











## MEET YOUR HOST BORJA RODRIGUEZ...



This Insider Guide is brought to you by Borja Rodriguez and Marina Cuadra, owners of Vacation Marbella, a vacation rental business in beautiful Marbella, Spain. Having seen the world, Borja has returned home to Marbella to set up a vacation rental business that prides itself on service!



On the Mediterranean sea, between Malaga and the Gibraltar Strait, Marbella is a modern, international city with deep roots. World class golf courses, chic clubs, Michelin Star restaurants, and luxury shopping exist alongside history, warmth, and charm.

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### MY STORY

Originally from Marbella, I've studied and worked as a private banker in California, Singapore and Hong Kong. These experiences gave me the opportunity to appreciate diverse cultures, cuisine, and hospitality in some of the world's best places.

However, I always planned to come home and set up my own vacation rental business in Marbella. My experience travelling the world as a guest means I understand great service. I want to provide that level of service for my guests, and even more than that, my goal is for guests to take great memories home with them.

As locals, we live and breathe Marbella. Want to know the best pizza place? Or the most exclusive fine dining? We'll direct you to them. We'll also help with



practicalities like car rental or airport transfers. A quick phone call, and we're there!

Marbella is known for luxury; for its chic, international vibe. Luxury villas, landmark hotels, and 17 miles of satiny Mediterranean beaches with crystal blue waters. It's a place for the international jet-set! But it's not just beach and chic—this area is often referred to as the Costa del Golf. With 16 courses in Marbella alone, and many more in the immediate area, this is a perfect golf destination, helped by an average 320 days of bright sunshine every year.

We have culture as well! The rich history of the casco antiguo (old town) is evident in the ancient city walls, Renaissance chapels and many museums. And don't miss the lauded Botanical Gardens of El Ángel.





## For the Food Lover



Marbella is home to some of the finest dining in the country. We've a long list of restaurants, but here are our highlights!

[El Gran Gatsby](#), true to its name, offers a night of fine dining and opulence. Expect to be dazzled first by the spectacular view of Puerto Banús, then by a menu of fresh and sophisticated Mediterranean cuisine.

Located in a magical little corner of old town Marbella, [Casanis](#) exudes history and culture. Classics like Fillet Wellington or Suckling Pig, plus an extensive wine list.

Since 1982, [Pizzeria Picasso](#) has dished out inventive pies topped with the region's fresh mussels, prawns and more. And the cocktail menu is just as inventive!

If you like great sushi, try [Takumi](#) with consistently fantastic reviews, or [Bibo Dani Garcia](#), a concept from michelin star chef Dani Garcia (whose [Michelin star place](#) is close by).

## For the Golf Enthusiast



The Nueva Andalucia Golf Valley, where our apartments stand, is surrounded by the most prestigious golf courses you can find. It's not hard to understand why the area is sometimes referred to as the Costa del Golf!

[Valderrama](#), just 35 minutes away, is one of Europe's best-known, and the site of the 1997 Ryder Cup. The fourth hole, La Cascada, is the course's signature par-5 hole with a pond to the right of the two-tiered green.

[Sotogrande](#), also around 35 minutes away, is another exemplary course in the area, with a long history of hosting tournaments on the world stage.

In Marbella itself there are 16 golf courses. [Real Club de Golf Guadalmina](#) is the second oldest in the province, with 2 courses depending on your desire for a challenge! [Real Club de Golf Las Brisas](#) is a Robert Trent Jones designed course, with some wonderful facilities - try the terrace for dinner!

## 3 for Night Owls

### [Olivia Valere...](#)

This upscale restaurant, bar, and disco is the perfect setting for a night out on the town. Themed parties, international guest DJs, and world-famous celebrity guests all feature in the club's jam-packed schedule.



### [Funky Buddha...](#)

This unique club sits at the crossroads of glamour and sex appeal. Enjoy bumping beats on the dance floor or champagne on the terrace—whatever your mood (and whoever your company), Funky Buddha won't disappoint



### [Finca Besaya Marbella...](#)

For a more romantic night out, Finca Besaya offers a magical environment. Enjoy Mediterranean seafood and cuisine in a luxurious, warm, and quiet club space decorated with soft leather couches and twinkling lights.



## 3 for Beach Cool

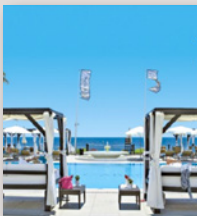
### [Ocean Club Marbella...](#)

The definitive choice in luxury, exclusivity and beauty, this incredible beach club sits firmly at the top of Europe's hottest destinations. Golden sands and a sea-water infinity pool are just the start of a perfect day (and night).



### [La Cabane Beach Club...](#)

For the choosiest guests on Costa del Sol, La Cabane's sun-washed beach cabanas provide a prime seat overlooking the stunning Mediterranean. Also known for its gourmet buffet brimming with a variety of delicacies.



### [Trocadero Arena...](#)

Enjoy a relaxing day under the shade of a beach umbrella or on a Balinese bed among the palms. Trocadero's cuisine melds Mediterranean with a hint of Asian flavors, and the cocktails are unparalleled.





## 3 experiences not to miss...



### Ronda...

Ranked one of the top three most beautiful villages in Spain, nearby [Ronda](#) (about one hour's drive from Marbella) offers sightseers dramatic mountain views and a quaint town centre. Be sure to see the three historical, arched bridges that span Ronda's 100-metre gorge. Then spend some time strolling the village, soaking up history along with the sun... including the Ronda bullring, one of Spain's oldest.



### Charter Fishing...

Don't miss the opportunity to fish in the Mediterranean waters around Marbella. Depending on the time of year, you can reel in Tuna, Swordfish, Barracuda, and Red Porgy...just to name a few. We suggest a charter fishing tour with [Oscar](#), who offers a wide range of charters for different ability levels and prices. His 40-foot boat, Luna, can hold up to 10 people for an adventure on the sea.



### Puerto Banús...

[Puerto Banús](#) is a luxury marina studded with mansion-like yachts, located southwest of Marbella in Nueva Andalucía. Here, jet-setters flock for renowned designer shopping, fine dining, and thumping nightlife. The world's rich and famous holiday in Puerto Banús, so if you come to visit, be prepared for a celebrity sighting.

## 3 Events & Festivals...



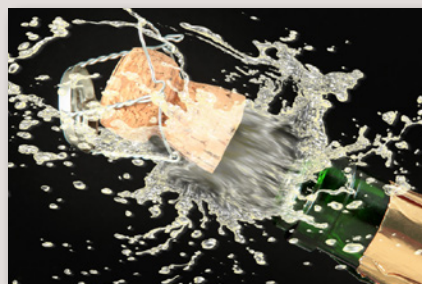
### [Marbella Luxury Weekend...](#)

Puerto Banús takes centre stage for Marbella Luxury Weekend, playing host to fashion shows for high-end brands like Bang & Olufsen, Bulgari, Cartier, Salvatore Ferragamo and Versace. Cars, jewelry, and fine dining are also part of the weekend spectacle, which usually occurs in June.



### [Starlite Festival...](#)

For a month every summer, the quarry of Marbella brings together a range of entertainments including film premieres, fashion shows, art exhibits and food from five continents. International music artists such as Enrique Iglesias, Steve Aoki, Lenny Kravitz and Andrea Bocelli have all headlined.



### [Champagne Spray Parties...](#)

For the young and young at heart, Marbella's nightclubs are home to Champagne Spray Parties, which are exactly how they sound. In summertime, head to Ocean Club or Pangea, both in Puerto Banús to douse yourself in bubbly, dance, and take a dip in a sparkling pool. An experience you won't forget!







# BORJA'S TIPS ON WHERE TO STAY...

Marbella has a number of rental options. Below are some of the properties managed by Borja. Along with those 3 options, Borja's [Vacation Marbella](#) represents many other wonderful alternatives in the area and further afield in Fuengirola. Happy vacationing!



## For Couples...

This Puerto Banús apartment offers both luxury and authenticity. Located inside the marina, this apartment is just steps away from the area's best shopping, dining, and night life. Stunning views of yachts docked against a backdrop of pristine Spanish architecture. A spacious 132 square metres, it's the perfect choice for a couple looking to experience a little luxury.

[For more information please refer to this website...](#)



## For Families...

Situated in the prestigious La Medina De Banús development, this is the perfect property for families. Take a dip in the expansive swimming pool with the kids or cozy up to a loved one in the jacuzzi. Built to the highest standards, we offer underfloor heating, home automation system, optical fiber, more than 1,000 international TV channels—all just a short walk from Puerto Banús.

[For more information please refer to this website...](#)



## For Golfers...

Just a short walk from Marbella's most prestigious golf courses, this luxury apartment is the perfect accommodation to return to after a day on the greens. Enjoy a refreshing meal on the terrace or unwind in front of the TV with hundreds of international channels and movies. Each of the two bedrooms include large beds with plush mattresses and the finest linens.

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## BORJA'S AREA Practicalities

### Getting Around...

While many of Marbella's destinations are accessible on foot, the town's public bus system is another great way to get around town. Visitors interested in seeing and learning about the area may enjoy the [tourist train](#), which offers a twenty minute ride starting at El Faro Street.

### Buying Fresh, Local Produce...

Like many European towns, Marbella and the surrounding areas are home to [open-air markets](#) where local vendors sell fresh produce and more. One of the biggest on the Costa del Sol takes place in Puerto Banús on Saturdays at 9 in the morning. Or check out the Marbella Street Market every Monday, which draws 360 vendors of all stripes.

### Local Pharmacies...

Should a medical need or emergency arise on your trip, it's important to know that Marbella is home to two 24-hour pharmacies: Farmacia Berdaguer on Avenida Ricardo Soriano and Farmacia Internacional on Calle Marqués del Duero. The town also has three major hospitals.

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