



Cricket

DESERT SPRINGS RESORT
SPAIN



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Pro Cricket



“The Desert Springs Cricket Ground and Academy is located in Almería, Andalucía south-east Spain.

It provides a world-class year-round training environment in an ideal climate for; competitive matches, player rehabilitation, team bonding and pre-season training camps for Professional Clubs, Senior and Junior School teams and College and University teams throughout Europe.”

Sir Ian Botham, OBE

The Desert Springs Cricket Ground with an eighteen (18) wicket square, constructed to ECB standards and specifications is open all year round. Complimented by a Marquee pavilion, sight screens, scoreboard, sprint strips, and associated facilities, it provides an outstanding facility to practice and play cricket.

The Desert Springs Cricket Academy, comprises an international size world-class quality grass pitch complimented with floodlights and changing facilities.

Cricket Academy training facilities comprise; twenty-four (24) grass wickets and run ups with nets, one (1) artificial wicket with nets, a full length artificial grass wicket, a Professional Bola Bowling Machine and requisite training equipment.

The excellent standard of the Cricket facilities, first-rate organisation and service have made it the preferred venue of a number of high profile Professional, School, College and University teams, both for pre and winter-season training camps, team building and bonding, players re-habilitation and in the run-up to important matches and competitions.

Visiting teams have included; The England Cricket Team for their 2015 Pre-Ashes Training Camp, the England ODI team for their 2017 ICC Champions Trophy Tournament training camp, as well as the England Women's' Senior Academy, the ECB Young Lions, the ECB Pace Programme and the ECB Lions squad.

In addition, Desert Springs is host to a number of high profile first class Counties including; Lancashire CCC, Sussex CCC, Leicestershire, Glamorgan CCC, Middlesex CCC, Somerset CCC and Yorkshire CCC for pre and winter-season training camps.



“To all at Desert Springs, thank you very much for an outstanding camp. The organisation, the attention to detail, and the friendly service were all of the highest order. We hope to see you again soon.”

Andrew Strauss
England Cricket Board
Director of Cricket



“Having dry weather and grass meant the players could really throw themselves into the fielding drills and increase the volume and intensity of their throwing and catching which is really important as they get closer to the season. The lads worked incredibly hard throughout the week, and since we've been back the gains they have made are already becoming obvious.”

Phil Scott
Strength and Conditioning Coach
Lancashire County Cricket Club



“We chose Desert Springs to give a large proportion of our squad (16) the chance to physically train in a different environment and to work outside for the first time this year on fielding skills.

We had exclusive use of the gym and pitch on a daily basis and utilised the 'trim trail' cross country tracks laid out around the golf course and mountain bikes.

The standard of the food was excellent, the service was first class and everyone in all departments ensured our stay went to plan and was enjoyable.”

Richard Scott,
Head Coach
Middlesex County Cricket Club



“ The cricket facilities are definitely a strength at Desert Springs. I didn't expect such high a quality wicket and weather conditions have enabled us to practice intensively every day.

The resort accommodation was lovely. The food was fantastic and considering that the boys eat a lot, both the quantity and quality were superb.

Every aspect of the Training Camp has surpassed my expectations and we have been able to do a lot of productive work. We shall be back! ”

Scott Boswell, Cricket Coach
Trent College Cricket Camp



“ The was my first ever visit to Spain. Desert Springs has outstanding facilities and a beautiful golf course. The resort was the perfect relaxed setting for me to spend some time getting to know the players and thank you to all of the staff for a wonderful stay. ”

Trevor Bayliss
England Cricket Board
Head Coach



“ I must say that staying at Desert Springs has been far better than any other choice.

On a value for money ranking, it's definitely a 10/10.

The service is great, the quality of the food brilliant, the facilities are awesome and the cricket pitch together with mild temperatures are all we can ask for. ”

Kim Parsley
Director of Cricket Team
Cheltenham College Junior School

Club Services

Your Club will benefit from the personalized coordination services of our experienced Sports Group 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
- Cricket pitch reservations
- Additional specific cricket training area reservations
- Sierra Sports & Fitness Club reservations
- Accommodation reservations
- Activity reservations
- Full catering and dine-around programmes
- Laundry services
- Organisation of cricket matches against local teams
- Security services and vetting
- Entertaining programmes for accompanying partners



Cricket Ground

Bermuda Pitch : 134m x 144m with boundary

Cricket Ground Facilities

- Square 55m x 25m with eighteen (18) grass wickets
- Boundary Ropes 500m
- Mobile Pitch Cover 25m x 16m
- Mobile Pitch Covers 25m x 6m
- Marquee Pavillion
- External Tables and Chairs
- Toilets
- Car Parking
- Scoreboard and Stand
- White and Black Sight Screens 4m x 4m

Equipment

- Rebound Nets
- Slip Catch Ramps
- Training rope ladders, slalom poles, discs and cones
- Massage benches
- Ice baths
- Physiotherapy Table

Cricket Academy Ground

Pitch : 100m x 64m

Additional specific Cricket Training Area

- Twenty-four (24) bay grass wicket and run-up with nets
- One (1) artificial grass wicket with nets

Equipment

- Full length artificial grass wicket
- Professional Bola Bowling Machine with 28 ball feeder
- Training rope ladders, slalom poles, discs and cones
- Slip catch cradle
- Divisional pitch nets
- Massage benches

- Ice baths
- Physiotherapy Table





Other Activities

Resort 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
- Jogging Tracks
- External Exercise Steps and Boxing Bob Punch Bags
- Contra Current in Main Pool
- Trim Trail with equipped Exercise Stations
- 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 cricket 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 Mediterrania motorway, which skirts 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

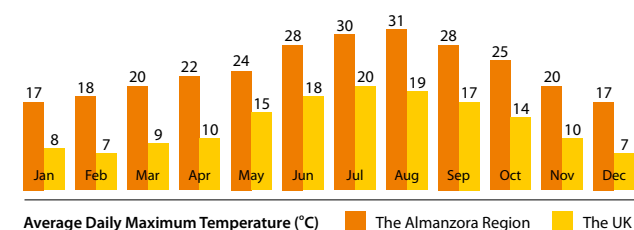
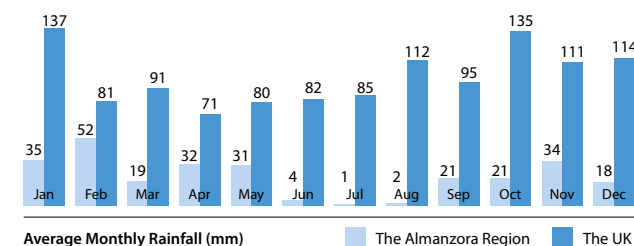
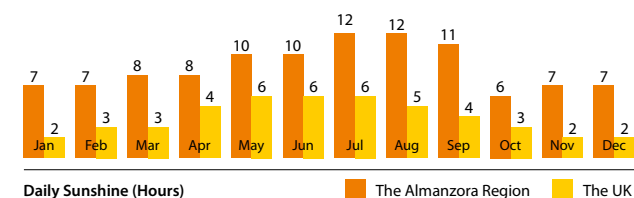
Your dedicated representative can arrange transfers from the airport for your team ranging from 4 seater taxis through to 55 seater coaches.

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, townhouses and apartments. This creates an extremely relaxed and sophisticated feel, ideally suited for each clubs' needs.

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



Apartments and Townhouses

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



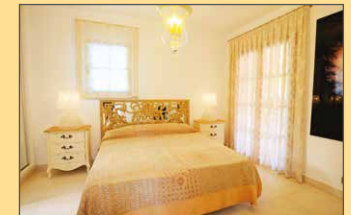
Pueblo Villas

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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