



Directions to the VillaDirect Costa del Sol office

Our Address is: Oficina 7, Planta Primera, Edf. Supersol (*encima del supermercado Supersol*) en el centro de La Cala de Mijas. Telephone (0034) 952 587 626

AT THE AIRPORT:

After collecting your bags, if you are hiring a car and have pre-booked through Villa Direct please proceed to the EUROPA Rent a Car-Gold Car Rentals desk (not to be confused with Europcar) on the floor below the Baggage Claim area. The car rentals area is accessed by proceeding downstairs, as you leave the baggage claim area before you pass through into the Arrivals Hall. Unless other prior arrangements have been made, EUROPA will also provide the keys to your apartment or villa. For other rental companies, please see Car Hire below.

From Malaga Airport to VillaDirect Office in La Cala de Mijas

ROUTING:

1. Follow the signs labelled Salida (*exit*), and head for the Malaga/Cadiz E15 A7/N340. Drive along this road for about ½ km and you will come to a roundabout with car rental companies on its left hand side.
2. Go straight across (*2nd exit*), and you will see the San Miguel factory on your right hand side. This is a dual carriageway but with no central reservation, and you need to be in the right hand lane heading for Torremolinos and CADIZ. Follow the road to the end and around to the right, and you will filter onto the A7/N340, a three lane dual carriageway.
3. Look for a signpost above the road which directs you to Benalmadena Algeciras E15 AP7, A7 (*old N340*). You will then see on the right side skyline a large sign advertising CARRANZA, just before you pass the BMW Garage.
4. Keep in the right hand lane and take the right fork which takes the A7 up to join the E15 AP7 Motorway, leaving the N340 to continue straight on. The E15 AP7 Motorway and the A7 are now sharing the same route and will do so until they separate, see (6) below.
5. Driving along this combined road you will pass interchanges ("*Cambio de Sentidos*") signposted Torremolinos/Palacio de Congresos Junction 227, followed by Junction 223 for Arroyo de la Miel Area de Servicio, a large Repsol Service Area, Junction 222 for Benalmadena/Arroyo de la Miel, (*look up to see the Cable Car shortly afterwards*), and Junction 217 for Benalmadena/Mijas. The junction numbers are not necessarily consecutive since they refer to distances in kilometres.
6. Before Junction 217 the road begins a long downhill descent. About three parts the way down this hill the road divides as referred to in (4) above. There is plenty of advance notification of this split, and you will see large overhead signs pointing left for the E15 AP7 to Marbella/Algeciras (*which is a toll (PEAJE) road*), and to the right for the A7 (*old N340*) to Fuengirola/Algeciras.

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7. Make your way over to the right hand lane, and stay in this lane following the A7 to the right passing under the sign for Fuengirola/Algeciras Junction 214. Shortly after separating from the Motorway you will pass a sign to the right for A387 to Mijas/Fuengirola Junction 213, and then a second sign for Fuengirola/Los Boliches Junction 212. Ignore both and continue along the main road.
8. The A7 now becomes what is effectively the Fuengirola by-pass, and you will pass interchanges for Fuengirola/Mijas, Fuengirola, Fuengirola/Coin and Fuengirola. As you come to the end of the urban area you will cross Rio Fuengirola and should see a Castle (*Sohail*) up on your left, followed on the same side by the large pinkish beige Hotel Beatriz. The road bends left and right around the coastline and has several minor turnoffs to the right which you should ignore.
9. The road bends left and right around the coastline and has several minor turnoffs to the right which you should ignore. You will also pass an interchange (*cambio de sentido*) for El Faro. This means lighthouse, which you may spot close to the road up on the cliff on your right. Shortly afterwards you will see a sign on the right hand side that says "Atencion Curva Peligrosa 500m" (*this means dangerous bend*), followed by another sign "Atencion Curva Peligrosa 300m".
10. Slow down and ensure that you are in the right hand lane as the turn off for La Cala de Mijas (*Cambio de Sentido*) is just after these bends. Keep a sharp lookout, there is no pre-warning, the sign for the turnoff is immediately above the exit which is on a left hand bend. Drop down the slip road to the roundabout. Go around the roundabout under the bridge and take the right turn (*third available exit*), signposted Fuengirola/Malaga.
11. Drive along this dual carriageway for about 100m, past the taxi rank on your right, and turn left at the next roundabout (*2nd exit*) to proceed along the main street of La Cal de Mijas (*another dual carriageway*). You will see a Supersol Supermarket on your left hand side, VillaDirect offices are above Supersol on the first (*top*) floor. After about 300m at the end of the boulevard you will come to another roundabout with a fountain. Make almost a complete U turn and take the third exit into the car park.
12. As you drive in, Supersol is in front of you and the entrance to our Offices is at the right hand end, (*furthest from the main street*), but on the other side of the building. Free parking is available on both sides.
13. Enter the ground floor lobby through a green iron door and pass through the glass screen door to climb the stairs. If this is locked, take the lift to the first floor landing. Pass through another glass door on the right (or opposite, if you took the lift), then follow the corridor along and around to the right. You will find our office (*No. 7*) towards the end on the left, where we will be only too happy to welcome you. Congratulations, you have safely arrived to collect your keys!

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GENERAL:

Missing a turn: Don't worry if you miss a turn-off. Unless directed otherwise above, continue to the next main junction. Providing it is labelled "Cambio de Sentido" you will be able to do a U-Turn to rejoin the main road travelling in the opposite direction. Take the exit for the next Cambio de Sentido you reach, do another U-Turn and you should be rejoin the road you were on originally, before you missed the turn.

Traffic Police: It is advisable to carry your passport, driving licence and car hire contract at all times when driving as the police can stop you for a variety of reasons to which only they appear to be privy. If they feel that you have caused an infraction, they have the authority to charge an instant spot fine. There is fortunately however, very little likelihood of this occurring, but please be aware of the possibility.

Spanish Drivers: Please take care when you are driving. The Spanish are the most laid back people until they get behind the wheel of a car! It is advisable, unless you are confident driving in this Country, to stay in the right hand lane whenever possible as this is the slower lane.

N340/N340 Costa/E15/A7/AP7: The original coast road was labelled N340. As development grew, it was by-passed again and again, and in most areas finally by a Motorway (*Autopista*). The N340 label followed the new routes, sometimes even finding its way onto Motorway signs, normally solely reserved for the E15/A7 designation. Regrettably, as it moved progressively northwards, the N340 label was not always removed from the old roads. Some confusion is avoided where the route nearest the sea is re-labelled N340 Costa. This occurs sporadically and it is quite usual to have sections of the coast, where two or three roughly parallel main roads are all labelled N340. To clarify/confuse matters further, some old N340 routes are now also/solely labelled A7, with its Motorway equivalent being changed to AP7.

Spanish Locks: Locks on Spanish doors/gates usually operate by inserting the key (*straight side up*) and turning anti-clockwise towards the hinge position. Communal locks get a lot of wear on the entry side, exits are usually achieved by pressing a switch as you approach from within which opens the lock electrically. If the key doesn't turn, pull it out slightly and try again (*turning in both directions*). If this fails and the gate has an open structure, put your arm through and insert the key from the inside.

Car Hire/Car Rental: If you have booked your car through another company, you may be collecting it outside the airport. Most companies are situated very close by, and you should be able to get a courtesy bus to your relevant car collection point. In this event, you will probably connect to the roundabout just outside the airport, (*see Routing Item 1 previous page*). Thereafter just follow the directions detailed from Routing Item 2 onwards.

DISCLAIMER:

As with any directions, you should always check for diversion signs or construction, and follow all traffic safety provisions. While VillaDirect strive to maintain the accuracy of directions, we cannot accept liability for changes to directions caused by third parties or the Spanish Government.

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