



SAN PEDRO

The area

Located west and just 10 kilometres from the glitz and glamour of Marbella, here the picturesque town of San Pedro is increasingly popular with foreign residents and holiday makers in recent years. Fortunately, it has retained much of its typically Spanish flair and small-town character. It is a true reflection of living on the Spanish coast.

An ancient agricultural community once famous for sugar cane, today a refreshingly pristine pueblo that characterises the backdrop to the majestic Sierra de Ronda Mountains. Just 10 minutes by car from the stylish restaurants and exclusive shops of Puerto Banus, the town offers a refreshing alternative with cobbled side streets, charming old town with local shops and cosy cafes. Closely knitted white cottages along the narrow streets leading to the main central square which overlooks a community church, San Pedro is a compact and relaxed setting perfect for residents with a quiet day to day routine.

The town offers well priced supermarkets, nice little shops, a drive in McDonalds, a 24-hour pharmacy, an International College and an A & E department. San Pedro has also recently introduced a new Mecca, for a delicious dinner with the many local and international restaurants along the streets of the old town and offers a selection of excellent dishes for locals and holiday makers.

Just outside San Pedro you will find the fashionable district of Guadalmina, split into the beach side (Guadalmina Baja) and the mountain slope (Guadalmina Alta). The area is the starting point of the New Golden Mile, known for its prestigious golf courses, country clubs, five-star hotels and pristine beaches.

To do

Overlooking the main coastal road, San Pedro is a very short journey from the busy adjacent areas of Puerto Banus and Marbella. However, San Pedro has undergone a stunning transformation in recent years and now offers an array of local amenities. These are very much in line with those of the more famous neighbours, hence its popularity among foreign buyers.

San Pedro's picturesque streets of the old town are lined with a large number of local and international restaurants and bars that are expat friendly. However, much of the charm of the Spanish culture that is less present in other regions along the Costa del Sol can still be retained. Evening revellers can explore the variety of bodegas, discotheques and local salsa bars until the early hours of the morning and get a real taste of Spain and its colorful inhabitants. The Plaza de Iglesia also offers numerous free open-air concerts, which take place at different times throughout the year.

The beaches of San Pedro also have various activities, including jet skiing, water skiing and wake boarding. A large water sports facility can also be found in the Parque de las Medranas.

The recently opened Boulevard offers many activities for children and is already popular among residents. There are plenty of restaurants and bars along the new park to enjoy a cool beer or a glass of wine.

Puerto Banus is only 5 minutes away: the famous port known for its trendy shops and restaurants. You will also find one of the largest and best El Corte Ingles department stores in Puerto Banus!

San Pedro is also a perfect place for the golfer, there are some fantastic golf courses with a radius of 10 km including: Los Flamings, La Quinta, Los Arqueros, Los Naranjos and Atalaya Golf.

Infrastructure

San Pedro has direct access to the main coastal road, the N340, which connects to all major areas of the Costa del Sol.

San Pedro is also just 10 minutes from Marbella, with easy access to the main bus terminal. There are a few bus stops in San Pedro and buses run regularly.

From Malaga airport and the train station that connects the Costa del Sol with the rest of the world is only an hour's drive away.

Taxi service in Spain is reasonably cheap and particularly recommended for a night out in Marbella or Puerto Banus. You will find taxi ranks around the city centre.

Health care

There are a number of private clinics in San Pedro itself but also in very good condition hospitals nearby. As a resident of Spain, you will have full access to free health care through the National Insurance System. The public health facilities in Spain are fantastic with the staff, usually they speak English otherwise there is free translation services available.

If you are not a Spanish Resident, you can apply for the European Health Insurance Card, which are available to all European citizens. This gives you access to health care without having to stay in Spain.

There are also a number of private health insurance companies that offer care at reasonable prices, including Mapfre, Cesar and Sanitas.

Education

One of the first things you will notice about life in Spain is the love and care that Spanish residents devote to their children. Education is a very important factor and is proven by the increasing number of state and private schools.

You can find some very good public schools as well as Spanish and international private schools and universities in San Pedro, including Laude San Pedro, Saint George's. You will also find a large number of international schools in the vicinity of Marbella and Nueva Andalucia.