



2027 GUEST INFORMATION

Address: Finca del Alamo, Carreterra Lucainena, 04100 Níjar, Almería, Spain

We are looking forward to welcoming you.

Contact Numbers

The manager's number will be sent to you prior to the retreat. Please contact if there are any issues during travel or during your stay at the Finca. Please don't use the number prior to your retreat.

Brexit Passport regulations – you will need to have at least six months validity on your passport to travel to the EU

Flights

Almeria airport is half an hour from the Finca and is served by Iberia, Easyjet, Vueling and Ryanair. There are flights from Gatwick and several regional airports. More flights are available to Malaga, 2.5 hours away, but please read the important details below regarding Malaga transfers.

Transfers

Almeria We can arrange transfers from Almeria airport which typically work out at around £25 per person one way (£50 return) This price depends on the number of passengers and number of transfers required to meet flights. We average the cost so everyone pays the same and allows us to give a guide price in advance, but please be aware it may cost a little more if there are more transfers than usual. The driver waits outside the exit (the airport is tiny) with a Huzur Vadisi Logo sign.

Malaga There is an option to fly into Malaga, 2.5 hours away, which has more available flights, but please be aware that for this option there must be **a minibus group transfer of minimum 12** at a cost of £65 pp one way (£130 return). So please contact your teacher or group leader before booking to make sure this is viable, as taxis for smaller numbers are very expensive. Generally, flights to Malaga are a little cheaper, so this may offset the extra transfer cost.

Another option is to fly into Malaga and fly return from Almeria. This avoids the very early Gatwick - Almeria flight departure time. This transfer option would be £85 pp as a group.

(Please note quoted transfer prices may change a little if booking a year in advance)

Transfer payments are made to Shanti Yoga Bookings in UK prior to travel, as we calculate your costs per person for your transfer destination and for your group numbers when we receive your travel information.

Car hire, if required, is only available from the airport.

Insurance

It is a condition of booking that people take out travel insurance to cover cancellation, health and other eventualities. We recommend arranging this when you pay your deposit as no refunds are made once payments are received.

Check In Time

Handover day is always busy so check in time is from 2:30 pm. However, if flights arrive early and this is not possible, please contact us for options. We regret that we cannot serve lunch on changeover day.

Check Out Time

The venue request that all rooms are vacated by 9:00 am, with the option to use the communal areas until 10:00am. If your flight departs later a popular option is to leave the Finca in time for lunch in Almeria with sightseeing around the cathedral, castle and shops, or the beach. Your bags can be safely stored by the transfer company, and they will pick you up in time for your flight. Please note there will be additional costs for this. Quote available on request

Payments for extras at the finca.

Excursions, massage therapies and bar bills. We request you settle your local bills at the finca with cash payments please or by bank transfer to a UK account. (Typically, from around £100 - £150)

Things to bring

Reusable water bottle. We provide chilled water dispensers in the house and in the yoga shala, as well as jugs of chilled water in the dining room. (Tap water is drinkable but not cold in the summer) Please bring your own re-usable water bottle for refills.

Other items. Two-pin plug adapters for your electrical items, yoga clothes (extra warm layers for early or late season), swimming costume, sun lotion, walking sandals or trainers.

Yoga mats and equipment

The yoga shala can hold up to 24 students and is fully equipped with mats, blocks, bricks, belts, eye bags and blankets.

Hair dryers

Rooms are provided with hair dryers.

Toiletries

Hand soap is provided, but as most guests have their special preferences for shampoo, shower gel, lotions and potions, we don't provide those.

Wi-fi

There is partial wifi available in the finca and cortijos.

Laundry and cleaning

This is a yoga retreat – informal and relaxed, so we don't offer 'hotel service'. We don't go into your rooms to tidy, change bed linen, towels or clean during the week. However, if you need a towel or sheet replacement, or any other service, please feel free to ask, as we are always very happy to help.

Air-conditioning

All the rooms in the house and cortijos have air-conditioning.

Meals

Meals are vegetarian by default, served buffet style with fresh local produce, and include breakfast, lunch and dinner. The meals are healthy and varied, with plenty of choice. We can cater for vegan, gluten and dairy free diets. However, we regret that we can't cater for personal preferences or complicated special diets.

One night a week dinner is eaten out, usually on excursion day, as this is the chef's day off.

Massage

Massage sessions are available, bookable on arrival or in advance in consultation with your teacher or group leader.

Pools There are two pools, one at the house and one in the cortijo area. One is an eco-pool, the water is filtered through reed and water plant beds. Both pools are minimally treated to ensure cleanliness without harming the delicate eco system. It makes for a lovely swimming experience.

Pool and beach towels

The pool beds have protective towelling covers, freshly laundered each week before your arrival. In addition, there are a selection of beach towels for use at the pool or beach. We provide towels for the bathrooms but request you don't use these for the pool or beach.

Excursions, Beaches and the National Park

Most people opt for an excursion usually on Thursday which typically includes the beach, shopping and dinner out (dinner price not included). Several sandy, secluded and unspoiled beaches can be found within approximately 30 minutes' drive from the venue, inside one of Spain's largest National Parks, the Cabo de Gata. There are also several charming coastal villages within the park, which make an idyllic location for a meal out at one of the many restaurants.

Excursions and transfers if required are booked directly through the Finca/your group leader. Options available on request.

Optional extras can include cycle hire, kayak hire, paddle boarding or horse riding in the National Park. These can be arranged on arrival, although water-based activities are dependent on sea conditions. It is also possible to arrange a stargazing evening at the finca with local astronomers. (Recommended only if your retreat coincides with little or no moon)

A new discovery in the region is the amazing Pulpi Geode, the world's largest natural crystal cave, now open to the public and less than an hour from the venue. Tickets including the guided tour can be booked with advance notice, transport price depending on numbers.

Nijar

The pretty, local village of Nijar is within walking distance (20 mins) and offers a variety of craft shops offering local ceramics, baskets and rugs, among other things. Tourism is very low key and mainly domestic, so you won't find English speakers, so brush up your Spanish! There is also a picturesque tapas bar on the square by the church to sit and have a drink al fresco. There are also local walks and hikes. A favourite is the hike following the Ruta del Agua, the old mill stream from the mountain village of Huebro.

Excursions to Granada to visit the Alhambra (2.5 hours away) If you are making your own arrangements and have a car, you can book tickets on the official site. We advise booking well in advance ie prior to your retreat. <https://www.alhambradegranada.org/en/>

If you don't have a car, a Granada trip is only viable if most of the group are interested as otherwise transport costs make it rather expensive. Again, advance booking is essential. If you would like to know more about this option, please contact Dom at huzvad@gmail.com

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Namaste