

Hotel Gran Elba-Luxury in Estepona

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For years, southern Spain has been the host to any number of winter bound golfers from around the world. Despite its long history and Europe's economic situation, the area between Malaga and Cadiz, called Costa del Sol, holds many delights from places old, new and incredible for chilly vacationers or golfers deciding where to go on a winter holiday.



Recently, I had the pleasure to spend my New Year's week in Estepona, a town in Costa del Sol which lies almost exactly between Malaga and Cadiz.

Surrounded by the sea and mountains, Estepona has a micro climate with over 325 days of sunshine per year. It is also renowned for its modern sports marina and two EC Blue Flag beaches. To receive an EC Blue Flag, areas meet standards for water quality, safety and general environmental management criteria.

Estepona is a popular year-round vacation spot, and during August and September Spaniards flock to the shore to escape the high temperatures in the center of the country. The white-walled town offers shopping, picturesque plazas and many excellent tapas bars and restaurants.

We stayed at the [Gran Hotel Elba](#) , a luxury hotel located on the ocean just a meander down the beach from Estepona. The Hotel Gran Elba has been designed for providing the enjoyment of pleasure, service and location that distinguishes it from the other hotels in Costa del Sol. Every room faces the Mediterranean Sea, giving the guest spectacular sunrises and sunsets, as well as a view of the mighty Gibraltar off in the distance.

The Gran Hotel Elba Estepona offers the renowned Thalasso Spa, named 'The Excellent Spa of Europe' in 2006 and 2007. Guests can choose a wide range of the most sophisticated treatments of Thalasso therapy.

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The hotel offers three restaurants of haute cuisine. Each specializes in recipes from different regions of the world. The breakfast has a wide and delicious variety. If the breakfast was open all day long, it could count me as a steady customer. Room service was prompt, the food ready to eat and a menu to satisfy late night cravings or for the guest just wanting to relax on the private balcony available to each comfortable room.

The staff is friendly and most professional, making your stay stress free and allowing the guest to enjoy all that the hotel offers.

By the way, for those of us who need to keep in touch, the Gran Hotel Elba provides free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel, including the rooms. This service is not widely available in Spain, and much welcome to this guest.

With easy access to the A-7 and the AP-7 highways, traveling to Malaga or Cadiz is very easy. The Gran Hotel Elba has 35 golf courses less than 40 km away by car. A golfer would be very tempted to experience most of them, and I did visit four during my stay at the Gran Hotel Elba.

Whether you're a golfer, sun worshiper, beach bum or just looking for a relaxing holiday allowing kismet to choose your itinerary, let the Gran Hotel Elba in Estepona take care of all your accommodation needs.

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