

Dos Casitas

Overview

Sleeps 8 (very comfortably!) A refurbished 4 bedroom farmhouse villa in Javea. A larger than average private swimming pool set in large gardens. Air conditioning / heating. 3 bathrooms, 2 sitting rooms and dining room. Situated in the heart of a gentle valley. The sea is a 10 min walk and Javea is a few km away and offers more beaches, shops and a variety of bars and restaurants.

£800 – 1400 per week

Dos Casitas is somewhere very special. Set just outside the town of Javea it enjoys a peaceful location with easy access to the beach and the town.

It is not an ordinary villa – rather, it is a most unique 300 year old farmhouse which is steeped in character and history. It has been sympathetically renovated to a very high standard incorporating all the modern facilities that we all have come to expect whilst retaining the charm that makes it special. No two rooms are on the same level and alterations over the last three centuries have made it intriguing and beguiling. As a house, it has an ability to relax you and help you to dismiss the outside world within a few mins of arriving. If you want to stay in a brand new marble finished villa then this might not be for you – but if you would like to join the long list of thrilled holiday makers who love something a bit different, a bit quirky and fabulous then this may just what you are looking for.

It is set in its own grounds with its own gated private entrance and one and a half acre gardens (which are tended once a week) allow all guests – even from the largest of parties – to find a quiet and hidden garden terrace to relax in and recharge the batteries. Keen gardeners will appreciate the wide variety of plants – fig, almond, orange, pomegranate, olive and plum trees and palm trees of all shapes and sizes. It is only a few kms from the beach and town and 10 mins from the golf course. a large 10m x 5m pool (underwater lighting) within a walled terrace which basks in sunshine until evening. In the gardens a built-in barbecue offers an alternative means of cooking for the al fresco enthusiast.

The accommodation is on several levels and consists of large spacious rooms - beamed sitting rooms one with a stone fireplace. Satellite television, DVD player and video are provided. There is a large fully fitted kitchen and a separate dining room area. There are 4 large bedrooms (2 double beds and 2 twin bedded) – 3 en suite plus a separate shower room & toilet. All have airconditioning and heating for the winter months. The kitchen is large and well equipped, and there is an outside bamboo covered patio that is a popular dining area for most of the year. The house also has many other tiled terraces that you can pick to relocate the dinner table to if you so wish.

25 April - 23 May 2009	£800
23 May - 6 June 2009	£900
6 June - 4 July 2009	£1000
4 July - 29 August 2009	£1400
29 August - 12 September 2009	£1000
12 September - 31 October 2009	£900
31 October - 12 December 2009	£800

Javea lies alongside the dominating Montgo Mountain in the northern [Costa Blanca](#) and is one of the most popular resorts of the region. The town started attracting north Europeans more than 30 years ago and many of these visitors never left leaving a thriving expat community to this day. But don't let that put you off. Javea is an attractive destination with plenty to offer visitors including some of Spain's finest golden beaches.

Javea is divided into three parts: Javea Pueblo (the old town); Javea Puerto (the bustling port area); and Playa de Arenal (the main beach area). Today the old town and the port lie close together whilst the Playa de Arenal sandy beach area lies some 3km along the coast.

Javea Old Town

The pleasant old centre of Javea is worth passing a few hours in one morning. Just wander around admiring the whitewashed buildings with Gothic features. Take a look in the Gothic Church of San Bartolome and visit the busy food market with its stalls full of fresh fish, fruits and vegetables from the region. Take a coffee break at Temptations below the Church steps or stop at the cafe on C/Major below the steps which lead up to the very helpful tourist information in the Plaza de la Iglesia (Church Square). They'll provide you with a pamphlet which gives you a suggested walking tour of the old centre.



Javea Port

Nowadays most ports in tourist destinations have become trendy marinas, with designer shopping outlets, but not Javea. It still functions as a fishing port with yachts moored in the same vicinity. It is very much a lived in area, which is popular with visitors, attracted by its lovely promenade with open air terrace restaurants and pleasant local bars. Views across the bay are spectacular. During the first week of September it is home to one of Spain's more unusual fiestas when bulls are released into a paddock area where they are teased by local youths who jump into the sea when the bull charges them. The aim is to get the bull to fall into the water.

Javea Beach

Playa de Arenal is Javea's main beach. It is a chilled area stretching no more than 300m from one end to the other. There are numerous café bars and restaurants set back from the wide promenade.

The beach itself is fabulous with superb fine, golden sand gently shelving into the sea. There are volleyball nets along the back of the beach which are popular later in the day and there are plenty of play areas for the kids.



Just 8km south of Playa de Arenal is a rocky headland called Cabo de la Nao, which affords stunning views back over Javea and as far as Ibiza on a clear day.

Things to Do in Javea

As well as whiling away your days on the beach at Playa del Arenal and dining in some fine local eateries, there's plenty to do to amuse the whole family. Scuba diving in Javea is highly recommended and there's no end of dive shops offering introductory dives and PADI courses. The Costa Blanca has more than 13 golf courses and sailing opportunities are available from local ports.

There are also some good trekking routes around Javea and if you are interested in doing some trekking you should ask in the Tourist Information office for the booklet "Nature Parks and Trekking Routes".

There are plenty of day excursions available to other interesting resorts such as [Denia](#) and [Gandia](#) and the drive along the coast takes you adjacent to many superb beaches. Some of the best are just beyond Denia from Javea as far as Oliva.

For 'foodies' try there are many fine restaurants and it is recommended to try the local rice based dishes which are typical of the Valencia region at the El Port district of Denia.

Javea Transport

There are buses that run every 30 mins from Arenal beach to the Port and to the Old Town. At the time of writing they start at 08.40 and run until 23.10. The return buses leave the Old Town on the hour and half hour, starting at 08.00 and running until 23.00.

There are also buses from Javea to both Alicante and Valencia and to Denia. For more information about times and fares you should look at www.alsa.es.

