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Costa del Sol

Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Private Yacht Charter Costa del Sol

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COSTA DEL SOL

Overview

Costa del Sol remains one of the world's most requested yacht charter ecosystems - short legs between Marbella & Banús, dense shore life around Puerto Banús, and berths that reward early planning. The challenge is not finding beauty; it is sequencing marinas, Cabopino dunes and tables like BiBo Marbella so the week feels effortless. This is the broker's operational view of Costa del Sol for the current season.

Boat charter and crewed yacht charter in Costa del Sol: Puerto Banús & Puerto Deportivo de Marbella, swim mornings and held tables. Enquire with Blue Ocean C...

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REGION

Mediterranean

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Costa del Sol week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - Puerto Banús, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Puerto Banús.
- Coastal cadence: Morning toys at Cabopino dunes, held lunch, short reposition through Marbella & Banús, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: BiBo Marbella and Nikki Beach Marbella confirmed weeks out.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Costa del Sol, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy at Puerto Banús, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Cabopino dunes - swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Marbella & Banús

Club coast, Golden Mile and night energy.

Gibraltar Strait approaches

Rock visits and Atlantic-Med transition waters.

Estepona to Fuengirola

Long sandy coast with marina hops.

Toward Cabo de Gata

Eastbound wilder Andalusian coves.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Puerto Banús

Marbella's iconic marina - scene, dining and megayacht quay. - Max LOA ~80 m - Draft ~6 m - Gateway AGP - Transfer 45-60 min from AGP - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Puerto Deportivo de Marbella

Marbella town marina alternative. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4.5 m - Gateway AGP - Transfer 40-55 min from AGP - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Marina Bay, Gibraltar

Gibraltar berthing under the Rock - UK overseas territory paperwork. - Max LOA ~100 m - Draft ~7 m - Gateway GIB - Transfer 10-20 min from GIB - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Puerto Sotogrande

Upscale marina between Marbella and Gibraltar. - Max LOA ~70 m - Draft ~5.5 m - Gateway AGP - Transfer 70-90 min from AGP - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorage

Cabopino dunes

East Marbella day-stop.

Playa de la Fontanilla roads

Marbella swim when quay is full.

Sandy Bay, Gibraltar

East-side Rock beach hook.

Estepona roads

Quieter overnight alternative.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

BiBo Marbella

Marbella

Dani García culinary night.

La Sala

Puerto Banús

Puerto Banús scene dining.

El Pescador

Marbella

Beach club seafood.

The Rock Hotel dining

Gibraltar

Gibraltar formal lunch.

Skina

Marbella

Marbella Michelin.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Nikki Beach Marbella

Marbella

Signature Costa del Sol club.

Ocean Club

Puerto Banús

Banús beach day.

La Cabane

Marbella

Chic Marbella beach lunch.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph AGP / GIB arrivals into Puerto Banús transfers.

Helicopter / GA

Private hops from AGP / GIB when Costa del Sol supports coastal helipads or GA strips. AGP corridor GIB corridor

Chauffeur

SUV / S-Class briefed on Puerto Banús gates - timed to embarkation. To Puerto Banús (45-60 min from AGP) To Puerto Deportivo de Marbella (40-55 min from AGP)

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - COSTA DEL SOL

VAT & APA - Costa del Sol short version.

On a Costa del Sol charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

VAT / tax

Spanish VAT applies on Costa del Sol charters; Gibraltar berthing may involve different duties - clarify embarkation port for VAT treatment.

APA

For Costa del Sol in high season, budget APA at roughly 25-35% of the base charter fee covering fuel, berths, food and concierge extras.

What we send PAs

A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Marbella

Marbella is a core Costa del Sol charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Puerto Banús - Day-anchor: Cabopino dunes - Table: BiBo Marbella

Puerto Banús

Puerto Banús is a core Costa del Sol charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Puerto Deportivo de Marbella - Day-anchor: Playa de la Fontanilla roads - Table: La Sala

Gibraltar

Gibraltar is a core Costa del Sol charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Marina Bay, Gibraltar - Day-anchor: Sandy Bay, Gibraltar - Table: El Pescador

EXPLORE FURTHER

Child destinations

- Marbella - Crewed yacht charter in Marbella - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Costa del Sol.
- Puerto Banús - Crewed yacht charter in Puerto Banús - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Costa del Sol.
- Gibraltar - Crewed yacht charter in Gibraltar - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Costa del Sol.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

What does it cost to charter a yacht in Costa del Sol?

Yacht charter cost in Costa del Sol depends on LOA, season and hull class. As an indicative band, crewed motor yachts often sit from the mid five-figures per week upward before APA (typically ~25-35% of base for fuel, berthing and provisions), VAT where applicable, and crew gratuity. We set an honest range before contract - not a fake nightly rate.

Which marina should we embark from in Costa del Sol?

Puerto Banús is the most common embarkation for Costa del Sol, with fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

Can you charter a superyacht in Costa del Sol?

Yes - superyacht charter in Costa del Sol is available when berths and LOA fit. We shortlist hulls against Puerto Banús capacity and your itinerary, then hold peak slips before you fly.

What does APA usually cover on a Costa del Sol charter?

Fuel, berthing, food and beverage, and most guest concierge extras. Tax context for Costa del Sol: Spanish VAT applies on Costa del Sol charters; Gibraltar berthing may involve different duties - clarify embarkation port for VAT treatment. We set an indicative APA band before contract.

Can you arrange airport transfers into Costa del Sol?

Yes - chauffeur and helicopter where available from AGP / GIB, timed to the embarkation slot at Puerto Banús.

How does a Costa del Sol week use Marbella & Banús?

Marbella & Banús is a core Costa del Sol cruising pocket - we sequence marina nights and day-anchors so the week feels unhurried. Costa del Sol is planned as a full cruising ecosystem with embarkation, berths and day-anchors sequenced together.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Puerto Banús

High in peak season around Costa del Sol - broker relationships matter for larger LOA at Puerto Banús. 4-12 weeks for peak season slips Event or festival weeks near Costa del Sol can multiply rates and eliminate availability at Puerto Banús. We hold Puerto Banús alternatives and Cabopino dunes fallbacks before you sign.

Puerto Deportivo de Marbella

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Marina Bay, Gibraltar

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Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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