

Welcome to our Villa Merise

Villa Merise is a detached house located in the urbanization Costa Aguilera Alta, which belongs to the historic town and municipality of Salobreña, which is located on the beautiful Costa Tropical. There are 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.

Lay out

Our totally renovated villa from the 1970s (4 p) consists of two double rooms, a shower room with toilet, a separate kitchen and a living room. Doors open onto the large veranda, which has a magnificent view of the Mediterranean Sea, the old town of Salobreña and the coastline. A staircase descends to a private garden with a large terrace, lots of privacy and a swimming pool to cool down. The veranda and the garden are equipped with a lounge set, a dining table with chairs, 4 sun beds and a gas barbecue under a thatched roof. The garden also gives access to a storage room where, among other things, the washing machine is located. Our recently planted orchard is located on a lower level and can be reached through a gate in the rear corner of the garden. The bedrooms and the living room have air conditioners for cooling and heating. All the windows of the house are equipped with shutters and ironwork. There is ample space to park a car in front of the house. Bed linen, bath towels and beach towels are provided.

Route and arrival

We recommend that you follow the following route description instead of a route planner, especially for the last part of the route.

From **Malaga airport**, first follow the direction to Malaga and quickly after follow Almería/Motril via highway A-7. The A-7 runs along the coast. It is about a 55 minute drive to Villa Merise. On the A7, take exit 910 Salobreña/Almuñecar/N-340. At the roundabout on the coastal road N-340, take the third exit towards Salobreña. Follow this road for a few kilometers. At kilometer marker 324 on the N-340, you will see Villa Merise on the left. However, it is not allowed to turn left, so you will have to pass Villa Merise and drive another few kilometers. Just after the 2 traffic lights you can make a U Turn at La Caleta, and drive back towards Almuñecar where at kilometer marker 324, you can now take the exit to Urbanization Costa Aguilera on the right. You have to drive up the steep slope until you get the opportunity to turn left to a lower cul-de-sac. Follow this road down, take the curve to the left, where you will find 7 little villas. Villa Merise is the third one, next to a larger ochre yellow house. The address of Villa Merise is Costa Aguilera Alta, number 18; however, it is number 27 on Google Maps!

Coming from **Granada/Almeria**, take exit 899 on the A-7 to the GR-14 to Salobreña/Motril, until you reach the Coastal road N-340, where you have to go to the right to Salobreña. Pass the exit Salobreña and continue on the N-340 towards Almuñecar. On the N-340, at kilometer marker 324, you have to take the exit to Urbanización Costa Aguilera on the right. You have to drive up the steep slope until you get the opportunity to turn left to a lower cul-de-sac. Follow this road down, take the curve to the left, where you will find 7 little villas. Villa Merise is the third one, next to a larger ochre yellow house. The address of Villa Merise is Costa Aguilera Alta, number 18; however, it is number 27 on Google Maps!

You will find ample parking is possible in front of the door. 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. For the oven you need to set 3 rotary knobs: program, temperature and time. The oven will not work without a time setting.
- 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, sandwich maker and toaster. Please only use bottled water for the Nespresso and the kettle due to the high concentration of calcium in the tap water. Bottled water can be bought at supermarkets.
- The fire extinguisher is under the sink.
- Heat pump is located in the storage room and provides hot water.
- Music: there is a green JSB speaker which can be connected to your phone by Bluetooth.
- Wi-fi provided by radio-internet (45 mbps): **RADIOKABLE_AF72**, password: **Joeymelo18**
- Android SMART TV with built-in Chromecast in the TV, to cast programs from your own phone, tablet or laptop to the television.
- First aid kit, a hair dryer, an iron and ironing board can be found in the bedroom closets.
- The vacuum cleaner can be found in the storage space.
- There are air conditioners in both bedrooms and in the living room. They cool and heat. Always switch off the air conditioners when the windows and doors are open and whenever you leave the house! Please help us save energy.
- A top loader a washing machine in the storage room. Before use: plug it into the socket and open the water tap to the left of the washing machine. Select the desired temperature and then press the 'Inicio' button. You will hear the water running through the soap dish

after a few seconds. Please do not forget to turn off the washing machine after use: remove the plug from the socket and close the water tap again. Please, always leave the top cover of the washing machine open after use. The washing machine discharges into the orchard; therefore please do not use chemicals such as chlorine.

- You will find a parasol, 4 sunbeds, a dining table with chairs, a gas barbecue and a lounge set on the veranda and the terrace. Cushions can be found in the storage space.
- You will find beach towels in the closet of one of the bedrooms.
- The rubbish bin is at the parking lot in front of the house.
- A tap in the garden automatically waters the orchard. Please do not change the settings of this tap and the timer.
- Please do not use chlorine in the house (toilet, shower and sink) as Villa Merise is connected to the septic tank of the urbanization.

The swimming pool

The swimming pool pump is located under the green cover in the garden. Every two to three days (in the summer) and weekly in the winter we will come by to maintain the pool and to water the plants. The pool pump switches on automatically two or three times a day.

The pellet stove

Besides the aircons that cool and heat, Villa Meris also has a pellet stove to heating during winter. Wood pellets can be bought in various shops and petrol stations and cost approximately € 8.00 per bag of 15 kg. We usually buy pellets at Perez Lazaro in Salobreña, a building store that is located in the same street as Lidl.

The usage of the pellet stove is as follows:

- It has to be cleaned after each use. You can use the hook on the chimney to open the door. A vacuum cleaner for sucking up the ashes can be found in in the storage space. The window can be cleaned with damp kitchen paper. The door of the stove should be closed again by pushing the handle down firmly.
- Open the black top cover and check that the hopper is filled with pellets. A supply of pellets is in the storage room. Please refill what you have used completely for the next guests.
- Plug the heater into the socket. Press the on/off button and the stove will start preparing: it will take a few minutes before the pellets start to burn. Whenever the heater give an error message: switch it off by pressing the on/off button, wait until it cools down, clean the heater again and then switch it on again. If you turn on the stove, always make sure that the extractor hood in the kitchen is switched off to prevent the smoke from being sucked into the house. The temperature can be controlled with the "temp" button on the left.
- Switching off the heater: with the on/off button. This again takes a few minutes. Always clean the stove after use or the next morning. Never leave the stove burning when you leave the house!

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 bin in front of the house.
- Make sure that the used coffee cups are no longer in the Nespresso machine when you leave.
- Please leave the refrigerator and freezer empty and clean.
- 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 disconnected from the power supply and that the water tap at the washing machine is turned off. Please leave the top cover of the washing machine open
- Please lower all shutters and lock the iron gate to the balcony terrace.
- Please store the cushions of the lounge set and sunbeds in the storage space.
- Please check whether all doors are locked (including those of the storage area).
- Please make sure that the electric hob and oven are 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 check whether all lights are off, including the outdoor light on the veranda. The outdoor lamp with day-night sensor at the front door must remain on.
- Don't forget to sign the guestbook.
- Please leave the house in a tidy way.
- Please lock the front door with the 2 locks.
- Please lock the entrance gate with the large padlock.
- Please throw the keys in the mailbox to the right of the 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 couch.
- From a hygienic point of view and to prevent suntan oil stains in the swimming pool: please always take a shower before using the swimming pool. If necessary, use the garden hose shower behind the wall by the pool or the garden hose at the storage room to rinse off.
- We recommend that you lock the fencing at the balcony terrace and lower the shutter at the balcony terrace when you leave.

Facilities in Salobreña

- You will find a bakery in La Caleta near the old sugar factory. Directly next to [Taberna El Puentocillo](#). The bakery also opens on Sunday mornings. La Caleta is also a nice neighborhood to walk down to from Villa Merise on the coastal path.
- In Salobreña you will find Lidl and Mercadona right next to the N-340 within 5 minutes by car.
- There are several other supermarkets, shops and pharmacies in the town center and along the road through Salobreña to the beach.
- 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.
- The post office (Correos), the Guardia Civil, banks and ATMs can be found in the center of Salobreña.
- For urgent care, you can go to the Centro de Salud Salobreña (tel: 958 02 88 279).
- In the larger town of Motril, on the Avenida de Europa are some larger supermarkets: (Alcampo, Mercadona, Lidl, Aldi) and there is a hospital.

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 - Salobreña

- Various tapas bars in **La Caleta de Salobreña** and **La Guardia**: e.g. [Bar Gloria](#), [Bar Manolo](#) and one of our favourites [Bar Resaurante Rufino](#)
- To rent a paddle surf board or kayak to sail along Costa Aguilera, go to [The Guardian Sea Club](#) in la Guardia
- Chiringuitos recommended by us on the **beach of Salobreña** are [La Bahía](#), [Chiriquito El Campano](#), [Chiriquito Casa Emilio](#)
- The best restaurants in Salobreña are restaurant [La Roka](#), [Restaurante Hotel Miba](#), both with an incredibly beautiful view, and [Restaurante Aráis](#)

Recommendations Costa Tropical - Almuñécar

- 10 minutes by car from Villa Merise you will find Velilla-Taramay, the eastern part of the long seafront of Almuñécar with one of our favorite beaches [Playa de Tesorillo](#), bordered by rocks with a 16th century watchtower and two chiringuitos.
- We ourselves often have lunch at [Chiriquito La Primera Ola](#) 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: [Seiva Fusión](#) with a large terrace on the Plaza de la Constucion, one of the oldest bodegas in Almuñécar [Restaurante Bodega Francisco](#), and the fish bar [Bar los Pajaritos](#) 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 [Restaurante Los Geraneos](#).
- Two very popular businesses right behind the **Paseo San Cristóbal in Almuñécar** are [La Choza Bar](#) for a quick bite and [Cervecería "El Cortijillo"](#) 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 [Restaurante Don Olivo](#), Italian restaurant [L'Osteria](#) and the award-winning chiringuito [La Dorada de Plata](#)
- 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: [El Mirador de La Corregidora](#). From the balcony you also have an amazing view over Cotobro and the Mediterranean.
- Winery [Bodegas Calvente](#) is located in the **hinterland of Almuñécar** in Jete and can be reached from the main road in Almuñécar. 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 – La Herradura and Nerja

- **La Herradura** is a 15 minute drive from Salobreña 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 [Windsurf La Herradura](#) 1978 sailing boats, paddle surf or kayaks can be rented. In 50-60 minutes one can sail to the beach of **Cantarrián**, 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 [Restaurante Nuevo Arenas](#), 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 [Chambao de Vicente](#). 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 [Detako Gastrobar](#), approximately in the middle of the seafront of La Herradura.
- The town of **Nerja**, 20 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 to Nerja, or Torrox, is very beautiful. You will find loads of restaurants in Nerja. We have had good experiences at Burriana beach at [Merendero La Barca](#), which can be recognized by the orange canopy.

Recommendations Valle de Lecrín - 25 minutes by car from Villa Merise

- 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 [Aventura Alpujarra](#) with an adjacent chiringuito.
- [Origen El Valle](#), is open on 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.
- [Bar Venecia](#) 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 Venecia is also recommended for breakfast on its sunny terrace with breathtaking views of the Sierra Nevada and Las Alpujarras.
- [Los Naranjos](#): local restaurant with terrace in **Melegis** (closed on Monday and Tuesday) - on the main road and with beautiful views.
- [Restaurante El Molino del Puente](#) (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 [Alqueria Los Lentos](#) in (near) Niguelas – varying quality but beautifully situated and run by a Belgian couple. It also organizes a busy monthly craft market.
- Winery [Bodegas Senorio de Nevada](#) is located in Villamena/Conchar – it has a good restaurant and it offers wine tastings with tapas and a tour of the cellars.
- [La Huertacilla](#) 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)
- [Rincón de Miguel](#) and [Bar La Falla](#) 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 - 25 minutes by car from Villa Merise

- Restaurant/hotel [Alcadima](#) in **Lanjaron** has a good menu del dia, beautiful gardens and views.
- [Restaurant Asador Parque](#) 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.
- [La Casita de Papel](#) 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 [Tetería Baraka](#).
- Winery [Bodega Alqueria Morayma](#) 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.
- [Finca Cuatro Vientos](#), 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 [Sierra Nevada Ski Station](#) is a 1 to 1,5 hours' drive from Salobreña. 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 Villa Merise

- **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: <https://compratickets.alhambra-patronato.es>. 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 [Bodegas Castaneda](#) 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. [Taberna La Tana](#) is a nice bar on a small square. Our personal favorite wine bar is [Taberna Malvasia](#) 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: [Braserito](#). 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 [Puerta del Carmen](#): a nice tapas bar with slightly higher prices. [Restaurante Alameda](#) is a popular and stylish restaurant, with modern Spanish cuisine.
- A favorite for lunch, because of its sunny outdoor terrace is [Los Manueles Restaurante Catedral](#) 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 [Nevada Shopping](#) 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 Villa Merise, Salobreña –
Andalusia, enjoy! Sunny greetings, Reijer & Johan**