

## **Welcome to Casita Klein Zwitserland**

Casita “Klein Zwitserland” (“Little Switzerland” in Dutch) is a traditional Andalusian village house that we renovated in 2021/2022. It is located 550 meters above sea level on the edge of the village of Béznar. This village (pueblo blanco) belongs to the Lecrín Valley, “The Valley of Happiness”. Strategically and beautifully located between the beautiful city of Granada and the Costa Tropical (both only 20 minutes by car). The ski area of the Sierra Nevada can be reached by car in about 55 minutes. The architecture of the house is typical of this beautiful region, including thick stone walls, old entrance doors, terracotta floors and azulejos, nooks and niches, and artisan wrought iron and masonry. According to our Spanish neighbors, this location is the most pleasant in the valley with only three days of winter a year, thanks to its position in the sun and its shelter from the winds.

## **Lay out**

Our attractive Spanish village house can accommodate 3 to 4 people. It has an L-shaped living room with open plan kitchen on the ground floor, with access from both the kitchen and the living room to the Andalusian patio at the rear. The kitchen is fully equipped with, among other things, a refrigerator, a dishwasher, a gas stove with gas oven and a Nespresso machine. The living room has an antique wooden dining table, a pellet stove for the cooler evenings in winter, a corner sofa and an Android Smart TV to install or stream your own TV App. On the ground floor is also a utility room, where the washing machine, freezer and heat pump are located.

At the mosaic dining table in the patio it is delicious to have breakfast amid the scents of jasmine, rosemary and mint in terracotta pots. Via a spiral staircase you can reach a small roof terrace on the first floor and a second spiral staircase takes you to the large 30 square meter roof terrace, which enjoys a sunny location and has fantastic views over citrus and olive groves, Béznar Lake, the green Lecrín Valley and the Ermita del Cristo del Zapato on the top of the mountain opposite. The roof terrace features a large dining table, sunbeds, umbrellas and an electric BBQ.

On the upper floor there is a double bedroom and a guest/study room with a pull-out bed for 1 or 2 persons and a desk. The bathroom with shower and toilet and French balcony is located between these two rooms. The upper floor is equipped with air conditioning for heating and cooling and bed linen and towels are provided. The house is equipped with fiber optic internet

## **Béznar**

The small village of Béznar is located in the green Valley of Happiness, known for its many citrus and olive groves, beautiful landscapes and its lake. There are several small villages (pueblos blancos) in this idyllic valley, all with their own identity and amenities. You will meet the friendly locals in the tapas bars, on the terraces and on the many walking and cycling routes.

The surprising Costa Tropical with its authentic Spanish seaside resorts (including Almuñecar, Salobreña, La Herradura) is only a 20-minute drive away.

One of the prettiest and lively cities in Spain, Granada, can be reached within 20 minutes.

Granada has a lot to offer, including the Alhambra, the Moorish district of Albaicin, cozy squares, shops and its tapas culture in the Realejo district.

Within 5 minutes from Casita Klein Zwitserland is the spectacular (walking) region of La Alpujarra with its special architecture and typical gastronomy. The Sierra Nevada is home to a modern ski area. You can be on skis in the Spanish sun from December to March within just 45 minutes to an hour!

## Route and arrival

From Malaga airport you first follow the signs for Malaga and then very quickly the signs A7 towards Almería/Motril; and not the Granada/Seville/Cordoba highway! The A7 runs along the coast. It is approximately a 70 minute drive from Malaga Airport to Casita Klein Zwitserland. Near Motril, follow the A44 in the direction of Granada. After about 20 minutes take the exit Lanjarón/Béznar. Turn left here over the highway and at the roundabout take the exit for Béznar.

Coming from Granada/Jaén on the A44 towards Motril, approximately 20 minutes after Granada, take the exit (164) Lanjarón/Béznar, and at the roundabout take the Béznar exit.) The address of Casita Klein Zwitserland is **Calle Juan de Austria, 23, 18656 Béznar (Granada)**. From the roundabout follow the main road into the village. When you enter the village and see the dumpsters on the right-hand side, turn left into (narrow!) Calle Javita and at the end of this street, turn left into Calle Juan de Austria. A second option is not to turn into Calle Javita but the next street on the left: Calle San Anton and continue straight on until you arrive at Calle Juan de Austria. Casita Klein Zwitserland is located at the end of Calle Juan de Austria at number 23. To get out of the street again, you can continue onto the country road and turn in the first bend. There is parking space for two cars at the front of Casita Klein Zwitserland. However, parking is tight along a wall and the neighbors also like to use the available spaces. Because of the narrow access and limited parking space, we **recommend** parking in the main street, a 2-minute walk away and to **contact us** upon arrival, and we will meet you there.

## Equipment and amenities in the house

- Tabletop refrigerator under the counter. The freezer is located in the utility room.
- Gas stove and oven: The gas bottle is in the stove, to the right of the oven and is ready for use. The connection is controlled by the municipality. Please contact us if the gas bottle is empty.
- Oven: when the oven is used as a grill, the oven door must remain open.
- Please do not use scouring pads on our stainless steel kitchen appliances.

- Dishwasher: tablets (and if necessary rinse aid and salt) are in the corner under the sink. Switch on the correct program with the button on the left and press start.
- Electricity cupboard: this is located on the ground floor next to the front door.
- Also located in the kitchen: kettle, Nespresso machine (please use bottled water because of the high concentration of calcium in the tap water), extractor hood, citrus press, hand blender, blender, milk frother and a sandwich maker.
- Heat pump: this is located in the utility room, it takes a while, but the heat pump always provides hot water. The heat pump is always switched on.
- Music: there is a green JSB speaker, you can play your own music via Bluetooth.
- Fiber optic Wi-fi: is on and the router is in the living room. If there are problems with reception, first unplug and plug it back in. If this doesn't work, please contact us.
  - Network: **Movistar\_AE38**
  - Password: **ECxVECC39uH3HHVH939x**
- TV: your favourite channels can be viewed via Wi-Fi by installing the App of your own TV Subscription on the Android SMART TV. With the built-in Chromecast in the TV, you can also cast programs (e.g. Youtube, Netflix, etc.) from your phone, tablet or laptop to the television.
- Fire extinguisher and first aid kit can be found in the kitchen.
- In the guest room you will find, among other things, a hair dryer, an iron and ironing board.
- Vacuum cleaner, Pellet vacuum cleaner, washing machine, freezer and heat pump are located in the utility room on the ground floor. Despite the Spanish-language program, the washing machine is easy to operate. After use, please always leave the door of the washing machine open.
- Garbage containers are located on the main road in Béznar where your waste can be separated.
- The bedrooms have air conditioning, both for heating and cooling. Please help us save energy by not running the air conditioners unnecessarily, for example with open doors or windows, when you are absent or when the room in question is not being used.

### **The patio and roof terraces**

- The patio has a mosaic table with 4 chairs, a large parasol and potted plants.
- The small roof terrace has a small table with 2 chairs and potted plants.
- The panoramic roof terrace has a large dining table with 4 chairs, a large parasol, 4 sunbeds and an electric BBQ. The use of the BBQ will be explained on arrival.
- We would like to ask you to water pot plants in the house, on the windowsills, in the patio and on the roof terrace during your stay.

## **The pellet stove**

When it cools down in the winter in the evening, you can use the pellet stove. Pellets (wood pellets) can be bought at various places and cost about € 8.00 per bag of 15 kg. We usually buy these at one of the gas stations in the neighboring village of Talará or at a hardware store such as the BigMat in Conzvizar or the Leroy Merlin in Motril.

The usage is as follows:

- Please clean the stove after each use. Use the hook on the fireplace to open the door. In the utility room there is a special round vacuum cleaner for sucking up the ashes in the stove. Clean the window with damp kitchen paper and close the door again by pushing the handle down firmly.
- Open the black valve on the top and check if the reservoir is filled with pellets. You will find a stock of pellets in the utility room. Please replenish the pellets that you have used for the next guests.
- Insert the plug of the stove into the socket (when standing in front of the heater – left). Press the on/off button and the stove will start preparing itself: it will take a few minutes before it burns. In case the stove gives an error message? Then turn it off by pressing the on/off button. It will switch off a few minutes. Please clean the heater again and then switch it on again.
- You can control the temperature with the “temp” button on the left.
- Switch off: with the on/off button. This takes a few minutes again. Always clean the stove after use or the next morning. Never leave the stove burning when you leave!

## **At the end of the rental period**

As a tenant you are liable for damage caused by not leaving our casa correctly. This is regulated in the signed rental contract. Please note the following when you leave:

- Please do not leave any waste or food in the house – take the waste to the containers in the main street, where separate collection takes place.
- Make sure that the used coffee capsules are no longer in the Nespresso machine when you leave.
- Please check whether all exterior doors are locked (the two doors to the patio, the balcony door in the bathroom, the front door).
- Please arrange the furniture in the patio and roof terrace together as they were on arrival.
- Please check whether the washing machine is switched off and leave the door open.
- Please check whether the gas stove and the oven are switched off.
- Please check whether the dishwasher is switched off.
- Please check whether all the lights are switched off (including the outdoor lights in the patio and on the roof terrace).
- Please do not leave dirty dishes on the counter or in the dishwasher.
- Please leave the house in a tidy way.

- Please do not forget to sign the guestbook.

### **General instructions/house rules**

- Please do not use our bath towels for beach visits. We will provide beach towels (1 piece per person) for use on the sunbeds and for beach visits.
- We strongly urge you to avoid getting sun lotion on our furniture, bedding and towels. Please apply sun lotion in the bathroom and not on the bed or couch.

### **Facilities in the village**

- Every morning around 09.30 am the bakery delivers bread in the street.
- Seasonal water sports on Lake Béznar: Aventura Alpujarra, [www.laguiadelaalpujarra.com](http://www.laguiadelaalpujarra.com) with an adjacent chiringuito.
- On the main road in Béznar is a small Spanish bar with and a small street terrace, serving cheap drinks and ample free tapas.
- Outside the village, but in the vicinity:
  - The small butcher/supermarket Carnicería David is popular in the valley and around and is located next to the church in the upper village of Pinos del Valle. Open on Sunday morning also.
  - ATMs, banks, convenience stores, farmacia, tabaco, bar/terrace/restaurants, churros cafeteria and branch stations can be found in the neighboring village of Talará.
  - A large Mercadona supermarket is located in Durcal at 5 minutes by car. Go to the highway towards Granada. The second exit after Durcal). The supermarket is immediately visible and open 6 days a week from 9:00 am to 9:30 pm, except Sunday.
  - The town of Durcal has several shops, including the supermarket Dia, China Bazaar, butcher, greengrocers, bakers etc.
  - The bakery is Restábal is opened on Sundays. You will find its location in the sharp bend as you enter the village of Restabál from Melegis.

### **Dining out**

The Spanish have lunch from 14:00 (until 16:00-17:00). Lunch is the most important meal of the day. Dinner starts from 20:00. It is recommended to make a reservation during the summer season and on weekends.

### **Recommendations in the Lecrín Valley**

- Beautiful **hikes** in the valley, about which we can inform you on arrival: Baranco de Luna, Ruta de los Bolos, Ermita del Zapato, Circular walk around the lake, etc. The following website gives an overview of the walking possibilities including routes:  
[www.milyunarutas.com/tag/valle-de-lecrin](http://www.milyunarutas.com/tag/valle-de-lecrin)

- Water sports on Lake Beznar: **Aventura Alpujarra**, [www.laguiadelaalpujarra.com](http://www.laguiadelaalpujarra.com) with an adjacent chiringuito.
- **Origen**, with the occasional DJ or live music, is located below Pinos del Valle, slightly above the lake and is a hip open air bar with a strong appeal to the residents of Granada. [www.instagram.com/origen.elvalle/](http://www.instagram.com/origen.elvalle/)
- **Bar Venecia** with large terrace on the main road of Pinos del Valle is ideal for some drinks with free tapas. A Menu del Dia (different every day) is only served during the week (between 13.00 – 15.00). Beer is served in a frozen mug. Raciones can be ordered in the evenings and on weekends. You can also have breakfast there in the morning, which is a feast on the terrace in the sun with a view of the Sierra Nevada and Las Alpujarras.
- **Los Naranjos**: local restaurant with terrace in Melegis (closed on Wednesdays) – on the main road and with a beautiful view.
- **Restaurante El Molino del Puente** (Durcal), very good restaurant with a beautiful terraced garden, their menu is the best that you can find in the region. The restaurant is near a water source and the old bridge of Durcal. If you drive all the way out of the main street in Durcal, keep going straight until you're out of the village. The main road bends down to the right. In the bend (down) is the organic restaurant ([www.elmolinodelpuente.com](http://www.elmolinodelpuente.com)).
- **Restaurant Alqueria Los Lentos** in (near to) Niguelas – varying quality but beautifully situated and run by a Belgian couple ([www.alqueriadeloslentos.es](http://www.alqueriadeloslentos.es)).
- **Winery Bodegas Senorio de Nevada** is located in Villamena/Conchar – good restaurant and offers wine tasting with tapas and a tour of the cellars.
- **La Huertacilla** local bar-restaurant in the village of Conchar with a beautiful location and a large terrace and a good daily menu for about €10. Great lunch spot to end a nice walk in the area. <https://goo.gl/maps/GN1EbAeuFyqoWGfv7>
- **Rincón de Miguel** is one of the most lively tapas bars with outdoor terrace in the valley and is located in Niguelas. This is also an ideal end to a walk in the neighbouring campo. <https://goo.gl/maps/G38hxy7TynYqOgj97>

## Recommendations Costa Tropical

There are several beaches equipped with chiringuitos (beachbars/restaurants).

- The seaside resort of **Salobreña** is 30 minutes away, has a large beach, several chiringuitos and eateries. Our recommendations: La Bahia restaurant, Chiringuito El Campano, Chiringuito Casa Emilio, La Roka restaurant and Arias restaurant
- In **Salobreña**, the old town and the ancient castle are located on the mountain. Well worth a visit in the summer though, only in the evenings as it can be very hot during the day.
- At 35 minutes you will find **Almuñecar**. **Discochiringuito UHA** (playa Tesorillo) in Almuñecar (one of our favourites) – first exit A7 Almuñecar from the Lecrin Valley. Follow Velilla. UHA is located on a small beach Tesorillo – to the right of an old tower. Playa del

Tesorillo. **Chiringuito Deportivo** (near Aquatropic water park) not directly on the beach but on the boulevard road (mainly Spanish guests) – Paseo Reina Sofia 11

- If you want to eat tasty and relatively cheap fish, we recommend Chiringuito **La Primera Ola**, located on the beach and boulevard of Almuñecar, Paseo de Velilla 11.
- **Winery Bodegas Calvente** is located in Jete and can be accessed from the main road in Almuñecar. The route from Jete (GR-4050) towards Granada city and the Lecrin Valley through the mountains is magically beautiful. Drink/buy the white Guindalera (top wine), the red wine with the same name is not bad either. Calvente also offers wine tastings by appointment.
- **La Herradura** is a 40 minute drive and is our favorite beach destination in the region.
- At the **windsurf/boat rental La Herradura 1978** you can rent a canoe: 2pers at 10 euros per hour or 1pers at 5 euros per hour. You can take the canoe to the right to the next beach **Cantarriján** (about 55 minutes canoeing). Along the way you will pass 2 small caves. There are 2 nice restaurants on the beach of Cantarrijan (Bola Marina is our preference). The beach itself is a relaxed and mixed clothing optional beach. We also have tips for **supping, kayaking and sailing in Salobreña**
- Our favorite restaurants in La Herradura in winters is **Chambao de Vicente**, where you can sit on the beach and out of the wind when it comes from the west. As you enter La Herradura, continue until the beach drive, then turn right, park your car on the beach drive and walk to the right – all the way to the end of the bay. The fish from the charcoal grill is recommended.
- Also on the right part of the beach drive is restaurant **Arenas Nuevo**, with menu del dia all week for less than 14 euros: 3 courses, a lot of choice and very good quality. Friendly family. They will always serve a drink on the house at the end. Closed on Sunday evening and Monday. It is advisable to make a reservation in advance on weekends.
- A 45 minutes' drive: the beach of **Nerja** - Burriana (restaurant Merendero La Barca - has an orange canopy) - Nerja is in itself a nice (tourist) seaside resort. Drive on the N-340.
- In addition, ofcourse, there are many other beaches on the Costa Tropical.

### Recommendations las Alpujarras / Lanjaron

- Restaurant/hotel **Alcadima** – Lanjaron (La Alpujarra) – C/Francisco Tarrega 3. 15 minutes' drive from Pinos del Valle. Surprising cuisine and a beautiful view and beautiful garden.
- Restaurant **Asador Parque** in Lanjaron, as you enter Lanjaron after 800 meters on the left. Modern tent, good quality. Closed on Wednesday.
- Restaurant **Venta El Bunuelo**, Calle Carretera 0, 18420 Lanjaron. Just outside Lanjaron on the main road towards Orgiva (on the right). Friendly owners. Nice terrace, nice view inside (on the valley and Lanjaron).
- Restaurant with terrace **La Casita del Papel** – Lanjaron, if you see the (white/black) Lanjaron sign when entering Lanjaron, this small hidden Spanish restaurant, one of our

favourites, is immediately left in the curve of the road. One of our suggestions, order the 'berenjenas a la miel' (eggplant)!

- Beautiful villages in the Alpujarras are **Pampaneira**, **Bubion**, **Capileira**. **Trevélez** is known as a perched village where the jamon is dried in the mountain air. **Soportújar** is a mysterious witch village.
- Restaurante **Flor de Limonero** in the town of Orgiva (Alpujarras): Carretera A-348, km18: [www.hotelaray.com](http://www.hotelaray.com).
- **Bodega Alqueria Morayma**, between Cadiar and Murtas [www.alqueriamorayma.com](http://www.alqueriamorayma.com). Ask us about the "la Ruta del Vino de la Contraviesa"
- **Winery Bodega Cuatro Vientos** has a shop, restaurant and museum and offers wine tasting and tours: [www.bodegacuatrovientos.es](http://www.bodegacuatrovientos.es)
- **Skiing/winter sports**: The modern ski area of the Sierra Nevada is 60 minutes from Pinos del Valle. From the A44 towards Granada, take the Alhambra/Granada exit, then follow signs for Sierra Nevada. There are several ski rental companies in the winter sports villages.
- Do you need a mountain guide to climb the Mulhacen, Pico de Veleta or Pico de Caballo, the high three-thousanders in the Sierra Nevada? Then we recommend **mountain guide Ron Fonville**.

## Recommendations Granada capital

- The authentic wine bar/tapas bar: **Bodegas Castaneda** – oldest bar in Granada: c/Almireceros 1 y 3. If you walk down from the Alhambra (into Granada), you come to a square (Plaza Nueva) with terraces and taxis. Cross the square diagonally to the left. Walk down the street (Calle Elvira) and then take the first street on the left. Walk into the street and on the left you will find Bodegas Castaneda. You can order many different (regional) wines by the glass here – of course they will serve a tapa with each glass. Can be very busy.
- A less busy but good and cozy wine bar is our favorite **Taberna Malvasia**. Good wines and good quality tapas (not standard). Calle Virgen del Rosario 10. Located in the nice district of Realejo. [www.tabernamalvasia.es](http://www.tabernamalvasia.es)
- One of our latest discoveries is one of the most authentic restaurants in Granada: **Braserito**. <https://goo.gl/maps/v9JegcHsnbptxum77>. When in Granada, do as the Granadinos do and order some raciones to share.
- A nice/good simple Spanish restaurant with a small terrace on the square in Granada (center behind the cathedral): restaurante **El Cepillo**, Plaza Pescaderia 18.
- One of our favorites, for its sunny outdoor terrace, is **Romanilla 530** – Calle Carcel Baja 1, behind the cathedral on a small square with a statue of a man with a donkey.
- Restaurante **Puerta del Carmen** ([www.puertadelcarmenrestaurante.com](http://www.puertadelcarmenrestaurante.com)), Plaza del Carmen 1.
- **Restaurante Alameda** ([www.alameda.es.com](http://www.alameda.es.com)), good quality restaurant (non standard Spanish) near Plaza del Carmen.





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- **The Alhambra** – Granada. The main attraction in Granada: a magnificent medieval palace and fortress (with beautiful gardens) of the Moorish rulers of the kingdom of Granada in Andalusia. It is located on a hilly plateau on the southeastern border of the city of Granada. It is advisable to order tickets in advance via the internet: <https://compratickets.alhambra-patronato.es>. The Alhambra is easily accessible via the A44. Follow the pink signs with Alhambra.
- If you want to visit Granada (city) by car, we advise you to park your car at the Alhambra. If you don't want to walk back (uphill), take a taxi to the Alhambra parking lot – costs +/- 6 euros.
- Nice neighborhood in Granada is **Realejo-San Matias** (less known/touristy – authentic). **Taberna La Tana** is a nice little place on a square – Calle Virgen del Rosario 11 Bajo. [www.tabernalatana.com](http://www.tabernalatana.com).
- Shopping: Parque Comercial **Nevada Shopping** – Granada (25 min). 240 shops/restaurants under 1 roof. The shopping center is located on the A44 motorway, take exit 132 (Armillas) and then follow the signs. The shopping center has a large free parking lot. See [www.nevada.shopping/es](http://www.nevada.shopping/es).

**Finally, we wish you a very nice stay at Casita Klein Zwitserland, Béznar (Lecrín) – Andalusia, enjoy! Sunny regards, Reijer & Johan**