small copses of Mediterranean pine trees, making much of the area delightfully shady, and is popular among families for its variety of housing options which combine luxury, comfort, and proximity to nature:

· Villas: Many properties feature large gardens, private pools, and sea or mountain views, offering ample space for families.

· Gated Communities: Secure residential complexes with shared amenities like pools, gyms, and playgrounds.

· Beachfront Properties: Luxury apartments and townhouses near some of the best sandy beaches on the coast, ideal for families who enjoy seaside living.

The combination of tranquil settings and modern amenities makes East Marbella particularly appealing to families seeking a relaxed yet well-connected environment.

Safety and Security

East Marbella is known for its peaceful atmosphere and safe residential areas. Many communities are gated and offer 24-hour security, providing families with a secure and worry-free living environment.

Local Amenities and Facilities

East Marbella is well-equipped with family-friendly amenities and services:

· Shopping: Areas like Elviria and Los Monteros have a range of supermarkets, local shops, and boutique stores. Larger shopping centres like La Cañada in Marbella are also a short drive away.

· Dining: The region offers a variety of dining options, including family-friendly beachside chiringuitos, international restaurants, and casual cafes. Many establishments cater to children with play areas and special menus. There are also well-known beach clubs such as Nikki Beach, La Cabane and Trocadero Arena.

· Healthcare: East Marbella is home to several private clinics, dental practices, and pharmacies, while larger hospitals are within easy reach in Marbella. The respected Costa del Sol public hospital is also in this area.

Recreation and Leisure

East Marbella provides a wealth of leisure opportunities that make it a fantastic location for families:

· Beaches: East Marbella is famous for its sandy, family-friendly beaches, such as Playa de Elviria and Playa de los Monteros. These beaches often feature shallow waters, lifeguards, and amenities like sunbeds and cafes.

· Nature and Outdoors: The area is surrounded by green spaces, including the Dunas de Artola natural park, which offers walking trails and opportunities for wildlife spotting. The nearby Sierra de las Nieves provides hiking and mountain biking options for more adventurous families.

· Sports and Fitness: Golf courses such as Santa Clara Golf and Rio Real Golf are great for enthusiasts, while tennis clubs and gyms cater to a variety of fitness levels. Paddleboarding, kayaking, and other water sports are also popular.

· Family Entertainment: Aventura Amazonia in Elviria offers treetop adventure courses, zip lines, and fun activities for kids and adults alike.

Transport

East Marbella is easily accessible via the A-7 motorway, which runs along the coast, connecting the area to Marbella, Málaga, and other key destinations. Public buses are available, but having a car is recommended for greater flexibility.

Community and Lifestyle

East Marbella attracts a diverse mix of residents, including families, retirees, and expats seeking a quieter lifestyle without sacrificing access to modern amenities. The area fosters a strong sense of community, with local markets, cultural events, and family-oriented activities throughout the year.

Why Choose East Marbella?

East Marbella is perfect for families looking for a peaceful, nature-filled lifestyle with easy access to essential amenities and recreational opportunities. Its combination of stunning beaches, safe neighbourhoods, and a welcoming community makes it one of the most attractive areas for families relocating to Marbella.

Sierra Blanca

Location and Accessibility

Sierra Blanca is located just north of Marbella's Golden Mile, offering an ideal combination of tranquillity and convenience. The area is a 5 min drive from Marbella's city centre and its beaches, while Puerto Banús and its yachting marina are just 10 minutes away. For international travel, Málaga Airport is approximately 40 minutes by car.

Residential Options

Sierra Blanca is renowned for its luxurious residential properties so, as would be expected, homes here tend to be pricier than many other suburbs of Marbella. Housing options primarily include:

- Villas: Spacious, standalone homes with private gardens, pools, and panoramic views of the Mediterranean Sea and La Concha mountain.

- Gated Communities: Secure complexes offering townhouses and apartments with shared facilities like pools, gardens, and gyms.

Many homes in Sierra Blanca feature high-quality finishes, modern architecture, and large outdoor spaces.

Security and Privacy

Sierra Blanca is a gated community with 24/7 security patrols and controlled access points, ensuring a safe and secure environment for its residents. This makes it particularly appealing to families looking for peace of mind.

Local Amenities and Facilities

Residents of Sierra Blanca enjoy easy access to a wide range of amenities:

- Healthcare: Nearby private healthcare facilities include the renowned Quirónsalud Marbella Hospital, while the recently expanded Costa del Sol hospital is less than 10 minutes away, offering comprehensive medical services.

- Shopping: The area is within close proximity to shopping hubs such as La Cañada Shopping Centre, which features international brands, home goods stores, supermarkets and eateries, as well as the upmarket shops and boutiques found on the Golden Mile.

- Dining: While Sierra Blanca itself is a quiet residential area, it is just minutes from the Golden Mile, where you can find a variety of dining options, from local tapas bars and familiar name restaurants to high-end international cuisine, including Michelin-starred establishments.

Recreation and Leisure

Sierra Blanca is ideal for families who enjoy an active lifestyle. Local recreational opportunities include:

- Outdoor Activities: The area's location at the foot of La Concha mountain provides easy access to hiking trails and nature walks.

- Beaches: A short drive takes you to the sandy beaches along Marbella's Golden Mile, many of which feature family-friendly beach clubs and water sports.

- Golf: Sierra Blanca is close to some of Marbella's best golf courses, including Aloha Golf Club and Real Club de Golf Las Brisas, catering to golf enthusiasts of all skill levels.



Transport

Sierra Blanca is well-connected to the rest of Marbella and surrounding areas. Major roads such as the A-7 and AP-7 are easily accessible, making commuting simple. Public transport is available, but having a car is generally more practical for families living in the area.

Community and Lifestyle

The neighbourhood attracts an international mix of residents, including professionals, retirees, and families. Its quiet, family-friendly environment is complemented by green spaces and well-maintained streets. Seasonal events and nearby cultural attractions in Marbella enhance the sense of community.

Why Choose Sierra Blanca?

Sierra Blanca offers families a secure and serene residential environment with all the benefits of living close to Marbella's city centre. With its luxurious properties, excellent facilities, and natural beauty, it is one of the most desirable areas for those relocating to the Costa del Sol.



The Golden Mile

Location and Accessibility

The Golden Mile is one of Marbella's most prestigious areas, stretching approximately 5 km between Marbella town and Puerto Banús. Its central location offers families easy access to beaches, schools, and amenities. Málaga Airport is about 40 minutes away via the A-7 motorway, making it highly convenient for international travel.

Residential Options

The Golden Mile is renowned for its luxurious properties, which cater to families seeking an upscale lifestyle. Of course, this means that property prices here reflect the prestige of the address as well as the luxurious amenities that are all within easy reach of the area:

· Villas: Spacious standalone homes with private gardens, pools, and stunning sea or mountain views.

· Apartments and Penthouses: High-end complexes with shared amenities such as pools, gyms, and landscaped gardens.

· Townhouses: Perfect for families, offering more space and privacy while maintaining proximity to amenities.

Many properties along the Golden Mile are within walking distance of the beach and Marbella's promenade, making it a prime location for families who enjoy outdoor living.

Safety and Security

The Golden Mile is known for its safety, with many gated communities and 24-hour security services. The area's exclusive nature and well-maintained streets provide a secure and peaceful environment for families.

Local Amenities and Facilities

Families living on the Golden Mile have access to a wide range of amenities:

· Shopping: The area is home to boutiques, convenience stores, and shopping hubs like the nearby El Corte Inglés in Puerto Banús and La Cañada Shopping Centre in Marbella.

· Dining: The Golden Mile is renowned for its gourmet offerings, with the Marbella Club Hotel and Puente Romano Hotel and Resort alone packing a punch in terms of their upmarket dining options. There are also family-friendly restaurants, ranging from casual cafes to fine dining establishments. Beachside chiringuitos and restaurants along the promenade are especially popular.

· Healthcare: Several private clinics and medical centres, including Hospiten Marbella, are located nearby, providing top-quality care.

Recreation and Leisure

The Golden Mile is a hub of recreational activities that cater to families:

· Beaches: The beaches along the Golden Mile are clean and family-friendly, with amenities such as sunbeds, lifeguards, and water sports. Beach clubs like Trocadero Playa offer a relaxed, family-oriented atmosphere.

· Promenade: Marbella's Paseo Marítimo runs along the Golden Mile, offering a picturesque route for walking, cycling, or rollerblading. It's lined with cafes, playgrounds, and shaded spots for families to relax.

· Sports and Activities: The area features tennis clubs, paddle tennis courts, and gyms. The Puente Romano Hotel tennis club is renowned, with tournaments played in the summer as well as lessons and courts for hire. Outdoor activities like yoga classes and fitness boot camps are often held in nearby parks or on the beach.

Transport

The Golden Mile is well-connected, with easy access to the A-7 motorway and public transport options, including local buses and taxis. Its central location makes it easy to reach Marbella, Puerto Banús, and other parts of the Costa del Sol.

Community and Lifestyle

The Golden Mile has a cosmopolitan feel, attracting an international mix of affluent residents. While known for its luxurious lifestyle, the area is also family-oriented, with parks, playgrounds, and regular events fostering a sense of community. The balance of glamour and practicality makes it an attractive option for families.

Why Choose The Golden Mile?

The Golden Mile offers families the best of Marbella: a central location, a secure and peaceful environment, and proximity to top-tier amenities. Whether you're seeking luxury living or a relaxed beachside lifestyle, the Golden Mile is an excellent choice for families moving to Marbella.

Nueva Andalucía

Location and Accessibility

Nueva Andalucía, located just inland from Puerto Banús, is one of Marbella's most family-friendly areas. Known as the "Golf Valley," thanks to its numerous famous golf courses, and is easily accessible, with Marbella town centre only a 10 min drive away and Puerto Banús reachable in 5 mins. Málaga Airport is about 45 minutes by car, making international connections convenient.

Residential Options

Nueva Andalucía is characterised by its variety of high-quality housing options, which cater to families seeking comfort, space, and accessibility. It is low-rise and arranged around wide, leafy streets:

- Villas: Ranging from traditional Andalucian-style homes to modern architectural masterpieces, many villas come with private pools, landscaped gardens, and spacious interiors.

- Townhouses: Ideal for families, these homes often include shared community pools, gardens, and secure gated entry.

- Apartments and Penthouses: Luxurious apartments are available in gated complexes with shared amenities such as pools, gyms, and playgrounds.

This area also offers properties with views of golf courses, mountains, or the Mediterranean, thanks to its location with La Concha mountain as an attractive backdrop.

Security and Privacy

Nueva Andalucía is known for its secure residential areas, with many gated communities offering 24-hour security. The calm, suburban feel of the neighbourhood adds to its appeal as a safe place to raise a family.

Local Amenities and Facilities

Families in Nueva Andalucía benefit from a wealth of nearby amenities, making daily life convenient and enjoyable:

- Shopping: The Centro Plaza shopping centre is a popular spot for grocery stores, boutique shops, and cafes. Additionally, larger supermarkets and speciality stores are scattered throughout the area.

- Dining: Nueva Andalucía has a mix of family-friendly restaurants offering international cuisines, as well as charming local tapas bars. Many establishments have outdoor seating and menus catered to children. For Michelin-starred dining, Marbella is a short drive away.

- Healthcare: The area is close to several private clinics and medical centres, as well as pharmacies that cater to both local and international residents.

Recreation and Leisure

Nueva Andalucía offers a variety of activities for families, ensuring there's always something to do:

- Outdoor Activities: Parks, walking trails, and green spaces are abundant in Nueva Andalucía, perfect for family strolls or outdoor play.

- Golf Courses: As the "Golf Valley," Nueva Andalucía is home to some of the region's best golf courses, including Los Naranjos, Las Brisas, Aloha Golf Club and Magna Marbella. While primarily for golf enthusiasts, many clubs also offer family-friendly restaurants and events.



- Beaches: The area is just a short drive from the beaches of Puerto Banús, where families can enjoy water sports, beach clubs, and kid-friendly amenities.

- Sports and Fitness: Several gyms, tennis clubs, and paddle tennis courts are located within the area, catering to adults and children alike.

Transport

Nueva Andalucía is well-connected by the A-7 and AP-7 motorways, providing quick access to Marbella, Estepona, and Málaga. Public transport is available, including buses that connect to nearby towns, although a car is recommended for convenience.

Community and Lifestyle

Nueva Andalucía boasts a vibrant yet laid-back atmosphere, home to a thriving international community where British and Scandinavian expats form the majority, living side-by-side alongside residents from a diverse range of nationalities
The area frequently hosts local markets, community events, and seasonal activities, fostering a welcoming and social environment.

Why Choose Sierra Blanca?

Nueva Andalucía offers a balanced lifestyle for families, with its peaceful suburban feel complemented by easy access to Marbella's livelier areas. Its mix of luxurious housing, excellent amenities, and family-friendly environment makes it an ideal choice for those seeking a comfortable and enjoyable relocation to the Costa del Sol.



Puerto Banús

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Location and Accessibility

Puerto Banús is situated just west of Marbella's Golden Mile, approximately 10 mins from Marbella town centre and 45 mins from Málaga Airport. Known globally for its luxury marina and high-end lifestyle, it also offers a surprisingly family-friendly environment with convenient access to nearby amenities and transportation links.

Residential Options

Life in Puerto Banús area is ideal for families who like living in a lively environment with everything on their doorstep. Housing ranges from modern apartments to luxury penthouses with some villas, many of which are within walking distance of the marina, beaches, and shopping areas. Popular residential complexes include gated communities offering:

- Apartments and Penthouses: Many come with shared amenities such as pools, gyms, and landscaped gardens.

- Townhouses and Villas: For families seeking more privacy and space, townhouses and villas in nearby areas like La Alzambra provide luxurious living with private pools and gardens.

- The area is ideal for those looking for a cosmopolitan lifestyle combined with practical conveniences.

Safety and Security

Many properties are located within gated communities with 24-hour security. The marina and its surroundings are regularly patrolled, ensuring a safe environment for residents and visitors alike. It should be noted, however, that during the summer months, the area can be livelier than many of the surrounding suburbs.

Local Amenities and Facilities

Families living in Puerto Banús benefit from a wide range of services and conveniences within close proximity:

- Shopping: The area is a shopper's paradise, with luxury boutiques, El Corte Inglés department store, and Marina Banús Shopping Centre offering a variety of high-end and everyday essentials.

- Dining: Puerto Banús has a mix of family-friendly restaurants and cafes, serving everything from casual bites to international cuisine. Many restaurants provide children's menus and outdoor seating with marina views.

- Healthcare: Several private clinics and pharmacies are available nearby, including Helícopteros Sanitarios and HC Marbella International Hospital, offering cutting-edge medical services to both local and international residents.

Recreation and Leisure

Puerto Banús offers plenty of activities for families, ensuring a vibrant lifestyle:

- Beaches: Sandy beaches like Playa del Duque and Playa Nueva Andalucía are easily accessible and feature family-friendly amenities such as sunbeds, water sports, and famous beach clubs such as La Sala Beach and Ocean Club.

- Waterfront Promenades: The marina's promenade is ideal for leisurely strolls, with stunning views of yachts and luxury boats.

- Parks and Play Areas: Small play areas and green spaces are scattered around the area, providing spaces for children to play.

- Families can enjoy boat tours, paddleboarding, and other water-based activities from the marina.

Transport

Puerto Banús is well-connected, with easy access to the A-7 and AP-7 motorways. Public buses and taxi services are readily available, and the area is pedestrian-friendly, with most amenities within walking distance.

Community and Lifestyle

While Puerto Banús is renowned for its luxury and nightlife, it also has a welcoming and family-orientated side. The area attracts a diverse international community, creating a cosmopolitan atmosphere. Regular events, markets, and activities cater to both residents and visitors, ensuring an engaging and active lifestyle.

Why Choose Puerto Banús?

Puerto Banús combines luxury living with family-friendly amenities, making it an excellent choice for those seeking an upscale yet practical environment. Its prime location, vibrant community, and abundant recreational opportunities make it a top choice for families moving to Marbella.

San Pedro Alcántara

Location and Accessibility

San Pedro Alcántara, located just west of Marbella and 5 mins from Puerto Banús, is a charming town with a perfect mix of modern amenities and traditional Andalucian character. It is highly popular with international families with a relaxed atmosphere and plenty of options to suit most requirements. It is conveniently situated along the A-7 motorway, providing quick access to Marbella, Estepona, and Málaga Airport, which is approximately a 50-minute drive away.

Residential Options

San Pedro offers a variety of housing options suitable for families, ranging from modern apartments to spacious villas in quiet residential areas:

- Town Centre: The vibrant heart of San Pedro features typical Andalucian apartments, with others recently renovated to a high contemporary standard, and townhouses with easy access to shops, restaurants, and cultural events.

- Beachside: Areas like Linda Vista and Cortijo Blanco offer villas and townhouses in quiet, shady streets within walking distance of the beach and promenade.

- Suburban Communities: Gated communities such as Guadalmina Alta and Baja provide a secure and tranquil environment, often with shared amenities like pools and landscaped gardens.

These diverse options make San Pedro an appealing choice for families looking for convenience, community, and comfort.

Safety and Security

San Pedro is known for its safe and welcoming environment. Many residential areas are family-focused, with well-maintained streets and a strong sense of community. Gated communities and security patrols add an extra layer of safety.

Local Amenities and Facilities

San Pedro is well-equipped with amenities, ensuring a high quality of life for families:

- Shopping: The town centre is home to supermarkets, boutique stores, and local markets, while nearby commercial areas like La Cañada Shopping Centre provide further retail options.

- Dining: San Pedro offers a variety of restaurants, from casual tapas bars to international cuisine. Many eateries are family-friendly and provide outdoor seating, delivering a charming 'café society' feel to the area.

- Healthcare: The area has several medical centres, private clinics, and pharmacies, ensuring easy access to healthcare services.

Recreation and Leisure

San Pedro's wealth of recreational opportunities makes it an excellent place for young and old alike:

- Promenade: The beachfront promenade is a few minutes' walk from the town centre and stretches along the coastline, offering walking and cycling paths, playgrounds, and family-friendly cafes.

- The Boulevard: A pedestrianised area that runs parallel to the sea in the heart of the town, the Boulevard is dotted with restaurants and a variety of playparks for kids, it's the ideal spot for spending a warm evening together.

- Beaches: The sandy beaches of San Pedro

San Pedro Alcántara



are well-maintained and feature facilities like sunbeds, showers, and water sports, although there are nearby beaches that are more attractive.

- Sports and Activities: The town boasts sports facilities, including tennis courts, paddle tennis clubs, and fitness centres. The nearby Guadalmina Golf Course is popular with both golfers and families.

- Parks and Green Spaces: Parks such as Los Tres Jardines Park provide open spaces for picnics, play areas, and shaded walking paths.

Transport

San Pedro is well-connected via the A-7 motorway and public transport options, including buses that link the town to Marbella, Estepona, and beyond. Its compact layout also makes it easy to navigate on foot or by bike.

Community and Lifestyle

San Pedro Alcántara has a warm and inclusive atmosphere, attracting a diverse mix of locals and expats. The town is known for its cultural scene, with regular events such as local festivals, farmers' markets, and live performances. The balance of modern amenities and traditional charm creates a unique lifestyle for families.

Why Choose San Pedro Alcántara?

San Pedro offers an exceptional quality of life, combining family-friendly amenities with a welcoming community and a blend of modern and traditional living. With its range of housing options, excellent facilities, and proximity to the beach, it's an ideal destination for families moving to Marbella.



Estepona

Location and Accessibility

Located about 20 mins west of Marbella, Estepona gives Marbella a run for its money in terms of facilities, amenities and family-friendly atmosphere. It's a coastal town renowned for its picturesque streets and long stretches of sandy beaches. Indeed, it's known as the Garden of the Costa del Sol thanks to the flowers that bloom year-round throughout the town. Estepona's excellent transport links via the A-7 and AP-7 motorways provide easy access to nearby towns, with Málaga Airport approximately 50 minutes away.

Residential Options

Estepona offers a diverse range of housing options to suit families of all sizes:

· Town Centre: Apartments and townhouses in Estepona's historic centre allow families to enjoy the charm of traditional Andalucian streets, with amenities and cultural attractions within walking distance.

· Beachfront Developments: Modern apartments and penthouses with direct access to the beach and stunning sea views are popular choices for families looking to enjoy coastal living.

Residential Communities: Suburban areas such as El Paraíso and Cancelada offer spacious villas and townhouses in secure, family-oriented communities with shared amenities like pools and gardens.

Whether you prefer the vibrancy of the town or the tranquillity of a gated community, Estepona provides options for every lifestyle.

Safety and Security

Estepona is regarded as one of the safest towns on the Costa del Sol. Many residential areas feature gated communities with 24-hour security, and the town overall has a welcoming and peaceful environment, ideal for raising a family.

Local Amenities and Facilities

Families in Estepona benefit from a wide range of amenities and services that cater to everyday needs:

· Shopping: The town is home to numerous supermarkets, local markets, and boutique stores. Larger shopping centres like Laguna Village and Estepona Marina provide additional retail and dining options.

· Dining: Estepona offers a diverse dining scene, from beachfront chiringuitos to international restaurants. Many eateries have family-friendly menus and outdoor seating.

· Healthcare: Estepona is well-served by healthcare facilities, including public health centres and private clinics such as Hospiten Estepona, which caters to international residents, as well as a brand-new public hospital that was recently opened.

Recreation and Leisure

Estepona is known for its family-orientated leisure options, ensuring there's always something to do:

· Beaches: The town boasts over 20 km of sandy beaches, including Playa de la Rada and Playa del Cristo, both of which are family-friendly and equipped with facilities like sunbeds, showers, and lifeguards.

· Promenade: Estepona's newly developed and widened beachfront promenade is perfect for walking, cycling, and outdoor play, with plenty of cafes and playgrounds along the way.

· Parks and Green Spaces: The town features several parks, such as Parque de Los Pedregales and the Orchidarium, a unique botanical garden that offers a beautiful outing for families.

· Sports Facilities: Estepona has a wide range of sports facilities, including tennis and paddle clubs, gyms, and the Estepona Golf course, which is family-friendly and welcoming to newcomers.

Transport

Estepona is well-connected via the A-7 and AP-7 motorways, with bus services linking it to Marbella, Málaga, and Gibraltar. The town's compact layout and well-maintained infrastructure also make it easy to navigate by foot or bike.

Community and Lifestyle

Estepona has a warm, family-friendly vibe, attracting a mix of locals and international residents. The town is known for its vibrant cultural scene, with regular events such as local fairs, live performances, and art exhibitions – another new addition to the town is the Mirador del Carmen centre on the promenade, a social and cultural centre with regular art exhibitions. Estepona's blend of traditional Andalucian charm and modern conveniences creates an engaging and relaxed lifestyle for families.

Why Choose Estepona?

Estepona combines coastal beauty, excellent amenities, and a strong sense of community, making it an ideal location for families. With its diverse housing options, family-friendly facilities, and vibrant cultural life, Estepona is an outstanding choice for those seeking a balanced and enjoyable lifestyle on the Costa del Sol.

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