

Villa Maria

en Torre de la Horadada, Espana



¡Bienvenido a España!

Enjoy sunshine and warmth on the Costa Calida, just 2½ hours flying time from the UK and ten minutes from Murcia San Javier airport. This region has over 300 days of sunshine per year and the hot summers and mild winters mean enjoyable holidays at any time.

Situated in the quiet Spanish coastal village of Torre de la Horadada, the Villa can sleep up to seven people in spacious and comfortable accommodation.

Within a short walk there are sandy beaches, restaurants and shops, and for the energetic there are many well-known golf courses, water parks and other activities within easy reach.

Villa Maria is in a small community of villas, mainly Spanish-owned and used at weekends and holidays. The villas are built around two excellent swimming pools for the exclusive use of residents.

The village has three award winning 'Blue Flag' beaches. Restaurants and shops are open all year round, and the local towns and villages have weekly markets where local produce can be bought.

Spain's superior road network gives fast access to local villages, towns and cities. There are no high-rise hotels in the area!



Murcia is known as 'the Market Garden of Europe', with crops as diverse as sugar cane and cotton, almonds and olives. From November to April, the main outdoor crops are tomatoes and citrus fruits.

Sample the local cuisine of fresh seafood, numerous cheeses, fruits and vegetables. Torrevieja alone has over 100 restaurants and Tapas bars.

Nature lovers will appreciate the salt lagoons at nearby Torrevieja and the Mar Menor, home to protected wild birds including flamingos.





Villa Maria is fully furnished with everything you need for a relaxing holiday:

- **Kitchen**, fully equipped with hob unit, oven, microwave and fridge-freezer; there is a washing machine in a separate Utility room.
- **Lounge-diner** with dining table / chairs, recliner, sofa, chair, coffee table.

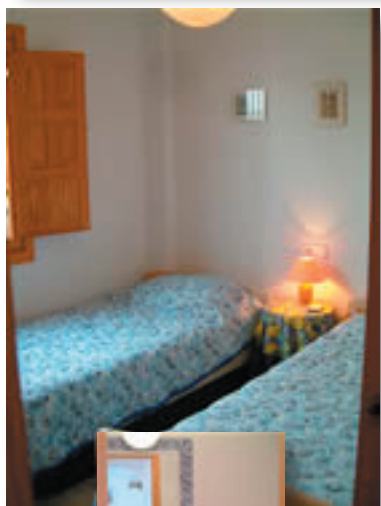
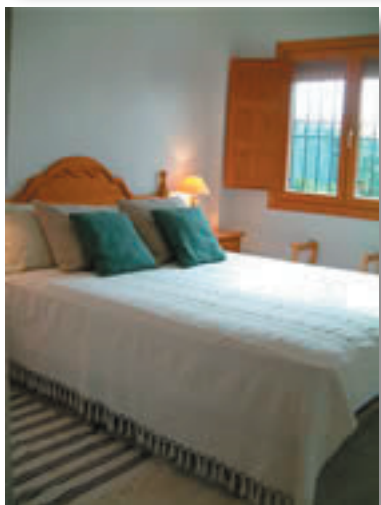
Entertainment (if you need it!) includes Satellite television (BBC, Sky and Spanish channels), DVD player and music centre (CD/tape/radio).

There are also good selections of DVDs, CDs, reading books, maps and local information folder.

- **Master bedroom** sleeps 2, with double bed, built-in wardrobe & bedside units.
- **Main bathroom** with bath and shower.
- **Second bedroom** sleeps 2 in single beds, with built-in wardrobe & bedside table.
- **Third bedroom** with en-suite shower-room, reached by external stairs from the kitchen. This room has its own sun terrace and sleeps 2/3, with double bed, single bed, built-in wardrobe & bedside units.

- The lounge and three bedrooms are fitted with individual **air-conditioning** units.
- There are two **sun terraces** downstairs (the rear terrace has a large sun awning) and one terrace upstairs. Outdoor furniture includes four sun loungers and mattresses, two outdoor tables and chairs, parasols and a charcoal barbecue.

- Bed linen, bath towels and hand towels are provided though we do ask you to bring your own beach towels. A 'welcome pack' of food can be provided on arrival for £10.



The area...

Torre de la Horadada is on the border of two Costas – Blanca and Calida – 16km (10 miles) south of Torrevieja and 8km north of the Mar Menor. Torre's sister town of Pilar de la Horadada is 2km away and has a wide range of banks, shops, bars, restaurants, nightclubs and sports centres (www.pilardelahoradada.org). The regional capital, Murcia, is about 40km (25 miles) inland (www.murciaciudad.com).



Bars and restaurants...

Torre and nearby Pilar have a large number of pleasant bars and restaurants to suit every taste, serving everything from International cuisine to simple local delicacies. Two of Torre's most popular areas for eating and drinking are the Pueblo Latino (left) and 'La Torre' square, both within easy walking distance of Villa Maria. There are also two excellent new restaurants within five minutes walk.



Beaches...

Expanses of white sand lapped by crystal clear blue waters - you'll be spoiled for choice by the local Blue Flag Beaches of Playa Mil Palmeras, Playa del Rio, Playa del Gato, Playa de los Jesuítas-Cala Rincón, Playa del Conde o del Cuartel, Playa del Puerto, Playa de las Villas, Playa de las Higuericas and Playa del Mojón. The beaches have shower facilities, water sports ...and tapas bars!



Water sports...

From its private harbour in Torre, Club Nautico offers moorings, equipment hire and lessons in many water sports. There are also local schools qualified to teach wind surfing, snorkelling and sub-aqua diving.

Ten minutes drive away is the Mar Menor (left), a shallow saltwater lake separated from the Mediterranean by a narrow peninsula, with some of the best sports facilities in Spain. There is a large water park in Benidorm – Aqualandia (www.aqualandia.net).



Theme parks...

Terra Mitica is a Costa Blanca theme park (www.terramiticapark.com). The park is located on the outskirts of Benidorm, fifty minutes drive from Torre. The park is suitable for ages of 10 and over. The futuristic City of Arts and Sciences (right) is well worth the two-hour drive north to Valencia (www.cac.es).



and of course, golf...

Torre and its surrounding areas are a paradise for golfers. There are several world famous championship golf courses, such as Villamartin, Las Ramblas, Campoamor, La Marquesa, La Finca and notably La Manga, most of which are within a ten-minute drive. All are 18 hole courses, challenging in their own way – some park-like, others with plenty of hazards and the gorges that are typical of golf courses in Spain. Several new golf courses are under construction in this area.

Green fees and equipment hire are very reasonable. Although the courses tend to be less crowded than many others, you are recommended to book ahead if you can. For more details, the following web sites are worth viewing:

www.comunitatvalenciana.com (this site is also useful for other information about the region)

www.lamangaclub.com

www.villamariaspain.com

Prices and Booking (2013)

Holiday period 2013	Villa per week for:			
	up to 2	3 - 4	5	6
March	£360	£420	£440	£460
April	£360	£420	£440	£460
May	£360	£420	£440	£460
June	£400	£460	£490	£530
July	£520	£590	£640	£690
August	£520	£590	£640	£690
September	£400	£460	£490	£530
October	£360	£420	£440	£460

- Prices shown are for the Villa per week. Longer stays are charged pro-rata. Please enquire for prices of short breaks.
- Booking dates are flexible, subject to availability. This means you aren't restricted to arriving on a Saturday – and you may find weekday flights are cheaper.
- Prices include clean linen and towels at the start of your holiday; if you would like the Villa cleaned and bed linen replaced during your stay, the extra charge for this is £50. Washing and ironing facilities are provided for your use.

Travel...

- Daily flights are available from major UK airports to Murcia San Javier (10 mins. drive) and Alicante (40 mins).
- For flight prices & availability, try www.ryanair.com and www.easyjet.com (Stansted, Luton & other airports).
- For car hire from either airport we recommend www.carjet.com.
- If you don't hire a car for your holiday, we can arrange taxi transfers between Murcia airport and Villa Maria.

Booking...

- For availability or to request a Booking Form, please contact Nigel or Chris Morgan – e-mail: bookings@villamariaspain.com
tel: 01508 470 445 (evenings)
- Provisional bookings will be confirmed when we receive your completed Booking Form and Booking Deposit. The balance must be paid at least four weeks before your holiday starts.
- A guide to the Villa and local facilities, with directions, will be sent to you when we receive the balance due. Keys will be sent at least one week before your holiday starts.

Further information...

- Villa Maria is our second home ... please respect our property and let us know of any damage or breakages. The occasional breakage is unavoidable and we won't necessarily expect you to replace broken items but we do need to arrange their replacement for subsequent guests. Please don't smoke in the Villa.
- An information folder is provided in the Villa containing details of local shops and facilities.



Location Map

Villa Maria
Torre de la Horadada

Climate...

The chart below gives a guide to average air temperatures. Mid-summer temperatures regularly exceed 35°C.

Average daily temperatures °C	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Torre de la Horadada	14	15	18	22	24	26	32	32	30	27	20	17
Norfolk	6	7	10	13	17	20	22	21	19	14	10	7