



Discover La Cazalla de Ronda

A BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE VILLA RENTAL IN THE HEART OF ANDALUCIA

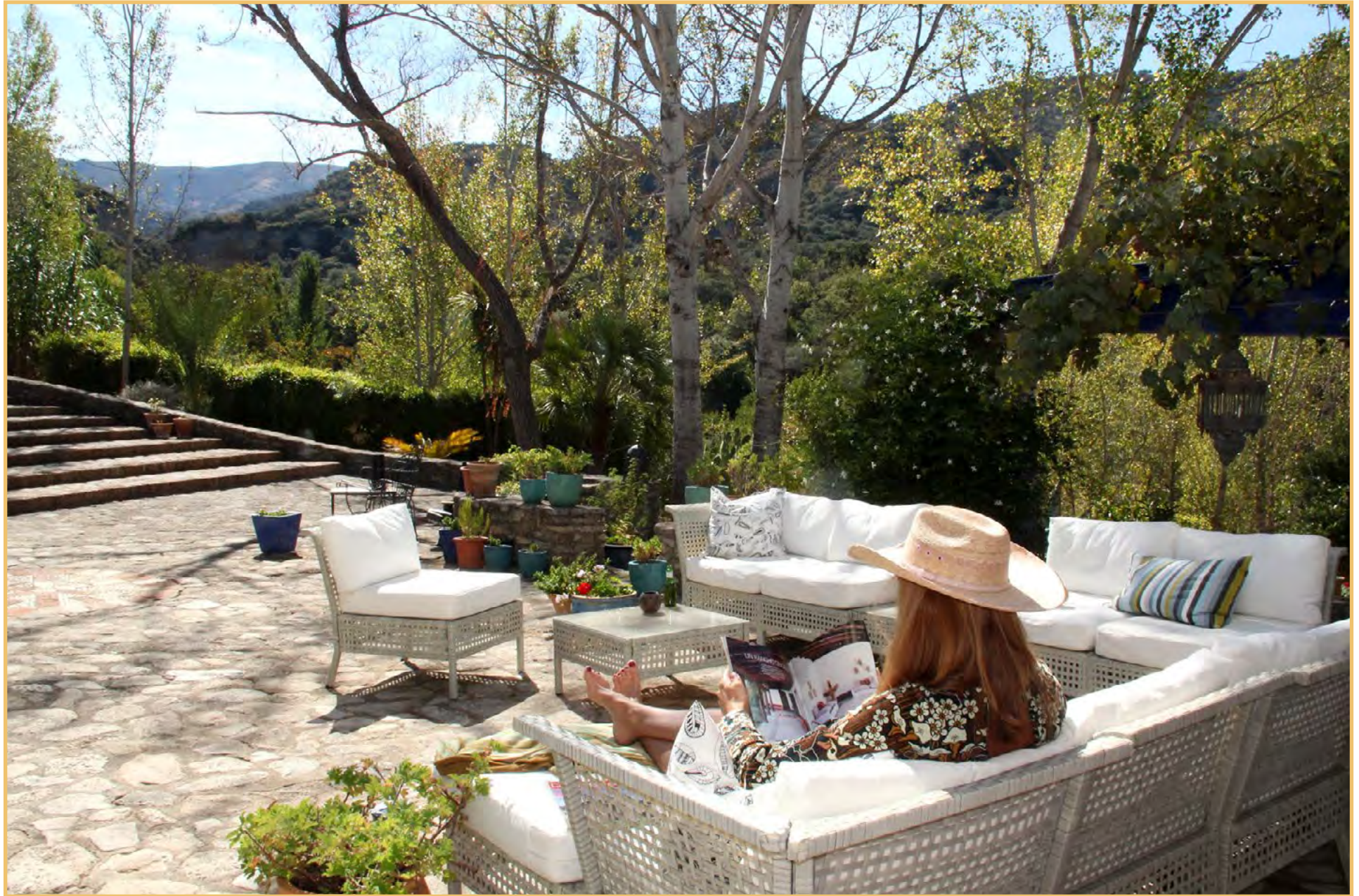


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OVERVIEW OF LA CAZALLA

In an instant-access, on demand world, there is still a place to make good your escape.

Reviewed by Conde Nast Traveller, Casa y Campo and Mediterranean Life in the early noughties, it's time to take another look at this unique property - La Cazalla de Ronda.

Secluded in an enchanting valley, surrounded by nature and yet minutes by car from the centre of historic Ronda, La Cazalla is a uniquely stylish country retreat. With 6 spacious double bedrooms, the large finca with Romanesque pool is ideal for parties with diverse interests seeking luxurious lodging in the heart of alluring Andalucía. An impeccable combination of accommodation and location.

In a house that rises from the sand and limestone bedrock and is enveloped by ancient oak forests and olive groves, guests enjoy the complete privacy of 13 acres/55,000m² of fertile estate and everything produced on it: organic extra virgin olive oil, homemade jams and chutneys, fruits and nuts, lavender sachets under your pillow for sound sleep, and lemons for your gin and tonic.



Thoughtful owners Mark and Lisa Ruddock want you to feel completely at home in the discreet luxury of their private retreat whilst enjoying a few of the perks of staying in an hotel: beautiful soft bed linen and towels, daily maid service and a gardener who takes care of the pool and the grounds.

All this, and the hustle and bustle of fascinating Ronda, sitting atop a spectacular gorge, is only minutes away.





THE HISTORY OF LA CAZALLA



When La Cazalla was carefully restored in 2001, its Moorish history was revealed - flagstones discovered under layers of cement in its 12th century alberca (water cistern) and connecting rills (shallow water channels used for irrigating the land). Original stone flooring was exposed in the house beneath later coverings, together with pottery artifacts, and the remains of a 13th century Moorish grain store stands guard beside the private entrance gate.

Evidence of Roman habitation exists here too: two gold Roman coins were found during the alberca restoration and the property sits directly beside the remains of a Roman road. Further back still and human existence in the region stretches another 30,000 years, evidenced by the cave paintings at nearby Pileta, created by the paleolithic people of Ronda.



During the 2001 renovation, careful consideration was given to reflect the history of the property throughout: Moorish influence can be seen in the colour schemes and interesting shape of the fireplace, the archways, and the design of the walk-in showers (with delightful adjustable mood lighting).

Roman themes recur too, particularly noticeable in the 13 metre pool with its cascading waterfall and outside terraces providing magnificent views of La Cazalla's dramatic mountain gorge location.

One of the loveliest spots to sit with a drink and watch the sunset is from the ancient threshing circle, half-way up the lavender-lined driveway, and some claim that this paving dates from Roman times, but it is most probably of Medieval origin.



THE PROPERTY



An easy drive from Málaga, Seville or Jerez airports, the house has a thoughtful layout with 3 separate lounges with televisions, soft furnishings and interesting art. Hundreds of DVDs and books, card and board games, and Bose wireless speakers are provided for the guests' entertainment. And yes, despite the rural location and opportunity to get away from it all, there is unlimited WiFi.

There are elegant dining areas, both inside and beneath a vine-covered pergola on the terrace (with an astonishing view), with ample space for all the guests. Lisa and Mark are happy to organise anything from a private chef for an intimate family celebration or professional caterers and events organisers for special parties and weddings. From an online review in July 2016: "My parents were looking to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in Spain...we were over the moon at how excited everyone was by the house - it was simply perfect for what we wanted to do".



Directly off the upper-level lounge are 5 airy double bedrooms of equally generous size, all with efficient ceiling fans and en suite bathrooms featuring wonderful mosaic-tiled showers. The 6th bedroom can be found within a private, air-conditioned suite attached to the main property, accessed via its own pretty courtyard - the perfect place for members of your family or large group that need or desire a space of their own with the benefit of air-conditioning, unlimited WiFi and mobile phone coverage.



THE LOCATION



For those that enjoy life outdoors, Ronda and the spectacular surrounding area boasts the best climate in southern Europe, allowing for activities at all times of the year. Hiking and cycling are incredibly popular here, with famous ancient footpaths and cycle routes for every ability, and there is mountain climbing, canoeing, birding, horse riding, paragliding, tennis and, on the coast, golf. In true 5 star concierge-style service, Lisa and Mark are delighted to advise on the availability and best operators for your activity of choice.



Lovers of history and culture will discover plenty to satisfy their appetites within Ronda itself, but just 2 hours' drive from La Cazalla are the vibrant cities of Seville (home of Carmen, Don Juan and Figaro), Córdoba (founded by the Romans, but later becoming the capital of the Moorish kingdom of El-Andalus) and Granada (Home of Alhambra - the incredible architectural treasure comprising a series of palaces and gardens built in the 14th century).

Described as "a piece of paradise", "a magical place" and "a wonderful property in a stunning location" [TripAdvisor reviews 2016] we truly feel that La Cazalla de Ronda has something for everyone in your family to enjoy; a holiday together that will make memories for a lifetime: www.lacazalladeronda.com

WHEN TO GO



With 300 days of sunshine and 3,000 fiestas per year, castles, mountains, flamenco and tapas, Andalucia has something for everyone all year round. However, here are some important dates for the Ronda calendar:

EASTER (SEMANA SANTA):

For the intensity and emotion of the religious processions.

END OF MAY:

'Ronda Romantica' - a colourful and festive fair honouring the artists, writers, mule drivers and bandits of the Napoleonic War era.

MAY/JUNE:

The perfect weather to enjoy outdoor activities before the heat of the summer.

SEPTEMBER:

The end of the summer and the first weekend in September brings the drama of the annual 'Feria de Pedro Romero' in honour of the famous bullfighter, and the whole town joins in the fiesta.

ABOUT US

Mark (a former British Royal Air Force and Emirates Airline pilot) and Lisa (ex Retail Consultant to the Royal Family of Ras Al Khaimah in the United Arab Emirates) were delighted to discover their perfect home in La Cazalla de Ronda. Having searched Europe in a motor home accompanied by their five dogs and a cat called Nelson (due to his single eye), they stumbled in to the Tajo del Abanico in Ronda by chance and when they saw La Cazalla it was love at first sight.

Owners of the property for several years, they continue to dedicate themselves to thoughtful improvements and homemade gifts with which to welcome their guests, and are always happy to discuss their guests requests. .

We are highly responsive to email enquiries and can be reached at info@lacazallderonda.com or by telephone on +34 608 502 083 or +44 07968 02565.

We speak English, French, a little German and we're working on our Spanish (!), so please feel free to call us or send us an email with your phone number and we will be happy to call you.







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