About your
Costa Blanca
Holiday

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Costa Blanca holidays you’ll love more

Characterised by sun, sea, white sandy beaches, sparkling blue waters, popular resorts and stunning scenery, the Costa Blanca is full of character.

Discover theme parks, nature reserves, enchanting caves, modern marinas, and mountain top fortresses. Venture inland through timeless villages, fragrant citrus groves and vineyards. Explore the traditional Spanish restaurants and tapas bars or check out the nightlife.

For an action packed holiday there’s an endless choice of sports from world class championship golf courses to tennis and watersports.

We look forward to welcoming you to Costa Blanca one of Europe’s most popular holiday destinations.
Welcome to Villa Plus. We hope you have a fabulous holiday in Costa Blanca and would like to tell you a little about the company. As a direct sell operator we only sell our own holidays. This means we place great emphasis on quality and service. In fact we take a personal interest in the enjoyment of your holiday and all our staff receive ongoing training to ensure we provide you with consistently good service.

Villa Plus have arranged villa holidays since 1986. Our product focus is on better villas, in better locations with private pools and more facilities. Over the years we’ve grown from just one destination to 13 across Portugal, Spain, Cyprus and Greece. We’re now one of the largest tour operators in the villa market and offer over 900 exclusive villas.

This holiday guide is designed to help you enjoy your holiday. Please read it carefully before you go. That way we can ensure all the arrangements made on your behalf run smoothly.

Thank you for choosing Villa Plus and we hope to see you again in the future.

Villa Plus Service Centre

Our resort staff are there to ensure all aspects of your holiday go as planned and to maintain your privacy. In general, they will not visit unless in an emergency or to carry out villa checks. Details of your Villa Representative can be found in the security information in your travel pack.
About your holiday

Travel adaptor/s
If you bring your own electrical equipment then you will need to bring a European travel adaptor.

Passport details
You must give your Advance Passenger Information (API, sometimes called APIS) details to your airline before you fly.

Baggage allowance
Baggage allowance, normally 20 kilos per person, can depend on who you’re flying with and will be specified on your itinerary. Collapsible wheelchairs, car seats for infants, pushchairs and carrycots may be carried as hand luggage in excess of the baggage allowance and can usually be taken to the final departure gate to be stored in the hold during the flight. Many charter airlines now charge for excess baggage and equipment such as golf clubs.

Dangerous goods
Please refer to the security policy of the airline you’re travelling with.

Special needs and requirements
If you, or any member of your party, have any special needs or specific requirements then please let us know at the time of booking. We’ll send you a form for disabled and less mobile clients for you to complete and return so we can ensure the villa and flights you’ve chosen are completely suitable for your needs.

Any queries just call + 44 (0) 1727 836686 or email info@villaplus.com

Here’s our tick list...

Travel documents
You’ll receive your holiday documents – specifically itinerary and flight reference number (to quote at check in), accommodation details, directions, car hire information and voucher – about ten days before you travel. Please check the documents match your reservation.

Holiday insurance
Whether you have taken the ‘Villa Plus’ holiday insurance or not, if you or a member of your party have a pre-existing medical condition, then you MUST advise your insurance company straight away. Failure to do so may invalidate your insurance.

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)
The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) allows you to access state-provided healthcare in all European Economic Area (EEA) countries and Switzerland at a reduced cost or sometimes free of charge. The card is free of charge and, in addition to your travel insurance, we recommend you sign up. Register online at www.ehic.org.uk

Money
Whilst MasterCard and Visa cards are widely accepted, and most resorts have ATM’s, we recommend that you get some Euro’s before you go. Please note: travellers cheques are no longer used in Spain.

Towels
Although towels are provided in the villas, you’ll need to bring your own beach and pool towels with you.
Getting to and from your villa

**Villa Plus transfer from airport**
If you booked a Villa Plus transfer then, in general, you’ll see your Representative in the arrivals hall who will have organised your transfer. Please refer to the itinerary in your travel pack for more information.

**Villa Plus car hire**
If you’ve booked a car through Villa Plus then please refer to your itinerary and car hire voucher for collection details. It is advisable that one member of the party waits for the baggage whilst another goes to the desk to complete the contract and pay the appropriate deposit and so on.

**Directions to your villa**
Your directions are included in your travel pack.

**Arriving at your villa**
You can get into your villa at 1pm. If you arrive before 4pm, particularly in the larger villas, the maid may still be tidying up.

**Leaving your villa**
Please vacate your villa by 10am. The maid could arrive as early as 8am.

**Flight delays**
EU legislation entitles passengers to compensation from the airline if there is denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Reimbursement in such cases is the responsibility of the airline and will not entitle you to a refund of the price of your arrangements from us. If the airline does not comply with these rules you should complain to the CAA on +44 (0) 20 7453 6888 www.caa.co.uk

Lost luggage
If you’re unfortunate enough to lose your luggage then you need to report this at the lost luggage desk in the baggage reclaim area.

**Left luggage**
If you have a late return flight, then there are normally facilities where you can leave your luggage on your last day. This information can be found in the villa manual or you can contact the local office.

**Villa keys**
The keys to your villa will be contained in a security key box at your villa. Details of this together with the boxes security number are included with your final documentation. Normally only one set of keys will be supplied for the villa that you will be occupying. We would appreciate it if you could take care of the keys as obtaining replacement keys, or changing the locks can be expensive.

Villa Plus Travel Insurance

Villa Plus holiday insurance is provided by Union Reiseversicherung AG. If you’ve taken this out there is a 24 hour medical emergency assistance facilities service who you can call directly on +44 (0) 845 260 3 260. Remember to have the following information to hand:

- A contact telephone number
- Name and age of patient
- Location of hospital and doctor’s telephone number
- The medical problem
- Your premium receipt number and details of booked travel arrangements

Please refer to your Insurance policy for details of the procedure you should follow, should you require outpatient treatment.
About Your Villa

Cots/extra beds
The majority of the cots that we supply are of the collapsible travel type. All cots supplied in the villas comply with local safety standards. All linen is laundered together so if you have concerns about cot linen, please bring your own. Extra beds are normally of the fold-up variety and are suitable for children only up to the age of 11 years old.

Gas Supply
Not all the villas have a gas supply. If applicable, the villa will usually be supplied with a Butano gas bottle. In the unlikely event that the gas should run out, please contact our local Villa Representative, who will arrange for a replacement. Where gas water heaters are used in villas, they are subject to an annual inspection by local qualified engineers. A carbon monoxide detector is provided for your additional peace of mind.

Electricity
Electricity is 220 AC with continental twin plugs. Your villa electricity supply is not always as constant as in the UK. You may find that the electricity will “trip off” if too many appliances are used at once. This has become more apparent as we have added more equipment into the villas. If this happens, simply turn off some appliances and reset the main fuse box (the location and full details will be in the Villa Manual at the villa).

Internet
Most Resorts have an Internet access point ‘Hot Spots’, where you can check emails etc, and the location will be given to you in the Villa Manual. Some individual villas have internet access. Please see your Villa Manual for more details.

Air Conditioning
Many villas now include air conditioning/heating in the bedrooms as standard. Please see the individual villa descriptions. Some of these units operate on a sensor that will turn off the unit if the room is not in use. Please consult the Villa Manual for full details. In the case of any malfunction, we will endeavour to rectify them as soon as possible, Villa Plus cannot be responsible for any non-operational time that is out of our control.

Barbecues
All our villas have barbecues and wherever possible, brick built. It is not normal for maids to clean the barbecue and we ask guests to leave them in a reasonable and useable condition. We have asked owners to supply cleaning implements.

TV’s
To keep you entertained inside your villa, you’ll find a TV which will have a mix of satellite and terrestrial channels and also offer some English speaking channels too. DVD players (including films) are provided in the majority in our villas.
Health and Safety

Safety information
You’ll find a Villa Manual with safety information specific to your villa at the property. Please take the time on arrival to familiarise yourselves with the safety features and layout of your villa. If you’re travelling with children then please take the time to point out to any areas where they should take particular care such as the pool and balconies. If you have any questions or concerns, then your Villa Representative will be happy to assist. Should you have an accident anywhere in or around the villa you must report this straight away to your Villa Representative.

Smoking
Smoking is not permitted in any of our villas and we would request you only smoke outside the villa. Please do not leave cigarette stubs in the garden.

Swimming pool
Whilst the swimming pool is an essential part of the pleasure of holidaying for many people, if misused it can be dangerous:

- Make sure you know the depths of the pool.
- Please observe our strict no diving policy.
- Do not run around the pool side - especially children with wet feet.
- Do not go out of your depth unless you are a good swimmer.
- Do not swim if you cannot see the bottom. If this is the case contact your Villa Representative as soon as possible. Bad weather, thunder storms and/or excess suntan oil (especially the non waterproof types), can turn the water cloudy. Use the shower before swimming to keep the pool clean.
- Children and fair skinned people should wear a hat and T-shirt whilst in the pool as harmful ultra violet rays can penetrate water up to a depth of 1.5m and are reflected off the water surface.
- Beware of dangerous surfaces, drainage channels, slippery tiles or raised edges.
- Always supervise children and non-swimmers in and around the pool area.
- Do not swim if you have been drinking alcohol, especially late at night.

Report an accident immediately to your Villa Representative, who will attend the villa. Any fault with the pool or its equipment will be inspected and immediate action taken to correct the problem. If, in the opinion of the Villa Representative the pool must be closed for your safety until a repair is facilitated as quickly as possible, you will be instructed in writing to cease using the pool and our liability shall not exceed 33% of the villa rental portion of the holiday.

Pool Heating
Many of our swimming pools have been fitted with a Pool Heat Pump, making the pool 3°C to 5°C warmer at 1pm during the day than a non-heated pool under normal circumstances. This provides the pool with a beneficial warming, but does not make it a “hot” pool. Villa Plus cannot be responsible for any non-operational time, out of our control.

In the case of any malfunction, we will endeavour to rectify them as soon as possible and our liability shall not exceed £150 per villa per week in total. If the pool has a cover, please use it as it will significantly increase the temperature of the water.

Tap water
Water from the tap is generally ok for cooking purposes. For drinking we recommend you drink bottled water only.

Sun bathing
The best, safest and longer lasting tans are built up gradually - but although most travellers are aware of the danger, many holidays are still ruined by the effects of sunburn. Do take extreme care not to over-expose yourself or your children (particularly young babies), especially during the first few days. We suggest you stay under shade except for about 15 minutes in the early morning or late afternoon on the first day, gradually increasing the time as your skin becomes accustomed to the sun. Even then be sure to use a suntan preparation of the correct factor for your skin and apply it liberally at regular intervals, particularly after swimming. Children should wear sun-hats and their shoulders should be covered as much as possible. We strongly recommend the use of good quality, waterproof sun creams especially when in and out of the pool or down at the beach.

Beaches
Please be aware of the local safety precautions when you visit the beaches.

At all times, for your own safety, comply with the suggestions of the local lifeguards, warning notices or flag systems. Should you have any concerns consult a qualified authority or your Villa Representative.

Breakages
Please notify our Villa Representative should you notice any shortfalls in the quality of furnishings/cleaning etc. In case of breakages during your holiday, either replace with a matching item or report the damage to the Villa Representative. For details of our accidental damage waiver or security deposit, please refer to www.villaplus.com

Security
Please store valuables in the safe provided including vital documents. If you do not use the safe provided you may invalidate any insurance claim that you may have.

Most villas have an alarm and nightlight. Ensure the alarm is switched on when you leave the villa.

Additionally make sure all doors/windows are closed/locked if you leave the villa or are around the pool.
Places to visit

Beaches

La Grava. Close to the port of Javea, a pebbly/shingle beach. The facilities of the town are within easy reach.

Cala la Barraca Portixol. A rustic cove of shingle, pebbles and rock that overlooks the beautiful Isle of Portixol. Snorkelling and canoeing is available.

El Portet. A picturesque sandy cove surrounded by high cliffs. A small promenade features a range of restaurants.

La Fustera/Baladrar/La Llobera. To the north of Calpe heading towards Moraira are a number of coves and marinas. Excellent for snorkelling/Scuba diving.

Puerto Blanco-Calpe. A small cove with a bar and restaurant and small port with fishing and chartered boats. The beach has views towards Penon De Ifach.

La Fossa. In Calpe, between the Punta de Bassetes and the Penon de Ifach. Fine golden sand. Sailing, windsurfing and beach sports available.

For more beaches please see resort sections.

Attractions

Denia. A vibrant old port town with traditional squares and cobbled streets lined with bars and restaurants full of character. The magnificent beaches are the main attraction.

Altea. A beautiful coastal resort, the old town sits atop a hill and is dominated by the glazed blue-tiled domes of the church. The town hosts the best market on the coast and has a thriving trade in the art shops.

Benidorm. Geared to entertainment with restaurants, clubs, shops, pubs and bars, there’s something for everyone in Benidorm. A promenade runs along the famous Levante beach, lined with pavement cafes and exclusive shopping area. And the sweeping rollercoasters of Terra Mitica and the Mundomar sealife park will keep everyone entertained for the day.

Guadalest. Known as the ‘Eagle’s Nest’ is in a spectacular location set high on a pinnacle and carved out of a mountain top. It offers magnificent views over the surrounding mountains and countryside down to the valley of the Guadalest river below. The remains of several ancient castles can still be seen today.

Fuentes D’Algar. The popular fresh water springs are an ideal place to relax and cool down. Seven basins are fed by the river Algar in which you can bathe plus you can visit the environmental museum or discover unique plants on a nature trail.

Montgo Natural Park. A Natural Park 753 metres above sea level, located in the municipal areas of Denia and Javea. Over 699 plant species grow here and several walking trails take you through some impressive scenery.
Festivals & Events

March
- **Dia del Senor** (Easter Sunday) Javea, 31st

April
- **Fiesta Jesus Nazareno** – Start of festivities (Historic Centre) Javea, 25th
- **Easter Holy Week**, Moraira, 6th - 9th
- **Fiesta of San Vicente** (around the 15th) in Teulada with everything from fireworks to paella in the streets, Moraira 12th – 22nd

May
- **Day of the Worker**, Javea, 1st
- **Flower crosses honoured around the old town**, Javea, 3rd June
- **San Juan** - A newly recognised and very special Javea fiesta with the burning of the figures and a party at night with fireworks, Javea 24th
- **Music Festival**, Moraira 10th
- **Moors and Christians** (not to be missed), Moraira, 13th - 17th
- **Bonfires** in honour of San Juan, Moraira, 23rd

July
- **Fiesta Virgen del Rocio**, Javea 1st
- **Fiesta Virgen del Carmen** (Sailors), Javea, 16th
- **Moors and Christians** - one of the most spectacular fiestas of the summer, Javea 20th – 21st
- **Fiesta of Nuestra Senora de los Desamparados y Virgen del Carmen** (processions, fireworks and bulls running into the sea), Moraira, 12th - 22nd
- **Fiestas of Benimarco** (bands, bull running and fireworks), Moraira, 23rd - 29th
- **Fiestas of Els Sants de la Pedro** in Teulada (supper in street, Mass, night time fiesta and bull running), Moraira, 28th July - 3rd August

August
- **Festes la Plana**, Javea, 2nd & 4th
- **La Asuncion de la Virgen**, Javea, 10th & 11th
- **Medieval Fiesta and Market**, Moraira, 10th – 12th
- **Fiesta Virgen de Loreto**, Javea, 27th

September
- **Fiesta Virgen del Popul**, Javea 9th

October
- **Dia del la Comunidad**, Valencia, Javea, 9th
- **Dia de la Hispanidad**, Javea 12th

Sports

Diving
Unspoiled underwater locations have led to several commercial diving centres opening. Multi-lingual diving courses are offered at Les Bassetes just to the north of Calpe. There are also diving schools in Javea and Moraira.

Fishing
Fishing charters are available from all main ports on the coast. A special angling license is obtainable from branches of Caja/Caixa Rural Bank for fishing in reservoirs, rivers and estuaries. There are both public and private waters on the Costa Blanca in Spain. You’ll need an additional permit to fish in some of them.

Horseriding
- **Club Hipic Benissa**, Plaça Rei Jaume, 11, 03720 Benissa. Tel 0034 96 573 731 832
- **Riding school and rides into the surrounding area**
- **Los Caballos**, Buscarrons Norte, 30, 03779 El Poblets, Denia, Tel 0034 966 475 177. Swiss management, lessons and rides into the surrounding countryside.

Sailing & Windsurfing
- **Les Bassetes Nautical Club**. 1km from Calpe. For windsurfing and dinghy sailing. Windsurfing schools in Calpe and Javea.
- **Calpe Yacht Club** has dinghies for hire.

Tennis
There are numerous leisure facilities in the area that include tennis courts.

- **Club de Tenis Xabia**, Ctra. Cabo la Nao s/n. Playa del Arenal, 03730 – Jávea. Tel/Fax. 0034 96 579 0289. Email: clubtenis@wanadoo.es.
Golf Courses

Costa Blanca is a golfer's paradise. There are over fifteen 18 hole golf courses all within a two hour drive of Javea and Moraira. Remember to bring your handicap card along with you though. Here's a taster of some of the courses:

**Alicante**

**Alenda Golf.** A demanding course located about 15 km west of Alicante. 18 holes, Par 72. Address: Monforte del Cid, 03670 Alicante. Phone(s): +34965620521. Website: www.alendagolf.com.

**Alicante Golf.** Designed by Severiano Ballesteros this course is located at the beach of San Juan. 18 holes, Par 72. Address: Avda. del Parque, s/n. La Condomina, Playa de San Juan 03540 Alicante. Tel: 965153 794. Website: www.alicantegolf.com.

**Bonalba Golf.** Located in beautiful surroundings with breathtaking Mediterranean sea views. 18 holes, Par 72. Address: Partida de Bonalba, s/n 03110 Mutxamel. Tel 96 595 955. Website: www.golfbonalba.com.

**El Plantio Golf.** An interesting course near Alicante. 18 holes, Par 72. Ctra. Antigua Alicante-Eix, km 303114 Alicante, close to Alicante Airport. Tel: 965 189 115.


**La Marques.** A fine golf course within Ciudad Quesada set in low lying land. 18 holes, Par 72. Address: Ciudad Quesada II, 03179 Rojales. Tel 96 671 9536 534.

**Campoamor Golf.** This course is surrounded by pine woods and orange trees and overlooks the coast from Torrevieja to La Manga del Mar Menor. There are three 18 hole courses, Par 72. Cartagena-Alicante, km 48, Orihuela. Tel 96 532 1366.

**Altea**

**Don Cayo Golf Club.** Set in rolling hills below the spectacular Sierra Bernia in Altea. Mature course with tight fairways and undulating greens. 9 holes Urb. Sierra de Altea Golf. 03590 Altea la Vieja, Alicante. Tel: 96 848 046. Directions: just after leaving exit 64 of the AP7, follow directions to Altea la Vieja (“Altea the old”).

**Benidorm**

**Villaitana Golf Club** (formerly Real de Faula). Close to the seaside resort of Benidorm, 2 courses set in a pine valley with sea and mountain views. Levente (North) Course 18 holes, Par 72 and Poniente (South) Course 18 holes, Par 62. Tel 966 813 013. Address Av. Eduardo Zaplana Hernández-Soro Partida del Moralet.,03500 Benidorm.

**Denia**

**La Sella Golf.** Located next to Montgo Natural Park. Suitable for players of all standards. 18 holes, Par 72. Tel (96) 645 42 52 Ctra La Jara-Jesus Pobre, 03749 Jesus Pobre – Alicante.

**Javea**

**Club de Golf Javea.** In a wonderful natural setting surrounded by pinewoods, 60 miles from Alicante on the way to Valencia. Ctra. De Javea a Benitachell, km 4.5, Apartado 148. Tel 96 579 2584.

**Moraira (Benissa)**

**Golf de Ifach.** Situated in Moraira (Benissa) on a country estate with some of the best views on the coast. 9 holes. Urbanisation San Jaime, Ctra. Moraira-Calpe, km 3, Apdo. 28, 03720 Benissa. Tel 96 649 7118.

**Oliva**

**Oliva Nova Golf.** Voted as Severiano Ballesteros’ best designed golf course – a true but fair test for all golfers. Urb. 46780 Oliva. 18 holes, Par 72. Tel 962 857 818. Email: golf@olivanova.com
**Children’s Activities**

**Terra Mitica.** An exciting theme park, just five minutes from the centre of Benidorm. Different areas represent Greece, Rome and Egypt. Each part has a host of rides and attractions with speed, excitement and thrills thrown in.

**Mundomar.** The kids will love Mundomar in Benidorm. There is a dolphinarium, parrot show, flamingos, turtles, sea lions, a bat cave, penguins, a children’s park and a galleon. The park is well equipped with a number of refreshment kiosks.

**Aqualandia.** Within easy reach of all the resorts, Aqualandia in Benidorm is packed full of fun rides. There are slides, springboards, pools, rapids etc to satisfy all members of the wet set. Themed areas house the Pistas Blandas, the Laguna, Niagara and much more.

**Safari Vergel.** The large safari-park En Vergel near Denia is definitely worth a visit. Drive through the park in your own car and admire such animals as tigers, lions and even Iberian wolfs. Kids will have fun in the playgrounds or on Go-Karts, trampolines and boats.

**Shopping**

Like the majority of coastal resorts in Spain you’ll find a wide variety of markets in the Costa Blanca selling everything from clothes and lacework to vegetables and fruits.

In the larger cities such as Valencia and Benidorm you’ll stumble upon plenty of fashionable boutiques and shopping centres. In the town of Javea there is a market every Thursday where you can expect to find local produce and clothing while in Moraira there’s a Friday weekly market where fresh fruit, leather goods, pottery and rugs are sold. The street market in Teulada a few miles inland is worth a visit. In Benidorm there’s a Saturday arts and crafts market with live music.
Food

All our Costa Blanca resorts have local Spanish restaurants with a welcoming and traditional atmosphere.

The food and cooking is typically Mediterranean in its liberal use of olive oil (Spain produces one third of the world’s supply), onions, garlic, peppers and tomatoes. Like the rest of Spain, meat and seafood are eaten almost everywhere in the Costa Blanca. The Valencian region is also the home of the famous rice dish Paella which is widely available in all resorts. Seek out tapas bars and have a taster of Spanish food.

Some popular tapas

Aceitunas – olives
Albondigas – meat balls in sauce
Ali oli – garlic mayonnaise
Calamares a la romana – deep fried squid rings
Chanquetes – tiny fish, deep fried
Gambas – prawns

Seafood

Caracoles – snails
Lenguado – sole
Mejillones – mussels
Rape – monkfish
Rosada – a thick white fish
Paella – contains mussel, cockles, prawns and squid

Meat, poultry and game

Cochinillo – roast suckling pig
Ternera – veal
Pollo asado – roast chicken
Conejo – rabbit
Cerdo – pork

Calpe

The town of Calpe is dominated by the towering ‘Penon de Ifach’ rock which is often used as a symbol of the Costa Blanca. The summit can be reached via a tunnel and offers panoramic views along the coast and on a clear day to Ibiza some 60 miles away.

Calpe has a wonderful mixture of old Valencian culture and modern tourist trappings, with three of the most beautiful sandy beaches on the coast. The town itself is rich in history and culture and its strategic position on the coast has attracted many voyagers and settlers throughout history. The cobbled stones of the old town lead to a modern amphitheatre with displays and shows during the summer evenings. The cove of Puerto Blanca lies to the south of Calpe, with a small marina and port looking towards the modern skyline of Calpe in a peaceful location. There is a very popular restaurant and small beach with water sports during the summer season.

Dining & Nights Out

From traditional Spanish restaurants and tapas bars to English style pub food, fast foods and international cuisine, Calpe has something to suit all tastes and pockets. There are a selection of lively bars and clubs that offer live music.

Sports

Water sports include fishing, scuba diving, water skiing, windsurfing and sailing. The Puerto Blanco diving centre has trips for beginners and experienced divers. Besides watersports you can play Golf, tennis or hire a cycle.

Beaches

Calpe has three excellent white sandy beaches where you will find pedaloes, wind surfers and even jet skis. The small rocky coves that litter the coastline and the clear waters make this the perfect spot for scuba diving.

Shopping

There are shops selling local handicrafts such as ceramics, leather goods and wickerwork together with a range of souvenirs and gifts.
Javea

The resort of Javea is broken up into a number of small regions each with its own unique character and attractions. The ‘old town’ has made few concessions to tourism and within its narrow streets you’ll find a wide choice of shops and bars amongst museums and historical buildings.

The ‘Javea Montgo’ region is set below the impressive Montgo Mountain dominating the views from miles around. The ‘port area’ is lined with a wonderful variety of restaurants and shopping areas combining the traditional feel of the old fishing village with the modern sophisticated marina. La Grava beach stretches from the port area towards the modern facilities of the Arenal beach. ‘Javea Arenal’ has a wide selection of shops, bars and restaurants surrounding the horseshoe shaped bay with a large sandy beach stretching from the Parador to the cove of Cala Blanca. Javea's coastline stretches from the Cova Tallá to the Cala de la Granadella a distance of over 20kms. This stretch of coast varies from the bright lights and sophisticated bars and restaurants of the Arenal area to the peaceful coves of Granadella and the harbour side fish restaurants.

**Beaches**
The Arenal beach is one of Europe’s blue flag beaches; this sandy stretch of coast gently slopes into the sea and makes it a great place for introducing children to swimming. Behind the beach is a promenade where you will find lots of local crafts for sale while at the port area of Javea there are a number of smaller, pebbly beaches that are lined with beach bars.

**Shopping**
Javea has a large number of shops and boutiques which provide for holiday needs including gifts and souvenirs. An open air market is held each Thursday in Constitution Square where you can barter for goods. Look out for local handicrafts such as embroidered linens, leather goods, wickerwork and pottery.

**Dining & Nights Out**
Javea restaurants cater for most tastes and by the port and along the waterfront the food is particularly cosmopolitan and includes fast food. There are some excellent fish restaurants. The nightlife includes the occasional bar offering a disco, music and karaoke.

**Sports**
There are watersports available from Arenal. Other recreational activities include golf, tennis and horse riding.

Moraira

Moraira has grown from a pretty little fishing village into one of the most popular villa destinations in Spain.

This stylish resort centre has a wide promenade that leads to the modern marina area. Lined with restaurants and bars, yet at the heart of the old village, it has kept much of its old-fashioned charm. Moraira is blessed with a number of stylish cafes and eateries. The majority of restaurants offer fantastic fresh fish dishes. In the old town a weekly market takes place every Friday. Alternatively if you enjoy a drop of wine then it’s well worth visiting the San Vicente Ferrer wine cellar.

**Beaches**
In the heart of the resort rests a beautiful horseshoe shaped bay with a sandy beach and calm, shallow waters. This is in contrast to the majority of small coves south of the region which are rather rocky, making them excellent for snorkelling. L’Ampolla Beach is at the heart of Moraira and has fine sand with a play park for the children. There’s a beach bar and plenty of parking which also serves the resort centre.

**Shopping**
There are no large supermarkets and shopping malls but these can be found not far away in the approaches to the town and surrounding suburbs. In the main avenues of old Moraira there are boutique stores selling local arts and crafts, souvenirs, holiday gear and bric-a-brac.

**Dining & Nights Out**
Moraira has numerous good quality restaurants, several of them with Michelin stars. For local fare try Casa Dorita in the church square. For a classy touch of French cooking in an elegant atmosphere is Le Dauphin, overlooking El Portet. Most of the restaurants offer live entertainment including flamenco dancing and karaoke and there are one or two open-air dance venues. The only nightclub in Moraira is Mystique, located in the centre.

**Sports**
Moraira’s lovely beaches offer a wealth of watersports. Local leisure facilities include golf courses and other sports like tennis and squash. There is a go-karting circuit between Moraira and Teulada Tel 96 574 14 69. Website www.kartinglafontsanta.com.
Useful Information

Language
Spanish

Currency
Euro

International dialling code
+34

Emergency Services
112

Time
Central European Time - If you are travelling from the UK then you must put your watch forward 1 hour.

Electricity
220 AC - travellers from the UK will need a two-pin plug adaptor.

Opening Hours for Shops
Most large shopping centres and department stores open from 10:00 - 22:00 while smaller shops generally run from 09:00 - 14:00 and then from 17:00 - 20:00.

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