



## Welcome to our Casita Lolapaluza

Casita Lolapaluza is a small traditional Andalusian holiday home in the village of Restábal. From its roof terrace you will have an amazing view on citrus groves and on the Pico Caballo, the southernmost 3.000 meter plus peak of Europe in the Sierra Nevada. The architecture of this century old house is typical for this beautiful region, and includes thick stone walls, wooden stable doors, beams and shutters, terracotta flooring and azulejos, nooks and niches and artisan wrought iron details.

The village of Restábal is a Pueblo Blanco and belongs to the Lecrín Valley, "The Valley of Happiness", strategically and beautifully located between the historical city of Granada and the Costa Tropical (both only a 30 minutes' drive by car away). The ski area of the Sierra Nevada can be reached by car in about 60 minutes.

Restábal is a lively little village with friendly locals and facilities such as 2 bars/restaurants, a pharmacist, 2 grocery shops and a bank. Freshly baked bread, fish hand eggs are sold by salesmen who drive through the villages of the Lecrín Valley on a regular basis.

Béznar lake and many beautiful hiking routes through the orchards, through canyons and viewpoints high upon the mountains are on the doorstep.

## Lay out

From a little cobbled cul-de-sac in the car free center of Restábal, our attractive Spanish village house is entered though stable doors into the kitchen. Outside, located in front of the facade you will find a bench and pots with mediterranean plants such as olive, oleander and succulents. The house itself can accommodate up to 2 guests. The kitchen is open plan and is equipped with a table top fridge with freezer, an electrical ceramic stove with oven, a washing machine, a Nespresso machine and a small wine fridge. There is an extendible wooden table and a wood burner for those cooler evenings in winter. The adjacent living room has a three seater sofa and an antique arm chair, a TV with Spanish channels and a Google Chromecast (to cast to from your phone or tablet), built in cupboards with authentic wooden doors and air conditioning to cool or heat the ground floor. The house is equipped with high speed fiber optic internet.

On the upper floor you will find a small double bedroom with a double bed (1.50 x 1.90 meter), a French balcony and a built in closet, and a bathroom with bathtub/shower and toilet. The upper floor is also equipped with air conditioning for heating and cooling. Bed linen and towels are provided.

Stairs lead to a good size roof terrace, with garden furniture and amazing views of the Sierra Nevada, the Alpujarras and the citrus groves and pine forests of the Lecrín Valley.

Parking is located 150 meters from Casita Lolapaluza, and loading and unloading your car can be done at 40 meters, just around the corner.

## Route and arrival

From **Malaga airport**, first follow directions to Malaga and quickly after follow Almería/Motril via highway A-7. The A-7 runs along the coast. It is about an 80 minutes' drive to Casita Lolapaluza. Near Salobreña/Motril, you should change from the A-7 to the A-44 inland in the direction to Granada. After about 20 minutes take the exit nr. 160 on the A-44 "Lecrin/El Valle". Coming from **Granada/Almeria**, you should also follow the A-44 and take exit nr. 160 on the A-44 as well. From the exit you should follow the road into the village of Talará, where you will find signage, leading you to Restábal. On the junction in Talará, directly after passing the green colored petrol station "Lemans" you should turn to the right on to the GR3204 to Restábal, which is one of the many beautiful winding roads running through the Lecrín Valley. Once you have arrived in Restábal for the first time, it's best to park in the main road, around the Farmacia, Ayuntamiento and Bar "El Arca de Manuel". We will pick you up and lead you to Casita Lolapaluza from there. It's just a 150 meters walk into the street in between the Farmacia and the Bar. At the end of this street, we will turn left into Calle Concepción, which narrows after some 20 meters into a small alley. We turn to the left two times again and we have arrived at de small cul-de-sac where we find Casita Lolapaluza, Calle Concepción number 22. Location on Google Maps: [Location](#).

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 your new arrival time.

## Equipment and amenities in the house

- Table top fridge with a small freezer compartment, which is switched on upon arrival.
- Electric hob with oven. Please use baking paper when using the oven.
- 80 Liter boiler above the sink, providing warm water for the kitchen and bathroom.
- The meter cupboard is located to the left of the front door. Whenever 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/ventilation, electric kettle, Nespresso, hand blender, juicer, milk foamer, sandwich toaster and a small wine fridge. Please only use bottled water for the Nespresso machine, 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 to the right of the front door. **Smoke and monoxide detectors** are installed.
- The washing machine has washing programs in the Spanish language, but it's easy in use: choose a program and press the "Inicio" button. Please leave the door of the washing machine opened up after use to prevent smell.
- The kitchen table is extendible and can seat 4 people by adding two extra chairs from the roof terrace.

- Music: there is speaker which can be connected to your phone by Bluetooth.
- High speed fiber internet. Network: **Fibra\_Lecrin\_5G-REIJER**, password: **Joeymelo22**
- Samsung TV: Spanish channels through an antenna are available, but it's also possible to cast programs from your own phone, tablet or laptop to the television by a Google Chromecast which is connected to the TV.
- The vacuum cleaner can be found in the cupboard underneath the TV.
- Hair dryer under the bathroom sink.
- Towels and beach towels in the drawer on the landing of the upper floor.
- Iron and ironing board in the bedroom wardrobe.
- There are air conditioners in the bedroom 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 roof terrace has a garden table with two chairs, two beach chairs, two parasol and a bar table with two stools and an electrical grill. The parasols should always be folded back when you leave the house or terrace because sudden strong winds can occur. On the terrace is a closet where you can find a mop, buckets, sweeper and cushions.
- Please help us to keep our plants healthy. The potted plants indoors and the potted succulents outside should be sparsely watered once a week. The three larger potted plants outside (olive, oleander, spider plant) should be moderately watered twice a week.

## Wood burner

Casita Lolapaluza has a wood-burning stove. Please do not make any changes to the stove and use it in accordance with the instructions for use. In case of incorrect use, the insurance does not cover the damage in the event of fire, and you as our guest will be liable. If you wish to use the wood burner, then this must be made known to us prior to the rental period. A supply of firewood is kept on the roof terrace and can be used (for a fee), depending on the agreements that have been made about this in the rental contract. The instructions for use are as follows:

- Lighting the wood burner. Open the slide on the bottom of the wood burner so that oxygen supply occurs and a natural draft can arise inside the burner. It is recommended that you bring your own firelighters. Use those to light some smaller pieces of wood and add some larger logs. As soon as the logs are burning properly, you should close the slide on the bottom a bit to minimize the oxygen supply. In this way, the wood burner will work economically and provide a high heat efficiency.
- The logs should fit in the burning compartment and you should be able to close the glass door. By no means you are allowed to adjust or take away any parts of the wood burner to make possible that logs of wood fit, that would otherwise no fit into the burning compartment.
- After each use of the wood burner it should be cleaned with the products that are provided in Casita Lolapaluze. This includes removing the ashes and cleaning the window. Please make

sure that any ash remains have cooled down, before you remove them from the burner. By no means, the vacuum cleaner should be used to clean the wood burner!

- Please do not leave the house, while the wood burner is burning.

### **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 points on the main road through Restábal.
- Make sure that any 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 that the electric hob and oven are turned off.
- Please do not leave dirty dishes on the counter top.
- If you have used the grill on the roof terrace, please leave it cleaned for the next guests.
- Please make sure all air conditioners are turned off.
- Please leave the 3 remote controls (TV and 2 x 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, the parasols and beach chairs back in the closet on the roof terrace.
- Please check whether all lights are turned off. The outdoor lamp with day-night sensor at the front facade must remain “on”.
- Please leave the house in a tidy way.
- Please close all shutters in front of the windows.
- Please leave the wood burner as you found it upon arrival: cleaned and without any ashes.
- Don't forget to sign the guestbook.
- Please lock the front door and throw the keys in the letter box to the left of the front door (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 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, sofa or other furniture.

### **Facilities in the village of Restábal**

- Restábal has two grocery stores: the [Covirán](#), run by our neighbor's daughter, and Supermercado & Tabaco Maria Jesus.
- There are two lively village bars. [El Arca de Manuel](#) on the main road and [Bar Jovi](#), just around the corner from Casita Lolapaluzá. Bar Jovi is also a family run restaurant with, among other things, a menu del día, a la carte dining and pizzas.

- The [pharmacy](#) (farmacia), opened most morning, a bank with ATM ([La Caixa](#)) and the Town hall are all located on the main road.
- Restábal has several bus connections daily, running to Granada Capital and to the coast. Check the following website for routes and schedules: <http://www.getbybus.com>
- Outside the village, but in the area:
  - The small butcher/supermarket [Carnicería David](#), next-door to the church in the upper village of the neighboring village of Pinos del Valle is famous in the valley and beyond. It opens on Sunday mornings as well.
  - Several ATM's, grocery stores, a pharmacist, bars, restaurants and churros bars can be found in the neighboring village of Talará.
  - A large supermarket "[Mercadona](#)" is located in Dúrcal: 10 minutes by car. Go to the highway towards Granada and take the first exit after El Valle (exit Dúrcal). The supermarket is immediately visible and opens 6 days a week from 09.00 to 21.30, except for Sundays.
  - The town of Dúrcal has several shops, including the supermarket Dia, China Bazaar, butcher, greengrocers, bakers etc. The small supermarket next to the Centro the Salud also opens on Sunday 09.00 - 15.00.
  - The **Centro de Salud** (for first aid) is also located in Dúrcal, Antigua, N323A, telephone 958779553 at the following location: [Location](#)

## 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 Valle de Lecrín

- 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](http://www.milyunarutas.com/tag/valle-de-lecrin).
- Water sports on **Lake Béznar** are possible at [Aventura Alpujarra](#) with adjacent a chiringuito.
- [Origen El Valle](#), 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.
- [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 Dúrcal 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 **Dúrcal**.
- [Restaurante La Andaluza de la Vega](#), highly recommended and cosy restaurant across the street from El Molino del Puente in **Dúrcal**.
- [Restaurante La Buhardilla](#) located on the Plaza Magnolios in the center of **Dúrcal** is a very atmospheric Spanish restaurant, popular for its meat and shared dining.
- 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.

## Costa Tropical

Just a half an hour's drive from Casita Lolapaluza you will find the Costa Tropical. Its beautiful coastline is dotted with pleasant seaside resorts such as Almuñécar, Salobreña and La Herradura. The city of Motril has a port with ferries to Morocco, beaches, a hospital and some larger shops and supermarkets.

## Recommendations Costa Tropical - Almuñécar

- **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.
- 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.
- 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 – Salobreña

- 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. [Bar Gloria](#), [Bar Manolo](#) and one of our favourites [Bar Restaurante 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 – La Herradura and Nerja

- **La Herradura** 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 Cantarrián (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**, 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 [Merendero La Barca](#), which can be recognized by the orange canopy.

### Recommendations Alpujarras - 20 minutes by car from Casita Lolapaluza

- 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 hours' drive from Restábal. 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 - 30 minutes by car from Casita Lolapaluza

- **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 Casita Lolapaluza, Restábal – Andalusia, enjoy! Sunny greetings, Reijer & Johan**