

“La Fortaleza”

Apartment for Rent



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Villaricos, in the Almeria region of Andalucia, Spain

This is a premier quality apartment within a small exclusive development set in a quiet and picturesque fishing village. Everything you need is on your doorstep – beaches, shops, bars and restaurants. It is also within a short drive of the more “lively” tourist resorts of **Mojacar** and **Garrucha** in one of the sunniest regions of Spain!

The area is served by a number of airports – the closest being Almeria (approx 1 hour away), Murcia – San Javier (Approx 1 ¼ hours using the new AP7 motorway) and Alicante (approx 2 ½ hours). The flight time from UK airports is about 2 ½ hours.

An **Information Pack** is sent to clients giving full detailed directions to the Apartment. Our local (English speaking) agent is on hand to provide the keys and show you around.

A **Welcome Guide** is provided in the Apartment, giving details of local attractions and a telephone number for an English local managing agent in the event of any problems.

Contact Christine on 01759 380787 or Andy on 07788 924222

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Almeria

Said to have the finest weather in Europe, Almeria has it's own “micro-climate” creating a healthy environment and is blessed with an average of over 350 days of sunshine each year. The Almeria coast of southern Spain stretches for over 100 miles, with sandy beaches, quiet coves and dramatic cliffs.

Villaricos

The small fishing village of Villaricos lies On the north eastern coast of Andalucia, between Garrucha and Aguilas. The Sierra Almangrera Mountains rise up behind the village and provide a dramatic backdrop.



View of Villaricos promenade

There are two sandy beaches a few minutes walk from the apartment, close to the southern marina and an ancient defensive tower. Both of these beaches have a “Chiringuito” or beach bar open through the summer months serving food and drink. There is a small shingle beach located between the two marinas which is ideal for fishing.



Sandy beaches are just a few minutes walk away

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This well appointed ground floor Apartment is within a small privately owned development, named “La Fortaleza” (“*strength*”), in the heart of Villaricos. The complex benefits from a good sized swimming pool and large roof terraces with sea views. The complex has been designed with a Moorish feel to reflect the history of the area. There is car parking at the front and rear of the complex.



View from the terrace



View of apartment and pool

The Apartment is close to all of the local amenities, including two small mini-markets. The sea front promenade is 100 metres away. There are a number of local bars and restaurants, including two that overlook the two pretty marinas located at each end of the promenade. For livelier nightlife and a wider range of shops, Garrucha (9km), Mojacar Playa (14km) and Vera (5km) are a short drive away. The nearest hypermarket is 5 minutes drive away (“Consum” near Vera Waterpark).

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The Apartment

The Apartment is tastefully furnished and well equipped to ensure you have a comfortable stay. The lounge area has two sofas, ceiling fan, colour TV (with the usual UK “freeview” satellite channels), DVD and a CD music system with connection for MP3 player or iPod.



There is an outside covered terrace at the front, leading through a gate onto the pool area and sun terrace. The terrace has a table and seating for four. There is a second terrace at the rear of the apartment.



There are additional sun terraces around the roof, with views to the sea:



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There are two bathrooms (one en-suite shower, one bath with shower) and two bedrooms (one double, one twin) both with ceiling fans:



The apartment has a fitted kitchen with cooker, fridge freezer, microwave, toaster, kettle & washing machine. There are plenty of pots and pans for those wishing to self-cater.



The Apartment sleeps up to four adults. Bedding and towels are included in the letting price, with the exception of beach towels. The apartment is cleaned prior to and immediately after each letting. There is a washing machine available for guest use. Beaches are walking distance away.



Sandy beach at the southern end of Villaricos

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Beaches, Sightseeing and Activities:

Many of Almeria’s beaches have been awarded EC “blue flags” for cleanliness. Villaricos has several small beaches; the best of which is just a few minutes walk away at the southern edge of the village. It has a “chiringuito” (beach bar) selling drinks and food.

There are many more beaches just a short drive away, including: -

- San Juan de los Terreros – excellent gently shelving beaches ideal for children, 14km North.
- **Vera Playa** – a long, wide sandy beach, 5km to the South.
- **Mojacar Playa** – long sandy beach lined with restaurants and bars, 14km South.



Quitapellejos Beach (5 mins drive away)



Beach and cave houses at San Juan de los Terreros (15 mins drive North)

Parque Aquatico Waterpark is located on the road to Vera, only 5 minutes drive away:



Waterpark at Vera

Diving – Villaricos has PADI Diving Schools that open all year round.

Golf

There are four major golf courses within a short drive:

- Desert Springs,
- Valle del Este
- Marina de la Torre
- Cortijo Grande

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Sightseeing and Activities:

Mojacar Pueblo is a quaint old village of whitewashed “sugar-cube” buildings perched on a mountain, with twisting cobbled streets and a Moorish fortress.

Garrucha is a busy fishing town and port with 16th Century castle. There is also a Go-Karting track. **Sailing** and boat trips (including Dolphin – spotting) depart from Garrucha harbour, including mini cruises to Cabo de Gata.

Cabo de Gata National Park – where you can find volcanic formations, pretty villages, unspoilt coastlines and dramatic cliffs.

Go-karting at Garrucha

Cuevas de Sorbas with its houses clinging to the edge of the deep gorge and nearby it's possible to join guided tours to explore the underground caves.

Inland Nijar, Bedar and Lubrin (below) – are traditional villages with local crafts such as pottery and blankets.



Further afield, you can visit **Almeria City**, the spectacular city of **Granada** with its **Alhambra Palace**, and the **Alpujarra Mountains** - made popular by Chris Stewart's book “Driving over Lemons”.

For the kids **Mini Hollywood** (near Tabernas) recreates the magic of the Wild West at the site where many classic films were shot such as “A Fistful of Dollars” There are horse riding and gunfight shows daily. There is also a zoo and a swimming pool to cool off!



The Go Karting track at Garrucha is only 10 minutes drive away, with karts for all ages:



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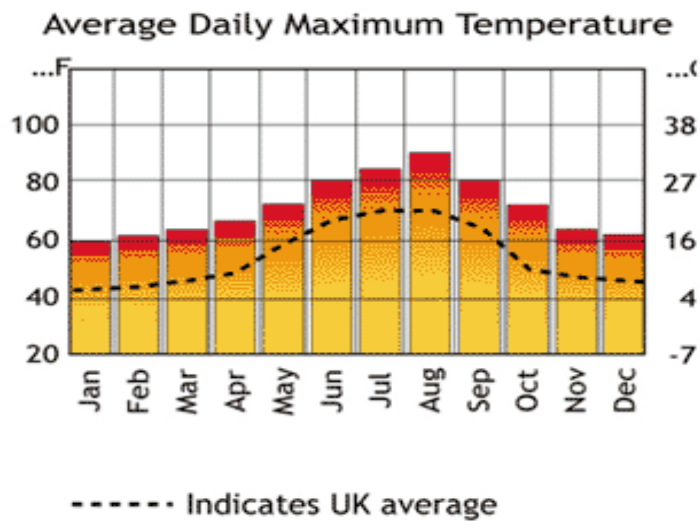
Rates

Month	Rent per week (not per person) £ Sterling
January	175
February	175
March	195
April	250
May	295 275
June	350 295
July	395 325
August	395 325
September	350 295
October	295 275
November	195
December	175

Reduced Rates for Summer!!

Notes:

1. Call for availability or see www.la-fortaleza.co.uk
2. Prices are negotiable for long-term winter rental
3. Deposit of 30% required to secure booking.
4. Discounts may apply for short notice bookings
5. Supplement of £25 per week applies for Easter and Christmas/New Year



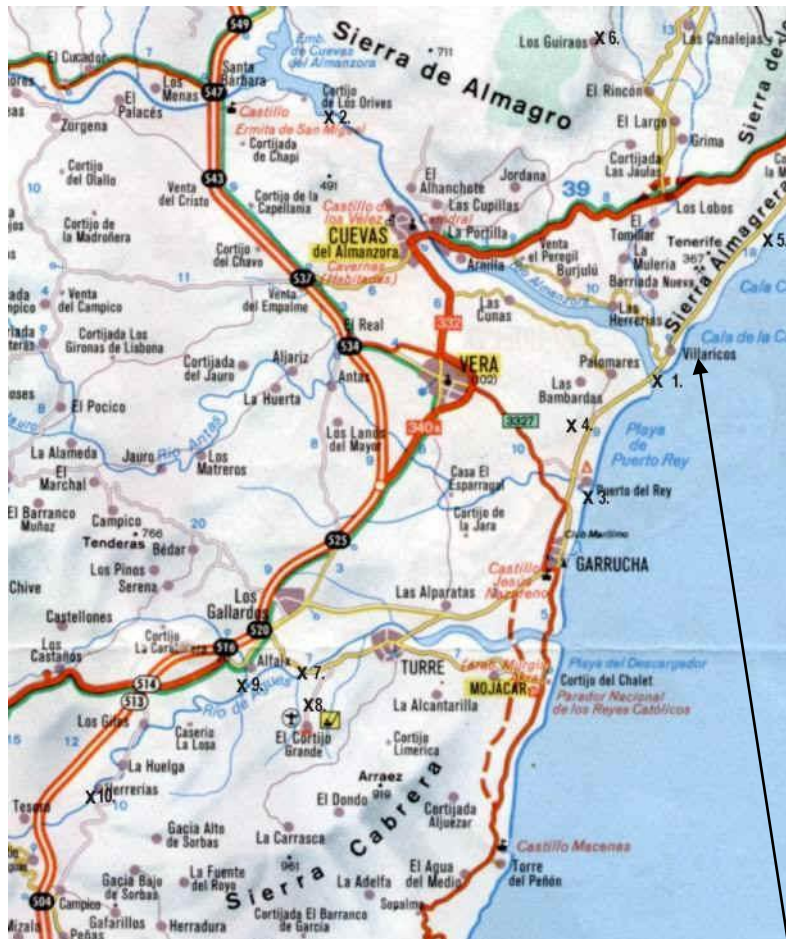
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Location



Map of Costa Almeria showing nearest airports and motorways



Eastern Almeria province, showing location of Villaricos

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