

La Casa de Manuels Manual

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2 Welcome to us!

We are so happy that you have chosen to spend your holiday here in Estepona and in our large penthouse floor. We are confident that you will have a wonderful stay here in La Casa de Manuel on Calle Pujerra 28.

The floor is in an old house and as with everything old you have to care, respect and be careful. We believe in you and hope that you will take care of our beloved home as your own during your stay.

In order to make it easier for you, we have written down some tips, care instructions and how things work here in the house. A Manuel-manual simply. Here you will find everything from how the dishwasher to the soundsystem works. But also some things you should not and should do here.

Calle Pujerra 28

The floor is so hidden away and no disturbing traffic. But at the same time it is a little more difficult when the luggage is going to and from the home. Easiest is a short stop in and outloading on Av. España 96 outside the bank Santander only 120m from the house.

Driving a car into the floor is easy if you know how but it really needs permission. Enter Calle Terraza from Av. Espana, after passing the shopping street, take a right onto Calle Malaga. Turn the first road to the left on Calle Concepcion, the second lane on the right is Calle Pujerra.

If you use GPS then it is Calle Pujerra 23 you should enter to get right when it is very one-way in the area. Important to note, there is no parking next to the floor and it is normally not allowed to drive in.

The police who usually stand directly in on Calle Terraza may not be very accomodating. If they see that you drive in and then ask you to move the car or do something like that, just do what they tell you to do. Apologize and drive away.

One tip is to study the Googel map before you arrive so you have a little hum of the neighborhood around La Casa de Manuel. In addition, it is interesting to find places to visit when you arrive.

3 Keys and keyless

LCdM has an advanced lockingsystem that enables opening the doors with the mobilephone. Your phonenumber to be used must not be secret or blocked to make calls abroad. The phonenumber is the code to open the doors.

Guests' phone numbers are registered before arrival. When one of the guests is standing outside the gate calls to LCdM and the doors are unlocked automatically. The number that the guest should call comes in a text message and must not be called if the guest is not outside.

When you arrive you will receive a set of main keys for the house. One for the gate, the door and a TAG for the apartmentdoor. The main keys must only be used in case of emergency or in the event of a powerfailure, otherwise the mobileopening must be used.

The advantage is that all guests who have access to LCdM can be registered and come in whenever they want. This without keeping track of several sets of keys that can be lost, with expensive costs as a result.

The main key can be stored at one of the guests in e.g. a handbag or taken along when the last person leaves the floor. This is a security if there is a powerfailure the apartment or in the area. Of course, there is the possibility of unlocking service at an extra cost but this is unnecessary.

At the exit, the gate opens from the inside with the white button with a bell symbol on between the gate and the door on the left. In the event of a powerfailure, it is opened with a key even from inside.

It is important not to lock the gate or the door with the keys, then the mobileopening does not work. It is also important to have a gate and a door locked even when you are in the house. Lost main keys will be charged at € 350 when the gate and door locks must be replaced.

Interphone

Downstairs in the stairwell is a doorphone that gives a signal up to the house. The handset can be lifted and a two-way communication can be carried out.

If you want to open for your guest, press the green button once for the gate. Then press the small button on the side of the phone to open the door downstairs. Unfortunately, it must be kept in place until the guest opened that door. A loud buzzing sound is heard from that door then. The door upstairs must be opened manually from the inside for the guest.

4 Internet

LCdM has fiber and proper wi-fi throughout the house with 4 access points. This is free to use for all guests and here is login.

User: LaCasadeManuel

Password: Maravilloso

Electricity

LCdM is an old and large house with lots of electrical appliances. We have chosen not to include the electricity in the rent. This way you can choose how much you want to spend on cooling, heating and other amenities.

For you to have a little check, there is a Kw meter in the hall next to the door phone. Gives you a good idea how much is consumed right now.

In the event of a power failure, you should first check the fault switch in the kitchen scrubber to the left. If it has not been released, it is the main fuse on the meter in the stairwell. It is a yellow button on the right side of the meter to be held. If it doesn't work, it can be powerless in the neighborhood and then it is just to wait.

What draws power?

The dishwasher, air conditioning, stove, oven, washing machine, kettle and coffee maker draw a lot of power. It is quick to cool down / warm up a bedroom so do not have the AC on unnecessarily. AC must not be on when you are not at home.

Electricity is a little more expensive in Spain than at home and is not always produced in the most environmentally friendly way. So think about the environment and do not use this resource unnecessarily. We charge the electricity at cost price for the guests to be aware and not waste. We charge 2 € for 10kw which is deducted from the deposit or charged afterwards.

Air conditioning and heating

In LCdM there are seven air-conditioning units with cooling and heating. If all are run at full speed at the same time, there is a great risk that the main fuse will go with hassle as a result. Tip is to keep track of the meter in the hall so it will be as optimal as possible. Not over 9kw so do not run the washing machine or dishwasher when it is bedtime. Let them run during the day, when you are out or not driving anything else.

5 Sonos sound system

From the kitchen iPad, the Sonos system can be controlled and use Spotify freely in several rooms. Large Sonos in the living room and the one in the kitchen must not be moved. The one standing in the hall can be taken out on the terrace but must be taken in at risk of bad weather. If these units are damaged, they will be charged to you in full.

Ipapad

The kitchen iPad is for Sonos but can also be used for surfing and controlling some things in the house. It must not be used by children, moved or damaged in any way.

TV

LCdM offers no television when we use the house to holiday and socialize with each other. Guests can stream via the fiber on their computer or iPad. We think it is very nice and do not miss TV when we are here.

The scrub in the kitchen

There is, besides a little simple row of fuses on the left wall of the cabinet all the electronics. Internet, lock system, wi-fi and other important things for everything to work. It is not allowed to touch, switch off or connect your own equipment here. Does something break or stop working due to negligence, this will be charged to the guest in full. Inside there is also some cleaning equipment and consumables. So important that children do not have access to this space and should always be closed. Please respect.

Drinking water

The water in Estepona is good and you can drink it directly from the tap. But it does not smell and taste so good because the water is chlorinated.

With new technology, this is filtered so that the water becomes drinkable and good.

In the kitchen we have installed the latest from Ecofilters which means that we do not have to carry home water from the store. So the crane to the right is filtered water and should only be used for drinking water and cooking. It must not stand and flush when the filter can run out and the water starts to smell and taste bad. If you want cold water, fill a pitcher and set in the fridge. If the filter ends during your stay, it will not be replaced.

If carbonated water is desired, there is a soda stream in the kitchen to use. The same here takes the gas out, it is not replaced during the stay and is not deductible either.

6 Discs

The dishwasher is a necessary evil even on holidays. It draws a lot of power, so it is good to plan the use of it. Run on the 45 program but rinse the plates etc. before setting in the machine. Then drive when you are not in the house so it does not collide with anything that draws power. Dishwasher tablets are usually found under the sink, but if it is finished, you buy your own.

The kitchen

LCdM's fantastic kitchen is the heart of the floor and here we often hang together and cook, talk and share a bottle of wine. It has become a natural centerpiece and here everything is close.

The kitchen is fully equipped with what is needed and we constantly fill in with things that we think are needed. Please use our machines and things and care for them as your own. If something goes wrong or does not work, please contact us with an email or a note so it is possible to fix before the next guest arrive.

Keep in mind that there are open shelves in the kitchen and it can be good to rinse off some plates, glasses or bowls that are not used so often.

It is an old house so be sure to dry the bench surfaces from sweets, fruits and other things that small insects like. There can easily be small ants and flies on these surfaces.

Hot water

In this part of Spain it is solarheat that applies to hot water. On the roof are two large solar panels and a 300 liter hot water tank. It is sufficient to shower even when it is a little cloudy. If it has been cloudy for a couple of days, it can get a little cool but it is important to plan and take the shower in the afternoon when it gets hottest. Keep in mind that there are long wires from the ceiling so it takes a while before it gets hot water in the tap.

Water

Keep in mind that in Spain, purified water is an environmental issue. Don't waste unnecessarily on the valuable water, so please shower fast and efficiently.

7 Food Shopping

Shopping breakfast, food and wine to the house is easy. In addition to the large Carrefour or the small corner shops after Calle Portada, our favorite is Mercadona. From the house take the blue food trolley left up the square and after Calle Portada. When you come to the Y intersection, take a right on Calle Ronda right up to the T crossing. Mercadona is located on the right side downstairs. Fish, meat, wine and everything you need at a good price. If everything is closed there is an emergency store away at the harbor, Supercor Express is always open 8-2.

Grill

Of course we have a large gas grill on the patio outside the kitchen. Four burners and a hot plate. Warms up super fast and can fry, grill and heat perfectly. Taking the gas out, just take down the tube to Antonio at the iron shop a bit away on Calle Portada. He usually switches it out in one day and charges LCdM for the service. Before leaving the LCdM, the grill must of course be cleaned and all the barbecue utensils be washed. If this is not cleaned, we must charge 50 € when we buy the service from the cleaning company.

Sun awning

The mounted awnings on the front are the guest's responsibility to keep track of during the stay. Two large roof awnings are pulled in and out via string and the wall awnings are rolled down and must be attached even when it is not windy. If these are not rolled in during heavy winds, they break down and it is seen as negligence. Blasted awnings are charged straight by the guest. Therefore, it is important that when leaving LCdM ensure that the awnings are properly retracted and rolled up.

Wine rack

LCdM's wine rack is always filled with bottles for food, party or cozy get-together. You take what you need and then restore the rack with drinkable equivalent wines for future guests. You can also choose to leave the holes empty and then we charge 5 € / bottle for purchase and home delivery to the house.

Fireplace

The beautiful fireplace is not in use and unfortunately plugged in. There are plans to install a gas-fireplace with a glass front for the next winter. Until then, it is candle that applies.

8 Smoking

We do not allow smoking inside or near the doors into the house. On the balcony it is okay to smoke but the pimpls and ashes must not be thrown freely. We want to be able to offer this accommodation to allergy sufferers, so this is very important to follow. If we notice that smoking has taken place indoors, the deposit will immediately be used for the ozone treatment of the apartment.

Bedsheets and towels

We make up the beds with sheets, duvet, two pillows on the bed mattress. All beds are fitted with mattress covers that must not be removed from the beds. Hydrogen damage to the beds is charged to the guest and it's considered negligent.

For stays of two weeks, a change of linen is included if desired. Time for this change must be notified before and booked. If no change is required, 5 € / bed and stay will be refunded. One towel and one bathtowels are provided per person and week.

Beach towels

LCdM's bathtowel must not be taken to the beach or leave the house. The guest can buy or bring their own beachtowels for this need. Sandy or broken towels are charged to the guest on the deposit by 20 € / towel.

Washing machine

It can be nice to wash some clothes or your own beach towels during your stay. We have a washing machine in the house free to use. Unfortunately, it runs for a long time. So the same here, plan when to use it. If there is detergent in the laundryroom, feel free to use otherwise you get your own.

Toilet paper

When you come to the apartment there is toilet paper on all toilets with a spare roll. During your stay, you will complement yourself with what you need from the store.

9 Garbage and return

It is important not to keep the garbage in the kitchen too long. So it does not attract flies and other insects. The round garbage bin in the kitchen is for household waste and food residues, it is important not to press down as it becomes difficult to change the bag. The bag is thrown at night on our little square under the balcony to the lime bedroom. It doesn't stand there during the day and we don't know why?

We pack plastic packaging in a regular bag this also applies to glass bottles and cardboard from pizza and packaging. You take this down to the main road where there are several large garbage bins. It is not allowed to store garbage in the stairwell or in the apartment.

Environment is important to us and we hope that you follow this and do not follow the Spaniards throw everything at the same place mentality.

Window blinds

All bedrooms have metal blinds to keep out heat, light, cold or sound. Daytime when it is hot, it is practical to pull down to keep it cool in the bedrooms. Night time to keep the cold from the AC and out the light in the morning and any noise from the alley. During the winter months, it is to keep the heat at night. Then open up to let the sun warm up the bedrooms. It is a matter of thinking what is best for your electricity consumption and comfort.

Watering preferably

Our beautiful flowers on the patio want some water and we are grateful if you take the time to flush with them a few times during your stay. Do not forget to turn the tap and do not allow the pressure to be on after watering.

Cushions

On the balcony there is a lounge furniture with several cushions and two comfortable sunbeds. These pads must be picked in at risk of bad weather or heavy winds. During low season, these must be taken inside in the evening as it becomes very humid during the nights.

10 Cleaning

During your stay you take care of LCdM and make sure it is as pleasant as you want it. The final cleaning does not include dishwashing and remediation after you. We see that you leave the apartment in respectable condition. In case of abnormal soiling and if decontamination is needed, you as customer are charged in full. First on the deposit, if there is not enough there will be an extra billing.

If you want cleaning and bedding during your stay, this can be offered. This is good if it is booked before arrival so we can plan in staff for this.

Check out

At check-out, all bedlinen and towels must be collected in a pile on the hall floor. All dishes are in the dishwasher and started or preferably picked up on the shelves. The main key must be on the plate in the hall, all air-conditioning and lighting must be turned off. All doors and windows closed and locked and that the awnings should be pulled together. The metalblinds should be down in the bedrooms. All your garbage, bottles and cans should be removed from the apartment.

When you go, it is important that the last action is to make sure that all the doors and the gate is properly closed. Inspection will be carried out within 24 hours of your departure.

Parking

To find a parking is not easy and we refer to the garage under Av. España which is a large garage for hundreds of cars. The entrance from the north is between the roundabouts and the south side before the junction to Calle Terraza. Park as far south as you can so it will be close to the apartment. The price is about 2 € / h or 16 € / day it is expensive but very convenient. Vending machines are available for payment cards in the parking garage.

Show respect

Here you live in the heart of Estepona and here are very few tourists who live. Therefore, it is important that you show consideration and respect to our neighbors. It is mostly Spanish pensioners or ordinary southern Spanish citizens who live and work here.

Remember not to be snorted, play loud or pull bags on the cobblestones when normal people sleep. The neighbors will surely get up early and work even if you have a holiday. Weekdays after 22 it is good to lower the volume of the party and take it a little quiet. We hope you respect this and are kind to our wonderful neighbors.

11 The surroundings

There is so much to tell about the fantastic surroundings around LCdM. Please take some time to walk around the alleys and check around a bit. It is so wonderfully romantic and cozy that you never get enough.

You live in the middle of the old wonderful neighborhood. Restaurants, bars, shops and a wonderful atmosphere that is unbeatable. Since the proximity to everything and not needing a car is so nice. Taxi, bus or rental car works perfectly for going to Gibraltar, Ronda, Marbella, the zoo or all golf courses etc.

The fact that the 2.5 km long sandy beach is just 200 meters from the house is a major plus. The beach, like a south-Spanish livingroom where it is usually locals. They take their sunbeds and umbrellas to the beach and sitting, talking, eating and seems to have it such unnecessarily nice.

The beach promenade is always lively and movement from the morning when you meet joggers, walkers, cyclists, until the evening when laughter and happy party people are on their way home. Here it is always nice to take a walk regardless of the time. You always feel safe and secure here.

A visit to the harbor is always interesting, the boats, fishermen and all these restaurants and people. Sundays there is usually a street market in the harbor. Outside the port of Playa del Cristo there is a nice beach which is basic and calmer for both children and adults. Go-kart track, padel, tennis or gym, there is everything you need here in Estepona.

So I promise you, will not be disappointed.