



Football

DESERT SPRINGS RESORT
SPAIN



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A LIFESTYLE OF QUALITY
GOLF & LEISURE

Pro Football

The Desert Springs Football Academy, located in Almeria, south-east Spain, provides a first-class, year-round training facility in an ideal climate.

Inaugurated in 2004 by Sir Bobby Charlton and Sir Geoff Hurst, the Desert Springs Football Academy comprises an international size world class quality grass pitch complimented with flood lights, shower and changing facilities, a hard standing area which provides outside space for facilities such as a free weights gym, stretching mats and a medical area and an additional dedicated goal keeper training and seven-a-side games area.



Testimonials

from previous and returning clients



“This is a first-rate facility, providing everything that a Club requires for either pre-season training or a mid-season break.”

Dave Richardson
Chairman
Professional Football
Coaches Association



“The conditions of the Football Pitch are absolutely superb and ideal for training. Moreover, our preferred spec's have been accommodated on a daily basis.

In my 28-year football career, Desert Springs Resort has been the only venue where all aspects have run smoothly, and requests have been accommodated. Thanks to their facilities and professional staff, we have been able to fully concentrate on the camp.”

Lucas Alcaraz
Head Coach
UD Almería



“The pitch was perfect, one of the best we have played on!”

The apartments were excellent, the food was great and the staff were fantastic, they could not have been more helpful. The team have enjoyed their stay so much they are already asking if we can return next year.”

Ole Bjorn Sundgot
Head Coach
Honefoss BK



“To summarise, we love Desert Springs. Everything has been perfect, from the

transfers, to the pitch surface, the staff, the food, the accommodation and also the personal attention we receive. Please send me an introduction letter, so that we can pass it to other teams in Norway with my recommendation.”

Tommy Bergersen
Manager
Bryne F.K.



“When I arrived at Desert Springs it was a fantastic facility, that was the first thing that struck me.

Everything about it looked to me as if it could be perfect for a pre-season training camp, and I have to say being here as well and the work that we have done, we haven't been disappointed! It's been excellent in everything they have done for us.”

Paul Simpson
Ex-Manager
Shrewsbury Town FC

Club Services

Your Club will benefit from the personalised coordination services of our experienced Sports Groups department, who will attend to your every need before and throughout your stay at the Desert Springs Resort.

Services can be tailored to each individual team's requirements, but typically include:

- Airport transfers
- Transportation in and out of the resort
- Football pitch irrigation programme
- Football pitch reservations
- Sierra Sports & Fitness Club reservations
- Accommodation reservations
- Activity reservations
- Full catering and dine-around programmes
- Laundry services
- Organisation of football matches against local teams
- Security services and vetting
- Entertaining programmes for accompanying partners



Equipment

Equipment available:

- Ice baths
- Portable full size goal
- Football nets
- Massage benches
- Portable seven-a-side goals
- Training rope ladders, slalom poles, discs and cones

Football Pitch

- Pitch: 100m x 64m
- Sideline extension: 5m
- Baseline extension: 10m

7-A-Side Football Pitch

- Pitch: 50m x 30m
- Sideline extension: 1m
- Baseline extension: 1m



Other Activities

The Sierra Sports & Fitness Club provides a wide range of indoor and open-air sports and fitness facilities for players, programmes for partners and club officials.

Available facilities include:

- An Aerobics Gymnasium, with state of the art equipment
- External Exercise Steps and Boxing Bob Punch Bags

- Contra Current in Main Pool
- Trim Trail with equipped Exercise Stations
- Jogging Tracks
- Cricket Nets & Bowling Machine
- 2 Cushion Life Tennis Courts
- 2 Cushion Life Paddle Tennis Courts
- Beach Volley Ball Court
- Mountain Bikes

Cuisine



We fully understand the importance of the particular dietary and nutritional requirements of football teams during their training breaks. We provide a full catering service, which can tailor menus in collaboration with team management to suit these requirements.

Getting There

Almeria International Airport is the local airport for the Almanzora and Desert Springs. An easy 40 minute drive along the E15, a new and virtually empty section of the Autopista de la Mediterranea motorway, which skirts the the Cabo de Gata National Park and the majestic Cabrera Mountains, brings you to the Almanzora and The Desert Springs Resort.



The region is also served by two other international airports, Murcia and Alicante. Both are less than two hours away by car, again all but directly via the E15, making the area easily accessible using both chartered and scheduled 2½ hour flights from all parts of the UK and Europe.

Transfers

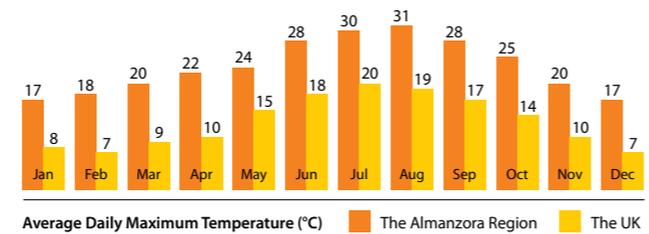
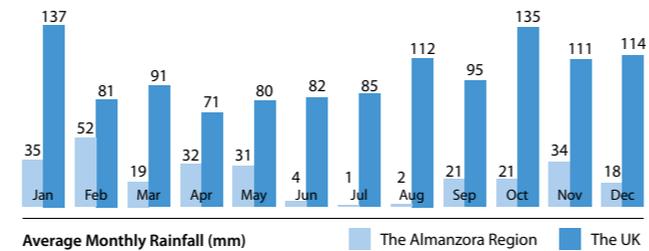
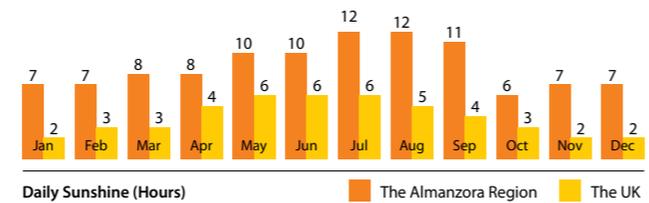
Your dedicated representative can arrange transfers from the airport for your team ranging from 4 seater taxis through to 55 seater coaches.

Weather

The best climate in Europe...

The Almanzora climate has some truly unique qualities, there is nowhere else like it on the continent.

- The most sunshine in all Andalucia
- The least rainfall in the whole of Spain
- The warmest and driest winter in all Europe



A true desert climate

The Almanzora has Europe's only desert climate. The area boasts a year round average of a full nine hours of sunshine a day and a total rainfall of less than seven and a half inches. In winter, the average maximum daily temperature is 19°C (67°F) from October to March.

Accommodation

The Lodge style of accommodation at Desert Springs is individually set around the Indiana golf course, in an extensive range of large and fully equipped luxury country villas, Pueblo villas, colonial townhouses and apartments. This creates an extremely relaxed and sophisticated feel, ideally suited for each club's needs.

All accommodation is located within easy access of the Desert Springs Cricket Academy and all resort facilities.



Colonial Apartments & Townhouses

One, two and three bedroom, they are colonial in style and are the most popular choice for football teams. Set in courtyards, around swimming pools, gardens and classical Spanish patios, they have a village feel.



Pueblo Villas

Three and four bedroom, the individual villas comprise large terraces and pergolas in their own private gardens, but in clusters sharing beautiful individually landscaped gardens and swimming pools in semi-closed communities.



Country Villas

Three and four bedroom, these large detached country villas are situated overlooking the fairways of the Indiana golf course. All have a gated front court, a walled off garden, immediately overlooking the golf course with spectacular views and a private swimming pool.



Country Houses

Four and five bedroom, these prestigious properties have their own very individual character, offering an even more generous provision of space and comfort than the Country villas.





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