



**CASA ESTRELLITA**  
YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

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**Dear friends,**

*it's been a long time since you've last heard from us. Way too long. One year. Where's the time gone?*

*Much has happened that we wanted you to know. But as soon as one project was completed, the next one kicked off. And then the next, and the next... until today.*

*Now, however, we have reached a point where we say: enough for this year, let's take a breather, and then in 2019 we'll see what's up next. Well, with a few exceptions. See below.*

*Already in 2017 we set out to obtain an environmental compatibility certificate for the Casa. The DAFO sets standards for houses in the campo in order to curb the uncontrolled development of often illegally built houses in the countryside and to steer their development into regulated channels.*

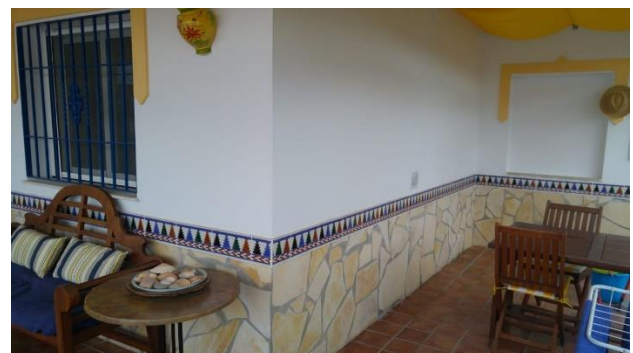
*Our work included the installation of a solar-powered hot water system and a septic wastewater treatment system, which replaced our "black hole".*



*But you will not really notice these changes during your stay.*

*What you will notice though are the works outside. We have started to implement our own ideas for the house. One of them is to capture a little of the traditional Andalusian flair.*

*Thus the skirting of our conservatory is now bordered by a Moorish-inspired tile strip.*



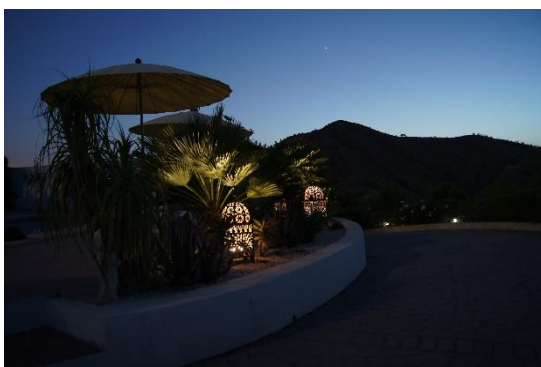
*The back door has been closed and sooner or later a Moorish frieze will be installed as a first step to a cosy cozy corner with benches, cushions and a shisha.*



*And the whole conservatory is now decorated with curtains, ceiling liners and Moroccan lamps, which is not only a treat for your eyes, but also improves the acoustics.*



*Outside we added a few lights, which create nice bright spots when you spend a summer evening on our terrace. Arabic lanterns in the garden and indirect lighting of our palm trees also welcome you on return from a day trip. All solar-powered!*





*But the biggest construction project was the replacement of the floor tiles all around the house. In the end they were too slippery for us (especially in the pool area). Now non-slip tiles have been installed and the terraces have grown a bit bigger.*



*And finally, we covered all the gardens in the front of the house with gravel. No more weeds, and as an add-on it also saves water by reducing evaporation. We don't know if you can imagine what it means to spread two and a half tons of gravel at over thirty degrees in the shade (which doesn't exist in front of the house) - we now know. It means sweat. LOTS of sweat. Miguel, our gardener, was worth his weight in gold. Without him we would not have been able to do this work in the short time available to us.*



*Looking ahead, some additional projects have already been initiated which will keep us busy on our next trip in September. New outdoor lights around the house and (again not visible) the renewal of the water mains to the house have already been contracted.*

*As you can see: It never gets boring around the good old Casa, unless you want exactly that. Then it's still all about kicking back and listening in to the silence of the Campo.*

*Finally, we have two new recommendations for you:*

*If you want to go for dinner in the surroundings of Viñuela, try [Meson Sara](#) in Puente Don Manuel. Good Spanish cuisine in a cosy atmosphere with extremely friendly service.*

*[El Pimpi](#) is a must on a tour to Malaga. A long and narrow that runs through an entire block of houses. Malaga wine and Moscatel from the tap (yes, they fill up from the bottle, but this in turn is filled at the tap) as well as a nice assortment of tapas in a unique atmosphere. And a lot of photos with (Spanish) celebrities immortalizing themselves on Malaga barrels.*

Getting curious? The Casa is still available throughout the fall. Fall is probably the best time to explore the historic interior of Andalusia with its fantastic cities, because the greatest heat of the summer has gone by, but it is guaranteed to still be warm enough to enjoy the beach or the pool. Check our availability [here](#).

You will also find more photos and information on our [website](#), or just follow us on [Facebook](#).

If you have any questions about how to organize your holiday or how to get a rental car, flight etc., just contact us. We will be happy to help you.

Our special offer for regular guests is also continuing:

For repeat offenders (i.e. guests who have already spent a holiday with us) we offer a loyalty discount of 5% on the base rates when booking via our website. This discount is valid throughout the year.

If you have any further questions about Casa Estrellita, don't hesitate to [ask us!](#) We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

*Dirk & Sabine*

PS: Of course we don't want to leave you on your own without presenting our first homemade paella:



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