

## Travel Directions from Malaga

Join the A7 (N-340) in the direction of Algeciras/Cadiz which will bypass Malaga, Torremolinos, Fuengirola, Mijas and Marbella. Remain on the A7 through San Pedro de Alcántara (using the brand new underpass through the centre)– a sizeable town on the Western outskirts of the Marbella district. Follow signs for Estepona, Algeciras and Cadiz. Pass the turn-off sign for Benahavis on your right and then the Guadalmina golf course and you are onto a straight stretch of the road (A7) After a mile or so, look out for a sign to the village of Cancelada – this is a warning – continue up the hill (still on the dual carriageway). On the other side of the road near the crest of the hill you will see in large white letters VILLACANA against a green hedge. You now have two choices – the official and the unofficial.

For the **unofficial route**: slow down and continue over the crest of the hill and as you start to go down the other side take the slip road off to your right, turn right towards the ceramics factory and then turn almost immediately left, towards the river; turn left just before the river, go under the bridge and then join the road, turning left. Be aware: the “road” under the bridge is actually the river bed and gets washed away in winter; it will never be adopted by the authorities, so you take your car (and life) in your own hands! In turning left at the end to get back onto a metalled road, you may need to mount a sizeable step to gain the asphalt and if you have a low-slung car you will ground and possibly damage the skirt or underside. Proceed uphill until you join with another slip road near the start of Park Beach urbanisation. Take that other road (you have to turn right) and go past Park Beach. Turn right just past the bus stop at the large white VILLACANA letters.

For the **official route**: continue on the main road past the slip road and round the next bend you will see a large blue-on-white sign saying cambio de sentido 1200 metres. When you see the next cambio de sentido sign, take the turn-off and follow the road to the small roundabout, taking directions for Malaga. This will take you back under the main road and bring you out to a very short and sharp slip road back onto the main road in the opposite direction. Re-join the main road (carefully) Keep going along a long straight stretch of road, passing the Repsol petrol station on your right. The road then takes a wide sweeping double bend. Look for the sign saying “Cancelada 500m” then immediately take the slip road off the dual carriageway, up the slope past Park Beach and turn right at the crest of the hill at the large white VILLACANA letters, just past the bus stop.

Having turned right past the large white VILLACANA letters continue straight on down Calle Fragata for about 250 metres with the MacDonald’s resort on your right and the Albayalde urbanisation on your left. The road then curves to the right in front of the old Playa del Sol holiday camp.

On your right is the small supermarket (MacDonald’s) and the Tennis Courts and on your left is the public road to the beach, followed by the exit and then entrance for the main Villacana car park. Entry is just past the guard hut. There is a barrier on both entry and exit and the guard may ask for identity or question you, for overall site security. Explain that you are staying at ....(the address of your apartment) and that you will report to the Comunidad Officina. You may use any parking space in the car park.

Well done, you’ve made it!

We hope you enjoy your stay at Villacana.