San Blas Residencial San Blas Reserva Ambiental

The best of both worlds

Do you like the idea of living in a private residential development which has been created in harmony with nature, and at the same time having access to the facilities of a five star hotel and golf course? Then look no further.

Alongside the recently opened Hotel San Blas Reserva Ambiental is a unique development of 87 houses which blend perfectly with their surroundings. Built on two levels with parquet flooring, double glazing and solid wood doors throughout, all properties have three bedrooms, two bathrooms and a toilet, a large garage, balconies or terraces and private gardens with access to the pool area.

The spacious kitchens are fully equipped with washer/dryer, fridge, dishwasher, oven, microwave oven, ceramic hob and extractor. These are luxury homes of the future with individual air conditioning for each floor, a video entry system, an alarm which can be remotely controlled by phone, remote controlled blinds, a water leak monitoring system and luxuries such as en-suite dressing rooms and hydro-massage baths.

As with the hotel, this high quality development has been built with total respect for the environment and inspired by typical Canarian architecture. Owners of these extremely secure properties will enjoy the benefits of the San Blas Owners’ Club which include an exclusive club house for members, privileged access to the sports club and the San Blas environmental reserve, plus discounts on services. Using the club house, owners can access all the facilities of the hotel as if they were guests, for example arrange excursions, rounds of golf, use the pools and lake, spa, hairdresser, play tennis, padel or beach volleyball, visit the museums and restaurants, and enjoy entertainment.

While you are doing all this you can leave your children with the hotel’s multilingual animation team who will care for and entertain them. You can arrange to have your house cleaned, maintained, decorated and managed, for babysitters or even a catering service so that you can entertain at home. What more could you ask?

Membership of the club is free of charge until 2011, and with substantial discounts available on ten properties until the end of June 2009, there is no better time to buy.

Take advantage of a reduction in price of 25 per cent during this special campaign to enjoy life on a luxury residential development which is close to shopping areas, the village of Las Agües and the beach, with all the advantages of a five star hotel and golf course right on your doorstep.

For more information, visit www.residencialesanblas.es or call 902 123467.

International British Yeoward School

Educating for life

Alan Halstead is the relatively new head teacher at the International British Yeoward School in Puerto de la Cruz, which has been educating pupils mainly in English for over four decades, with Spanish being the biggest group followed by Germans – in fact only a tiny proportion are British. Staff too are divided between British nationals, Germans and Spaniards. Alan confirms “we are an international school”.

Having visited or taught in schools in the United States, Canada, the Ukraine, Mexico and the Dominican Republic Alan can see, “perspectives from many different systems”.

The school, using English as the main teaching language, unites students of different backgrounds in a wide spectrum of learning. Alan believes, “all pupils have different parts to contribute. I understand the challenge of living in a strange country personally and the challenges pupils face in a different environment.” They follow the British system as alarm which can be remotely controlled by phone, remote controlled blinds, a water leak monitoring system and luxuries such as en-suite dressing rooms and hydro-massage baths.

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Promotion European Elections

Get out and vote!

By Daniel Hannan, MEP, South East England

The British in Spain are a group that best represented community in Western Europe and unfortunately very few expats Britons even bother to vote.

In consequence, when things go wrong – for instance the dodgy urbanisation scams in Valencia – ex pats have fewer champions than their numbers merit.

Who to vote for on June 7th? Here are some criteria to consider

1. Which party has the strongest commitment to property rights?
2. Which party is least implicated in local abuses involving mayors and developers?
3. Which party is likeliest to guarantee the access of British residents to free local healthcare and other services?
4. Which party would allow Spain to leave the euro, thus boosting its competitiveness and (incidentally) rescuing those who live in Spain on sterling incomes?
5. Which party opposes the Lisbon Treaty and respects the national sovereignty of both Britain and Spain?

The party to which I have always felt closest

and where I have many personal friends is the PP, but it rules itself out on at least four of my five criteria. Its MEPs have sought to frustrate any censure of the Valencian land grab laws. And of course it is Euro-fanatical. The again the same could be said in spades of the PSOE. Is there anyone with clean hands?

Yes, step forward Alternative Española, a Euro-sceptic anti corruption party. Having no dodgy mayors to defend, it is keen to address the concerns that Spanish as well as expatriate residents have about land security. It was the only party to campaign for a No vote in the European Constitution (apart from a small anarchist bloc and a Catalan party whose sole concern was about the status of the Catalan Language in EU institutions).

I don’t agree with AES everything. I am a libertarian; it tends to be Catholic and traditionalist. But its MEPs would take up the issues that British residents most frequently raise with me. Spain operates a single national list system for European elections. It takes only 300,000 votes to return an MEP. As the Americans say, go figure.

On June 7th I recommend a vote for Alternative Española.