

# Finca Mariola

Region: Costa Blanca   Sleeps: 10

## Overview

Retreat from modern life and embrace the serenity of Finca Mariola, a stunningly restored farmhouse in the protected landscapes of the Sierra de Mariola natural park, around an hour from the Costa Blanca.

The English owners fell in love with Finca Mariola on a mountain biking excursion through this peaceful region – at this point it was an abandoned 19th century farmhouse with no water or electricity supply. Their determination to restore and renovate this shell of a home was truly remarkable and worth the years of endurance and hard work.

The estate is still off-grid yet solar panels have been installed, a water source has been brought to the house and many old materials re-claimed. There have also been plenty of modern additions such as the stylish new windows and gorgeous en suite bathrooms with Italian showers and luxurious natural toiletries. Best of all perhaps, a beautiful heated swimming pool has been sensitively added for guests to enjoy.

Up to 10 guests are warmly welcomed at this magnificent abode. After ringing the bell, you will be invited in to the garden terrace room with its long wooden dining table and lounge area overlooking the gardens, pool, sauna and natural surroundings. Step into the reception space and lounge where there's always complimentary tea, coffee and water alongside an honesty bar, then discover the charming living room and its wood burner for cooler months.

Five bedrooms are in a guest annexe reached via the courtyard garden. They all feature high quality king or super king-size beds (three of which can be split as twins), underfloor heating, ceiling fans, pretty fabrics and an



authentic sense of rustic character with contemporary touches. One of these doubles is suited for guests with restricted mobility including wheelchair users.

Breakfast is lovingly prepared for you each morning and the owners can also cook lunch and dinner for you (at an extra charge) when you are not dining out locally. All meals are made from scratch using locally sourced ingredients whenever possible – this is a wonderful way to relax and recharge on your holiday and be truly looked after as you dine in the garden room or al-fresco on the terrace. The owners have their own living and sleeping quarters within the main part of the house and adjoining barn.

## Facilities

Villa • Cycling • Historical Sites • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Cots (Cribs) • Quirky (Unique) • Ideal for Teens • Heated Pool • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Instagrammable • Saltwater Pool • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Parking Space • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Sauna/Steam • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Ceiling Fans • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Wine-Tasting Available • Catering Available • Breakfast Included • Catered • Property host • Bathroom Toiletries • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## The Villa

### The Main House

#### *Ground Floor*

- Living room with wood burner
- Garden terrace room with lounge area, dining table for up to 14 guests and doors opening to garden/grounds
- Reception area with lounge, honesty bar, tea/coffee making facilities and arched staircase leading to the first and second floor of the main house
- Private access to owners' living quarters in the former barn wing (not accessible to guests)

#### *First and Second Floor (not accessible to guests)*

- Owners' sleeping quarters and top-floor bedrooms

### Guest Annexe Interiors

#### *Ground Floor (each bedroom is accessed independently from the courtyard garden)*

- Bedroom (19.3m<sup>2</sup>) with super king-size double bed (can be split as twin), space for cot (on request) and en suite bathroom with two sinks, WC and fully open wet-room style shower (the bedroom is designed for guests with limited mobility and wheelchair users – a commode/shower chair and walker can be provided on request)
- Bedroom (16.74m<sup>2</sup>) with super king-size double bed (can be split as twin), space for cot and en suite bathroom with two sinks, WC and walk-in rain shower

#### *First Floor (each bedroom is accessed independently via an internal staircase)*

- Bedroom (19.2m<sup>2</sup>) with super king-size double bed (can be split as twin) and en suite bathroom with two sinks, WC and walk-in rain shower
- Bedroom (13.95m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed and en suite bathroom with two sinks, WC and walk-in rain shower
- Bedroom (21.2m<sup>2</sup>) with super king-size double bed, large window with views and en suite bathroom with two sinks, WC and walk-in rain shower

### Exterior Grounds

- Salt-water swimming pool (15x3.5m, depth: 1.3m) with wide steps. Heated (via eco-electricity) and open approximately April to October (weather/sun dependent)
- Poolside terrace with deckchairs and shaded outdoor lounge
- Sauna
- Shaded outdoor dining area with table, chairs and views of gardens, pool and parkland
- Walled courtyard garden with plants and seating area
- Gardens/open grounds (different levels/steps in parts)
- Resident hens (and cat)
- Parking

### Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Underfloor heating (via eco-friendly pellet boiler)
- Ceiling fans (in bedrooms)
- USB charging points (in bedrooms)



- Coffee machine
- Fireplace

*Tourist License Number: ARV-598*

# Location & Local Information

In the heart of the Sierra de Mariola natural park yet only a 15-minute drive from a historic village, Finca Mariola enjoys a peaceful setting surrounded by beautiful natural landscapes and stunning views of forest and mountains.

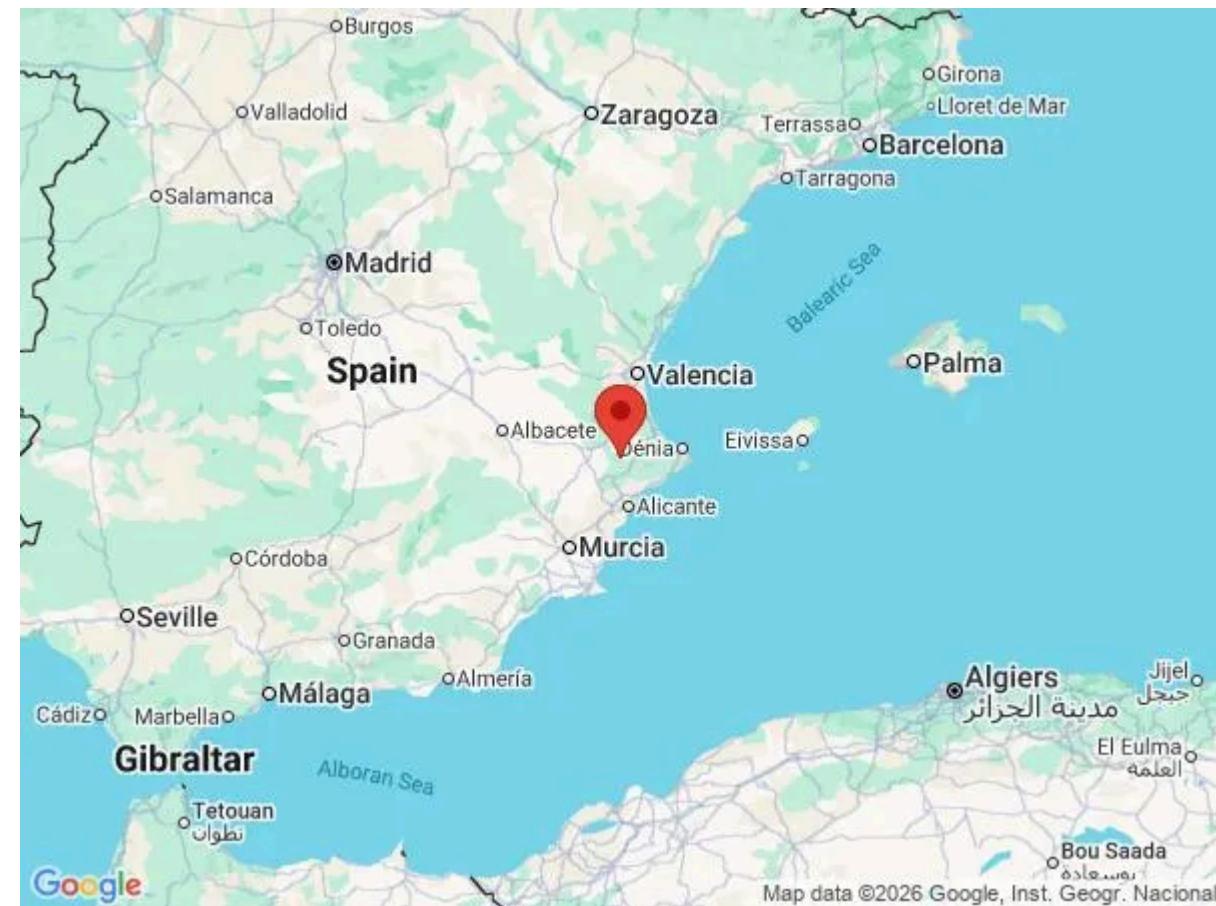
The approach to the house is via a 1km-long track (bumpy at times) that winds through woodland up to the estate around 900m above sea level. This is a very private location – there are no other neighbours within 1km (other than your wonderful on-site hosts).

Declared a natural park in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, Sierra de Mariola is a hidden gem of the Valencian region. The landscapes are perfect for walking, hiking and mountain biking as you admire mountains, forests, rivers, natural springs, caves and an impressively diverse range of flora and fauna. The highest peak is Montcabrer (1400m).

There are walks straight from the house as well as cross-country mountain biking with a range of trails from easy to more challenging – the owner is an experienced guide and can arrange guided mountain biking excursions for you. Hot-air balloon rides are another fantastic way to appreciate the spectacular scenery (they can even fly straight from the house when the weather allows). Get in touch with us today for more information!

Bocairent, just a 15-minute drive away, is a joy to discover with its medieval quarter of steep cobbled lanes, pretty squares, chapels and fountains alongside local bars and bustling restaurants – the old town has been declared an artistic-historical heritage site. The incredible bullring at Plaça de Bous is carved out of the rock and is one of the oldest in the Valencian region whilst the Sant Blai cave is another highlight on the edge of the village. Festivities and events take place across the year including a dance fiesta in late August. The town is also the source of the Clariano River, home to some beautifully preserved mills from the past, an idyllic place for long walks.

Other mountain villages across the Sierra de Mariola



include Alfafara, Agres and Banyeres de Mariola, all superb places to soak up the rich heritage of the region and appreciate its wonderful gastronomy. Wine lovers should visit the vineyards and wineries of the Fontenars wine region for tours and tastings.

Exploring further afield, both cities of Alicante (72km) and Valencia (104km) are fantastic days out or spend time by the coast in Gandia (66km), just over an hour away, with its characterful old town, shopping opportunities, harbour and glorious stretch of coastline.

## Local Amenities

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| Nearest Airport       | <b>Alicante Airport</b><br>(77 km)         |
| Nearest Ferry Port    | <b>Port of Alicante</b><br>(78 km)         |
| Nearest Train Station | <b>Alcoi Train Station</b><br>(20 km)      |
| Nearest Village       | <b>Bocairent</b><br>(9 km)                 |
| Nearest Town          | <b>Alcoi</b><br>(17 km)                    |
| Nearest City          | <b>Alicante</b><br>(72 km)                 |
| Nearest Restaurant    | <b>Piramide</b><br>(16 km)                 |
| Sightseeing           | <b>Mirador de les Buitreres</b><br>(14 km) |
| Nearest National Park | <b>Serra de Mariola</b><br>(1 km)          |

## What we love

- Embrace the absolute peace of this truly idyllic setting in the Sierra de Mariola natural park!
- The bedrooms have been so beautifully styled with rustic and contemporary touches, large beds and en suites with walk-in Italian showers and natural toiletries
- Let the owners look after you with breakfast each morning – they can also cook lunch and evening meals for you each day
- Help yourself to a range of drinks at the honesty bar and there's always complimentary tea, coffee and water available
- Fall in love with the charming village of Bocairent with its steep lanes, little squares, fountains and historic bull-ring carved out of rock

## What you should know...

- Please be aware that this is a catered holiday home and therefore guests do not have access to a kitchen. Breakfast is included alongside complimentary water and tea/coffee during your stay. Lunches and evening meals should be arranged with the owners (charges apply, payable locally) and there is an honesty bar for soft drinks, wine, spirits and beer
- The guest bedrooms are independently accessed via the courtyard garden – one of these ground-floor doubles has been designed for guests with restricted mobility and wheelchair users – please enquire for more details
- The hospitable owners live on site – their kitchen and living quarters are in a separate wing on the right-hand side of the house whilst their master en suite bedroom is on the first floor of the main part of the house (reached via the staircase from the reception/bar area)

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2,000 paid via bank transfer to the owner before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 3 pm. Possibility of an early check in, please enquire.
- **Departure time:** 12 pm. Possibility of a late check out, please enquire.
- **Energy costs included?**: Yes, included in the rental price.
- **Linen & towels included?**: Yes, included in the rental price.
- **Pets welcome?**: Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** There is no air conditioning available at this property, as it is not necessary due to the location. There are ceiling fans in all bedrooms.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday during peak season. Flexible all other times.
- **End of stay cleaning available?**: Yes, standard changeover clean included. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit. A mid stay clean is available at an additional cost of €100. Please enquire.
- **Smoking Allowed?**: Yes but only outside the house. Guests should be aware Mariola Secreta is in the middle of a forest and fires as a result of stray cigarettes are a significant risk.
- **Other 2:** Guests will not have access to the kitchen or the barbecue. Meals are fully catered and cooked by the owners at an additional cost (please enquire for more information). Guests are of course able to go out for meals as well.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights during peak season. 4 nights all other times.
- **Heating costs included?**: Yes, included in the rental price.
- **Pool heating charge?**: Yes (though this is weather dependent as the power comes from the solar panels. The pool is normally heated from April to October). This extra is only available on request, and with prior arrangement before arrival. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- **Tax:** Tourist tax not applicable.
- **Internet access?**: Wi-Fi internet connection included in the rental price.
- **Pool towels included?**: Yes, included in the rental price.
- **Stag & Hen Do Allowed?**: Weddings & Celebrations are allowed but not stag or hen parties. Please enquire for more information.