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Double S Travel Worldchoice - Celebrating Twenty Four Years of service to the residents and businesses in the South Bedfordshire area 1985 - 2009

Steve of Double S Travel's Factsheet for 09 June 2009

Today's Exchange Rates

Euro. Our tourist sell rate today: £1 = 1.10771 better than last week
US Dollar. Our tourist sell rate today: £1 = 1.54721 worse than last week

Stop Press

The CAA has issued a leaflet about travelling safely. The leaflet is available free of charge from the CAA's website at [As many Britons plan flights for their summer holidays, the association has provided guidelines advising holidaymakers](http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/3/TravellingSafelyFinal.pdf) <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/3/TravellingSafelyFinal.pdf>

Camping in Spain.

Getting there

By car and ferry.

£1123 for 2 adults and 2 children for 12 nights in resort.

By flight or rail plus car.

£1073 plus flight or train cost, plus car-hire, for 2 adults and 2 children for 12 nights in resort.

The tents

Spacious, bright, 4 bedroom tents with electric lighting, kitchen and full-size fridge. Comfortable beds with foam mattresses.

These tents are all equipped with: 1 x double bed, 2 x single beds, 2 x camp-bed, kitchen with storage units, large work surface, preparation table and tent-tidy, barbeque, full-size fridge with freezer compartment, 4 burner hob with grill, electric socket, electric light in kitchen and dining area.

Where are these places?

All of these parks are in Catalonia in Spain. This is the NE coast close to the French border. The nearest main train station is Narbonne in France, the nearest airport is Gerona or Barcelona.

Estartit

The town is mostly a recent development, moving South from the original fishing village. The streets are generally wide and the buildings low. There is some atmosphere in the town-centre - the church square (Plaça Esglesia). The general tone is tranquil. It is heavily influenced by British tourism but hasn't given up its own character. An archipelago of 7 islands called Las Islas Medas, just offshore, is now a nature reserve.

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The park. A lively park with 4 swimming pools, waterchute, 4 lane waterslide, games room, children's clubs, family disco, 16+ disco, satellite TV, shop, gift shop, bar, creperie, take-away, restaurant, football, mini-golf, tennis, cinema, internet access, cashpoint, hot showers, washing machines, dryers.

Beach 2.5km, estartit 2km, cycle-hire 1km.

Excursions to AquaParc, Barcelona, Port Aventura, Girona Market.

Gerona airport 36miles, Barcelona airport 93miles.

Pals

A modern, low-key, uncommercial development measuring 2¾ mls by 1¼ mls. Playa de Pals comprises mainly low- to medium-rise apartment buildings spreading out between the nearby golf courses and beach, the resort's main attractions. There is little in the way of a typical centre, just a parade of small shops at the SE end of town, close to a couple of beach snack bars. An unattractive forest of radio masts stands in one section behind the main beach. Lots of Spanish have second homes here and it's busier in July and Aug, but the beach is gigantic and you'll always find a spot to yourself. Just inland is Pals itself, a pretty medieval village which is certainly worth a visit.

The park. A lively park situated on a hillside with views across the bay. A complete holiday village that has been built to blend in with the natural surroundings. 2 swimming pools, games room, children's clubs, family disco, satellite TV, shop, gift shop, bar, take-away, restaurant, basketball, crazy-golf, cycle-hire, football, gym, mini-golf, squash, tennis, volleyball, wifi, cashpoint, hot showers, washing machines, dryers.

Beach 2km, Pals 5km, surfing 1.5km, pedalos 1.5km.

Excursions to Barcelona, Port Aventura, Montserrat.

Gerona airport 34miles, Barcelona airport 91miles.

Callella de Palafrugel

A relaxed, attractive, low-rise former fishing village with a prosperous feel, packed in summer with lots of Spanish families and independent car-driving visitors. Measuring around 2 mls by 1 ml, the town stretches from the rocky headland of Punta de la Torre in the E to the El Golfet area in the SW. It is built on a gentle slope, so the visitor's first impression is of an attractive jumble of red-tiled roofs with a simple white church tower jutting up from the old centre. The buildings are mostly traditional, white or pastel coloured and well maintained, with more modern developments up the hillside, camouflaged by thick pine trees. The main road runs round the resort, with most accommodation S of it, closer to the sea or dotted on the hillside.

An attractive and lively park set on a hillside near pretty sandy coves. Built in a pine wood which is only a short distance from Calella. Games room, children's clubs, children's disco, family disco, satellite TV, shop, gift shop, bar, pizzeria, take-away, restaurant, badminton, basketball, cycle-hire, football, gym, kayaking, tennis, volleyball, cinema, internet, cashpoint, hot showers, washing machines, dryers.

Beach 300m, Palafrugel 2km, scuba diving 300m, minigolf 1km.

Excursions to Port Aventura, Palafrugel

Gerona airport 37 miles, Barcelona airport 86 miles.

Any of these can be booked at Double S Travel Worldchoice on 01582 752 752.

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- Check that your passport does not expire within six months of your return date.
- Ensure you have taken out good travel insurance and if going to Europe, take your EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) with you too. You can apply for a card at www.ehic.org Note: The EHIC does not cover you in the Channel Islands.
- Put the 24hour UK Consular Assistance number - +44 020 7008 1500 into your mobile telephone – just in case you need emergency help.
- If hiring a car, don't forget to take both parts of your photo driving licence (the card and the paper counterpart) and a credit card with you. Some rental companies no longer accept the old-style green paper non-photo driving licences.
- Ensure you have all the visas you need in order to travel.
- If you have booked connecting flights, the baggage allowance may be smaller than your long-haul flights. To avoid extra charges, pack to the lowest baggage allowance.
- Tell your credit card and debit card issuer where you are going and for how long otherwise you may find your cards may be blocked. Take a Cash Passport instead of your debit card – much safer.
- Use public transport to get to the airport. Most travel insurance will only cover you for a missed departure if you used public transport.
- Take a photocopy of your passport with you. If you lose your original it is much simpler to replace if you have a copy available.
- Protect your money and your holiday by booking an ATOL protected holiday through a reputable travel agent. Even short-breaks using no-frills airlines can be covered if booked through and agent.
- Declare all medical conditions and hospital visits at the time of taking insurance and tell the insurer if you develop a medical condition before you travel otherwise they may not settle if you try to make a claim.
- Travelling to or through the USA? You need a visa (called an ESTA) in order to travel. www.usembassy.org.uk

In brief:

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All the best, Steve Pattenden. steve@doublestravel.co.uk

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