

Main Report

All resorts - Spring 2024

Please make sure you read this report to the end, for there is useful information that you need to know.

What strange times we live in!

Will the Conservatives cling on to power in the UK or will Labour win the election that I suppose will be in November.

If the UK gets a Labour Government it is going totally against the trend in the EU that for years, the majority of countries had a labour/liberal government. This is now changing and more of the countries are turning to the right and far right to form new governments. Portugal being the latest to have elections that have retained a right wing government. We suspect France will soon go to the right. The French are fed up with Emmanuel Macron.

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Hopefully President Biden in the USA will win the elections in November 2024. I am not sure how sensible Americans can vote for Donald Trump.

So what about Spain? Well this gets interesting because of proportion representation politics. Ever since the death of Franco, the government after the elections has always been either the PSOE Labour or the PP Conservatives but they all need other minor parties to join with them to form a government. At the last elections the POSE had the largest number of MP's and it tried to do deals with other centre/left parties but with no success. The PP then tried to get support from other right wing parties including VOX, extreme far right, but again with no success. So Spain for some 3 months did not have a government.

Then PSOE did a deal with the Catalan separatist MP's that if PSOE closed the

criminal charges against the leaders of the illegal referendum held in 2017, would that party support PSOE to form a government. A deal was agreed but some 70% of Spanish people are totally against the deal. Also, a deal was agreed with MP's of the Basque region in North Spain who were not labour but right wing MP's—I thought this was strange.

So a government was formed. The PSOE and its group only have a majority of 5 MP's in the Parliament and since the beginning of the year they have lost 3 sets of votes on government legislation. Now the Catalan separatists are demanding to have a legal vote to take the Catalan out of Spain and become a separate state. If this is allowed the Basques have now also demanded the same right to have an independent country or they will bring the government down.

I don't think the PSOE government will last 2 years let alone its normal 4 years between elections in Spain.

So I am convinced that Spain will turn into a PP (Conservative) government very soon.

And now back to business....The UK office move to our new smaller premises went well with no immediate dramas. We would remind you that the UK Office is open from Monday to Thursday 9am to 3pm.

The Spanish Office is open on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday's from 9am to 1pm (GMT +1).

Due to the number of smaller NatWest bank branches closing, it is becoming difficult to pay cheques into our account so we ask wherever possible you use a bank transfer for any payments to us.

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You may have seen on the UK News about the lack of rain in Southern Spain and that in particular the Barcelona region and Malaga in Andalucia have severe water restrictions. We in Mojacar have some water restrictions but they are quite generous. Each person per property can use 200 litres of water per day. On average a 5 minute shower uses approximately 80 litres so when on holiday you do need to be aware of the water shortage and your usage. Mojacar and the surrounding area has only had 4 days of rain since November last year and the temperatures, even in February, were in the 20 degrees; warm and sunny.

We have already advised you about the new entry requirements to come into the EU from the UK and we will further advise you in the September 2024 Newsletter.

One of the things required that is currently being checked by some police as you enter Spain at Passport Control is that you already have accommodation booked for your holiday. It is therefore essential that you apply to us in good time for your reservation request and that we send you your accommodation confirmation for you to keep with you and is easily accessible at Passport Control.

Have a good holiday and as usual the best way to contact us is by email on info@kwresorts.co.uk or telephone 01293 863320, remembering to press Option for the Spanish Office (it doesn't cost any extra) for Malcolm or Heidi or Option 2 for the UK office to speak to Wendy.

P.S. If you like Spanish Food there is a Chef on YouTube doing some fabulous, easy recipes and is definitely worth a watch.

Go to YouTube and check our "Spain on a Fork".

I'm sure you'll find something you'll like on there.