

Welcome to our Casa Larimar

Casa Larimar is a terraced house with amazing sea views, surrounded by the subtropical gardens and the 2 swimming pools of urbanization Fuentes de Almuñécar, which belongs to the historic and bustling town of Almuñécar on the beautiful Costa Tropical. You will find very pleasant seaside resorts and beautiful beaches on this part of the coast in Southern Spain. The city of Granada can be reached in just 50 minutes by car and within an hour and a half you will be in the ski station of the Sierra Nevada. The idyllic Alpujarras and Lecrin Valley are only 20-25 minutes away.

Larimar is a turquoise-colored stone with white patterns that resemble the sun over the Caribbean. It gives inner peace and makes aware that you are the architect of your own life.

Lay out

Casa Larimar is located on the top floor of a five-storey building. However, because the building is situated on a slope, one can enter directly onto the panoramic terrace through the street that runs at the back. The terrace has a south orientation and fantastic frontal views of the Mediterranean Sea, the town of Almuñécar and the valley with tropical fruit, which runs like a green river from the mountains to the sea. The terrace is equipped with patio furniture, sun blinds, potted plants and a gas barbecue. In the house itself you will find an attractive living / dining with sliding doors to the terrace and a beautiful sea view. There is a fully equipped modernized kitchen and two double bedrooms, one with a double bed, fitted wardrobes and 3 windows with sea view and one with two single beds. The living room and both bedrooms have air conditioning for cooling in summer and heating in winter. Finally, Casa Larimar has a bathroom with bath and toilet and space for the (solar) water heater and washing machine. The house has windows all around and in and around the house you will find a lot of green plants and gardens. Casa Larimar can be reached by car up to the entrance and parking can be found in the vicinity on the street at 50 meters. Bed linen, bath towels and beach towels are provided.

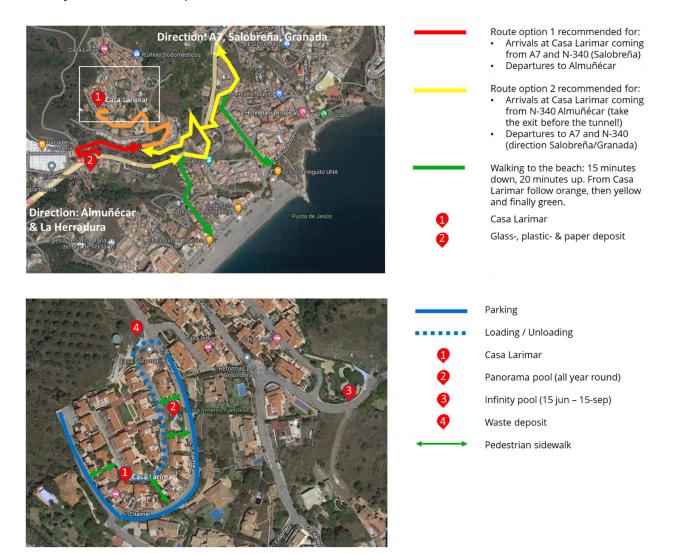
Route and arrival

From **Malaga airport**, first follow the direction to Malaga and quickly after follow Alméria/Motril via highway A-7. The A-7 runs along the coast. It is about a 50 minutes' drive to Casa Larimar. On the A7, take exit 910 Salobreña/Almuñecar/N-340. Coming from **Granada/Almeria**, also take exit 910 on the A-7, until you reach roundabout on the Coastal road N-340,

At the roundabout on the coastal road N-340, take the first exit towards Almuñécar. Follow this road for about two kilometers passing some traffic lights and a tunnel (Tunnel de Taramay). Then take the first opportunity to turn right after the tunnel, up the hill towards urbanization



Fuentes de Almuñécar. Here you continue the red/orange route upwards (see image) to <u>Casa</u> <u>Larimar</u> (click on the link for the location on Google Maps). You can park on the street in the vicinity of the house or stop at the access to the terrace to load or unload.



We will wait for you on arrival and guide you through the house, and provide you with the keys, bed linen, bath mat and bath-, beach- and kitchen towels. if you are delayed and cannot meet the expected arrival time, please inform us by WhatsApp with the new arrival time.

Equipment and amenities in the house

- Fridge-freezer combination, which is switched on upon arrival.
- Electric hob with oven. Please use baking paper when using the oven.



- Dishwasher: you will find tablets (and if necessary rinse aid and salt) under the sink. Choose one of the programs and press start.
- The Meter cupboard is located at the front door. If an electrical device does not work, there is a chance that a switch in the meter cupboard needs to be put upwards.
- Also located in the kitchen: extractor hood, electric kettle, Nespresso, hand blender, blender, juicer, milk foamer and sandwich toaster. Please only use bottled water for the Nespresso and the kettle due to the concentration of calcium in the tap water. Bottled water can be bought at supermarkets.
- The fire extinguisher and first aid kit are located in the small sideboard closet in the hall.
- The hot water boiler is located in the bathroom and provides hot water with the help of a solar system. The washing machine has washing programs in the Spanish language, but it's easy in use. Please leave the door of the washing machine opened up after use to prevent smell. On top of the washing machine are two boxes with cleaning products.
- Music: there is speaker which can be connected to your phone by Bluetooth.
- High speed fiber internet (300 mbps). Network: Wiber.es_5G_3MS2, password: J YX54RPGB
- Android SMART TV with built-in Chromecast in the TV, to cast programs from your own phone, tablet or laptop to the television.
- A hair dryer, beach towels, an iron and ironing board can be found in the built in wardrobe.
- The vacuum cleaner can be found in the second bedroom.
- There are air conditioners in both bedrooms and in the living room. They cool and heat. Please always switch off the air conditioners when the windows and doors are open and whenever you leave the house! **Please help us to save energy**.
- The sun terrace has a dining table with four chairs, two relaxing armchairs, a parasol and a gas barbecue. The sunshade above the sliding doors should always be folded back when you leave the house because sudden strong sea winds can occur. This also applies to the parasol. On the terrace is a storage box with a mop, buckets, sweeper and shopping bags. Cushions for the chairs on the terrace can be found within the large coffee table in the living room.
- Please do not rinse clean the terrace with the garden hose, because there is no drainage and the water will flow to the downstairs neighbors and they will experience nuisance.
- The waste collection point of the urbanization can be found walking down from Casa Larimar, past the swimming pool in de curve next to the mailboxes (Nr. 4 on the second image). Separate waste collection (plastic, paper and glass) is located at the entrance to the N-340 (Nr. 2 on the firs image).
- Please help us to keep our plants healthy. The potted plants indoors should be moderately watered once a week. The two large potted plants outside should be moderately watered twice a week and the smaller potted plants in the windows should be abundantly watered twice a week.



The swimming pools

As our guests you can enjoy the two fantastic swimming pools on the urbanization Fuentes de Almuñécar for free. Access is with the magnetic key that you receive from us upon arrival. The **panorama pool** (number 2 on the second image) is around the corner from Casa Larimar and is open all year round. The **infinity pool** (number 3 on the ticket) is open during summer, the 15th of June to the 15th of September. Before using one of the swimming pools, please read the house rules that are stated at their entrance gates. Both pools are well located on the sun, have fantastic views, and there are plenty of sunbeds available.

At the end of the rental period

Please note the following when you leave:

- Please do not leave any waste or food in the house take the waste to the waste collection point of the urbanization.
- Make sure that any used coffee cups are no longer in the Nepresso machine when you leave.
- Please leave the refrigerator and freezer empty and clean.
- Please make sure that the electric hob and oven are turned off.
- Please do not leave dirty dishes on the counter or in the dishwasher.
- If you have used the barbecue, please leave it cleaned for the next guests.
- Please make sure all air conditioners are turned off.
- Please leave the 4 remote controls (TV and air conditioners) next to the TV.
- Please check whether the washing machine is switched off and please leave the door of the washing machine open.
- Please store the cushions of the outside dining set in the large coffee table in the living.
- Please check whether all lights are off. The outdoor lamp with day-night sensor at the terrace must remain on.
- Don't forget to sign the guestbook.
- Please leave the house in a tidy way.
- Please lower all shutters.
- Please lock the front door and lock the iron gate to the balcony terrace.
- Please throw the keys in the mailbox outside the entrance gate (or otherwise in consultation with us).

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 on the couch.
- We recommend you to lock the fencing at the terrace entrance, fold up the sunshade above the sliding doors, and lower the shutters whenever you leave the house.



Facilities in Almuñécar

- The town of Almuñécar has a few large supermarkets, including Lidl, Aldi and Mercadona. They are all located near the main market square in the center.
- Every Friday there is a weekly market on the main square and on Sunday morning there is a popular flea market with regional products and second-hand items.
- Parking in Almuñécar is usually free of charge with the exception of Semana Santa, the months of July, August and September on the boulevard/paseo. You can usually find a free spot in the surrounding streets around the boulevard In summer months, but only in the morning until around 10.00h. You can park for free in the center on the large square, except during the market days Friday and Sunday.
- You will find several cafes and bars where you can have a cheap breakfast, a 15-20 minute steep walk down from Casa Larimar on the boulevard/paseo of Velilla. In addition to a coffee, you will be able to order tostadas or a portion of freshly baked churros. You will also find some small grocery stores to buy freshly baked bread and fresh fruits.
- The long boulevard/paseo from Velilla to Cotobro is about a 1.5 hours walk from one side to the other. There are many catering establishments on the boulevard and on the beach and it is lively all year round.
- Halfway along the boulevard/paseo is a large water park with several pools and slides, which is called Parque Acuatico Aquatropic. It is open during summer months.
- In addition to its boulevard/paseo, Almuñecar has a pleasant old and vibrant center with many small streets and squares with little shops. The Almuñécar Tourist Office is located on Avenida Europa adjacent to one of the beautiful parks. The old town with Roman roots and the ancient castle on the hill are definitely worth a visit, but during summer, we recommend to go in the evening because during the day it can get too hot.
- The post office (Correos), banks and ATMs can be found in the centre. For urgent care, go to the Centro de Salud Almuñecar (tel: 958 02 88 27, Calle Chinguetti 2 behind the stadium).
- In the center on the Avenida Juan Carlos I you will find the bus station of Almuñécar. Check <u>www.getbybus.com</u> for the many destinations (including to Malaga Airport, Granada and Nerja).
- In the larger nearby town of Motril, on Avenida de Europa, you will find several large retail chains and hypermarkets (Alcampo, Mercadona, Lidl, Aldi, Decathlon, Sprinter, etc.). Motril also has a regional hospital with an emergency room (Hospital Santa Ana de Motril).

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 Costa Tropical - Almuñécar

- A 15-20 minute steep walk down from Casa Larimar you will find **Velilla-Taramay**, the eastern part of the long seafront of Almuñécar with one of our favorite beaches <u>Playa de</u> <u>Tesorillo</u>, bordered by rocks with a 16th century watchtower and two chiringuitos.
- We ourselves often have lunch at <u>Chirinquito La Primera Ola</u> for the delicious seafood and very friendly service.
- The bustling town center of Almuñécar on a hill has narrow streets with many shops, stalls and squares. Some tapas bars recommended by us are: <u>Seiva Fusión</u> with a large terrace on the Plaza de la Constucion, one of the oldest bodegas in Almuñécar <u>Restaurante Bodega Francisco</u>, and the fish bar <u>Bar los Pajaritos</u> with the freshest fish tapas in town, where one can get a beer with tapas for €2,- only. One of our latest discoveries and an absolute must to go to for diner is <u>Restaurante Los Geraneos</u>.
- Two very popular businesses right behind the **Paseo San Cristóbal in Almuñécar** are <u>La</u> <u>Choza Bar</u> for a quick bite and <u>Cervecería "El Cortijillo"</u> for fish and paella.
- San Cristóbal/Cotobro, located on the western side of Almuñécar, attracts a somewhat more international crowd than the authentic Spanish neighborhood of Velilla. On the seafront you will find some good and popular restaurants such as <u>Restaurante Don Olivo</u>, Italian restaurant <u>L'Osteria</u> and the award-winning chiringuito <u>La Dorada de Plata</u>
- One of our favorite restaurants with vegetarian options and a changing daily menu with a choice of meat, fish and vegetarian, is located on the N-340: <u>El Mirador de La Corregidora</u>.
 From the balcony you also have an amazing view over Cotobro and the Mediterranean.
- Winery <u>Bodegas Calvente</u> is located in the **hinterland of Almuñécar** in Jete and can be reached from the main road in Almuñecar. The route from Jete (GR-4050) towards Granada city and the Lecrn Valley through the mountains is also magically beautiful. This winery produces the premium white Mountain Wine and premium red Guindalera. Calvente also offers wine tastings by appointment.

Recommendations Costa Tropical – Salobreña, 10 minutes by car

- The old town and the ancient castle on the mountain are definitely worth a visit. In summer, however, we recommend to go in the evening, since during day time it can get very hot.
- Various tapas bars in **La Caleta de Salobreña** and **La Guardia**: e.g. <u>Bar Gloria</u>, <u>Bar Manolo</u> and one of our favourites <u>Bar Restaurante Rufino</u>
- To rent a paddle surf board or kayak to sail along Costa Aguilera, go to <u>The Guardian Sea</u> <u>Club</u> in la Guardia.
- Chiringuitos recommended by us on the **beach of Salobreña** are <u>La Bahía</u>, <u>Chirinquito El</u> <u>Campano</u>, <u>Chirinquito Casa Emilio</u>
- The best restaurants in Salobreña are restaurant <u>La Roka</u>, <u>Restaurante Hotel Miba</u>, both with an incredibly beautiful view, and <u>Restaurante Aráis</u>



Recommendations Costa Tropical – La Herradura and Nerja

- **La Herradura** is a 10 minute drive from Casa Larimar and is one of our favorite beach destinations in the region due to its relaxed and lively atmosphere and beautiful bay with crystal clear waters.
- At <u>Windsurf La Herradura</u> 1978 sailing boats, paddle surf or kayaks can be rented. In 50-60 minutes one can sail to the beach of **Cantarriján**, passing 2 small caves. There are 2 nice restaurants on the beach of Cantarrijan (Bola Marina has our preference). The beach itself is a clothing optional beach.
- On the seafront of La Herradura you will find <u>Restaurante Nuevo Arenas</u>, with a menu del dia all week for €14,- including 3 courses, lots of choice and very good quality. We have been coming to this super friendly family business for years.
- One of La Herradura's restaurants where we ourselves often went for lunch when we had just arrived in Spain, and drove from Malaga to Granada, is <u>Chambao de Vicente</u>. During winter you can sit on the beach, in the sun and out of the chilly wind at the very end of the bay. The fish from the charcoal grill is recommended.
- As far as we are concerned, the best fusion **sushi** on the Costa Tropical can be eaten at the friendly <u>Detako Gastrobar</u>, approximately in the middle of the seafront of La Herradura.
- The town of **Nerja**, 15 minutes by car, is a nice (tourist) seaside resort with a pleasant center with shops and with the famous Balcon de Europa. The ride there over the N-340 coastal road from Salobreña or Almuñécar to Nerja, or Torrox, is very beautiful. You will find loads of restaurants in Nerja. We have had good experiences at Burriana beach at <u>Merendero La Barca</u>, which can be recognized by the orange canopy.

Recommendations Valle de Lecrín - 30 minutes by car from Casa Larimar

- Beautiful **hikes** in the valley, which we can inform you about upon 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 options including routes: www.milyunarutas.com/tag/valle-de-lecrin.
- Water sports on **Lake Béznar** are possible at <u>Aventura Alpujarra</u> with an adjacent chiringuito.
- <u>Origen El Valle</u>, is open in summer and during weekends and occasionally has a DJ or live music. It is located down the road from the dam to Pinos del Valle, slightly above the lake and is a hip open air bar with great appeal to the residents of Granada. Unfortunately with poor service every now and then.
- <u>Bar Venecia</u> has a large terrace on the main road in **Pinos del Valle** and is a great spot for drinks with free tapas. A Menu del Dia (different every day) is only served during the week (between 13:00 and 15:00). Beer is served in a frozen mug. You can order raciones in the evenings and weekends. Bar Venicia is also recommended for breakfast on its sunny terrace with breathtaking views of the Sierra Nevada and Las Alpujarras.



- <u>Los Naranjos</u>: local restaurant with terrace in **Melegis** (closed on Monday and Tuesday) on the main road and with beautiful views.
- <u>Restaurante El Molino del Puente</u> (Bio Durcal is a very good restaurant with a beautiful terrace and woodland garden. They serve a creative 4 or 5 course daily menu for €20 (4 courses) and €24 (5 courses) which is fantastic and an absolute must-do for foodies. The restaurant is located near a water source and the old bridge of **Durcal**.
- Restaurante <u>Alqueria Los Lentos</u> in (near) Niguelas varying quality but beautifully situated and run by a Belgian couple. It also organizes a busy monthly craft market.
- Winery <u>Bodegas Senorio de Nevada</u> is located in Villamena/Conchar it has a good restaurant and it offers wine tastings with tapas and a tour of the cellars.
- <u>La Huertacilla</u> is a local bar-restaurant in the village of Conchar with a beautiful location and a large terrace and a good daily menu for around €10. Great lunch spot to end a nice walk in the area. (closed on Tuesday)
- <u>Rincón de Miguel</u> and <u>Bar La Falla</u> are two of the liveliest outdoor tapas bars in the valley and are located in Niguelas. These two bars are both a perfect end to a hike in the area.

Recommendations Alpujarras - 30 minutes by car from Casa Larimar

- Restaurant/hotel <u>Alcadima</u> in **Lanjaron** has a good menu del dia, beautiful gardens and views.
- <u>Restaurant Asador Parque</u> in Lanjaron, is located in a modern building. The menu is of good quality and the restaurant is recommended whenever you feel like a more distinguished meal or when you want to enjoy a menu during holidays.
- <u>La Casita de Papel</u> is a restaurant with a terrace at a water source in Lanjaron. One of our suggestions here to order are the 'berenjenas a la miel' (eggplant) and an ice-cold beer brewed in the restaurant.
- Beautiful and lively villages with typical architecture in the Alpujarras are Pampaneira,
 Bubion, Capileira and Trevélez. Trevélez is known as a high-altitude village where the jamon is dried in the mountain air. Soportújar is a mysterious witch village.
- **Orgiva** is the lively bohemian capital of the Alpujarras, attracting hippies and wannabees looking for la pura vida. When we are in Orgiva, we like to eat Moroccan food or drink Moroccan tea at <u>Tetería Baraka</u>.
- Winery <u>Bodega Alqueria Morayma</u> is a beautiful place typical of this region with a restaurant/terrace, between **Cadiar** and **Murtas**. Ask us about the "la Ruta del Vino de la Contraviesa", the beautiful wine route through the Alpujarras.
- <u>Finca Cuatro Vientos</u>, also near **Murtas** is a spectacularly located winery with a shop, restaurant and museum offering wine tastings and tours. The winery is known for the popular white and red blend **Malafollá**
- **Skiing/winter sports:** The modern <u>Sierra Nevada Ski Station</u> is a 1 to 1,5 hours' drive from Almuñécar. From the A44 towards Granada, take the Alhambra/Granada exit, then follow



the signs for Sierra Nevada. There are several ski rental companies in the winter sports village.

• Do you need a mountain guide for an ascent of one of the more than 3.000 meter high peaks of the Sierra Nevada, such as the Mulhacen, Pico de Veleta or Pico de Caballo? Then we would recommend **mountain guide Ron Fonville**. Ask us for his contact details.

Recommendations Granada Capital - 50 minutes by car from Casa Larimar

- **The Alhambra** Granada. The biggest attraction in Granada: a beautiful 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: <u>https://compratickets.alhambrapatronato.es</u>. The Alhambra is easily reached 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 for appr. €6,-.
- The authentic bar <u>Bodegas Castaneda</u> in the **Center** is one of the oldest bars in Granada. There is a choice of many different (regional) wines by the glass and of course you will receive a good free tapa with every glass for free.
- Our favorite central neighborhood in Granada is **Realejo-San Matias**. It's very lively and authentic and not too touristy. <u>Taberna La Tana</u> is a nice bar on a small square. Our personal favorite wine bar is <u>Taberna Malvasia</u> where very good quality wines are served and good quality tapas. Make sure to take a seat in the front of the bar or at one of the standing tables on the street side terrace in order not to miss anything. After a drink and tapas at Malvasia, we usually have dinner at one of the most authentic restaurants in Granada around the corner: <u>Braserito</u>. When you're in Granada, do as the Granadinos do and order some raciones to share. Also in the Realejo on the Plaza del Carmen you will find Restaurante <u>Puerta del Carmen</u>: a nice tapas bar with slightly higher prices. <u>Restaurante Alameda</u> is a popular and stylish restaurant, with modern Spanish cuisine.
- A favorite for lunch, because of its sunny outdoor terrace is <u>Los Manueles Restaurante</u> <u>Catedral</u> on Plaza Romanillo, just behind the **Cathedral**. The small square has a statue of a man with a donkey.
- Shopping addicts are recommended to visit the gigantic <u>Nevada Shopping</u> center with some 240 shops and restaurants under 1 roof. The shopping center is located on the A44 highway before entering Granada. It has a large free car park.

Finally, we wish you a very pleasant stay in Casa Larimar, Almuñécar – Andalusia, enjoy! Sunny greetings, Reijer & Johan