



Los Pechos - Careterra Alcala Real 5 km - Montefrio 18270 - Granada

## **Cortijo Sophia - Montefrio**

### **Introduction:**

Welcome to Cortijo Sophia, a beautifully renovated and decorated 100 year old farmhouse nestling in to the side of a hill providing complete seclusion and privacy. It is light and airy and set within a stunning valley surrounded by olive groves and oak trees. The house, which is completely separate to the owner's house (approximately 100 metres away), sits in 25,000 square metres of land. The land is a working olive farm containing 252 olive trees. Harvesting of the olives is between December and March and hence will not cause any disturbance to your holiday. The setting is tranquil and has uninterrupted views of mountains and olive groves, making it the perfect Andalucían holiday.

Cortijo Sophia is approximately 10 minutes to the nearest town of Montefrio, which is recognised as being one of the prettiest towns in the western reaches of Granada province enjoying an impressive setting at the foot of the Sierra de la Parapanda. Lost in the rolling hills of olive groves, Montefrio stands well away from the region's beaten paths and has managed to conserve much of its traditional charm.

It is famous all over Spain for the wedge-shaped cliff overlooking the village with its white-washed houses and their tiled roofs sitting gracefully on two hills which appear like small islands amid a sea of olive groves.

Montefrio has a variety of shops, restaurants, supermarkets and bank machines for your convenience. The larger town of Alcala Real is about 20 minutes away. This town is an active agricultural and commercial centre with numerous shops, most of which are concentrated along calle San Fernando.

The city of Granada, home to the famous Alhambra is about 40 minutes and offers a feast of culture, beautiful architecture, a wealth of restaurants and if required, a vibrant nightlife.

### **Description of the house:**

Cortijo Sophia consists of an open kitchen, lounge and dining area with the comforts of sofas, coffee table, dining tables and chairs. There is a TV with DVD.

The kitchen has an electric oven with a gas hob, large fridge-freezer and washing machine.

There is a double bedroom on the ground floor as well as a separate shower room and toilet. Upstairs there is a double bedroom with its own private terrace with sitting area, a twin bedded room and a bathroom with bath/shower and toilet. There are tiled floors throughout the house.

The outside area includes a large terrace leading off the lounge which has a barbeque, outside table and seating area. This area is also shaded. The swimming pool has two sun decks with loungers and parasols and offers the most magnificent views across the valleys of olive groves.

**Changeover:**

Changeover day is Saturday and you are kindly requested to vacate Cortijo Sophia by 10.00am to enable the house to be cleaned and prepared for incoming guests. Check in time is after 3.00pm.

**Water:**

The water supply is from natural mountain springs and is drinkable, but we advise that you buy bottled water for drinking.

**House Cleaning:**

Cortijo Sophia will be cleaned prior to your arrival and again after you have left. Bed linen and bath towels will be changed weekly. Pool towels are provided.

**Breakages:**

It would be very much appreciated, that in the event of any breakages that occur at Cortijo Sophia, that these are reported to the owners.

**Method of Travel:**

The recommended method of travel if coming by air to Cortijo Sophia is to fly to either Granada or Malaga Airport. Directions from these airports are included in our final payment confirmation pack.

- Granada Airport – 35 minutes drive
- Malaga Airport – 1 hour 30 minutes drive

**Car Hire:**

Both airports provide car hire. We have found the cheapest option to be Crown Car Hire.

**Places of Interest:**

Approximate driving times shown.

- Granada – 40 minutes
- Cordoba – 1 hour 30 minutes
- The Sierra Nevada – 1 hour 30 minutes
- Las Alpujarras – 2 hours
- El Torcal Park (Nature Reserve) – 1 hour
- Lake Iznajar (Swimming) – 30 minutes
- Nerja (Beaches) – 2 hours
- Malaga (Beaches) – 1 hour 30 minutes

**General Information:**

These notes are designed to provide you with necessary basic information.

More detailed information relating to the property and places of interest is provided in a file at Cortijo Sophia. There is also a Tourist Office in Montefrio who are very helpful.

You may also like to visit our website at [www.cortijosophia.com](http://www.cortijosophia.com) which has a wealth of information to help you plan an unforgettable holiday.

**Owners details:**

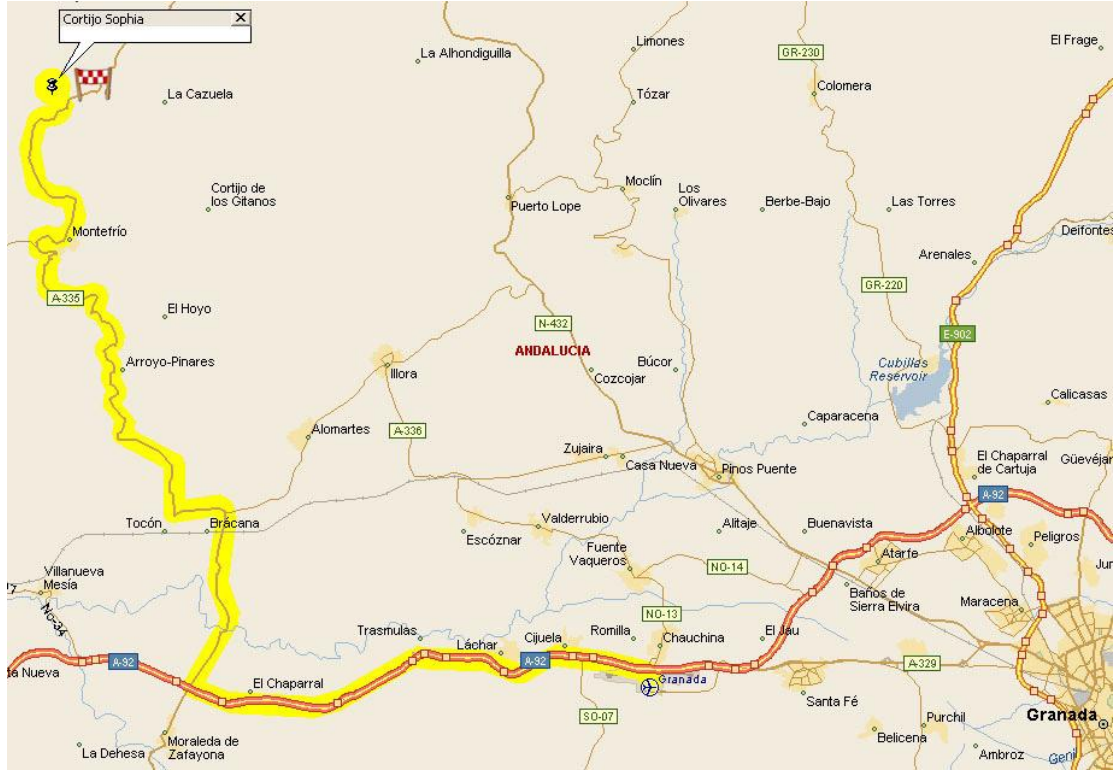
Mr. & Mrs. S. Newey

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## **Directions from Granada Airport**

- Leave the airport and follow the signs for the A-92.
- Take the A-92 west sign posted Malaga/Seville.
- Take the exit no. 211, sign posted Moraleda de Zafayona, Montefrio and Alhama de Granada.
- The slip road will take you up to a junction. Carry straight on and down so you are running parallel with the A – 92.
- In about 400 metres, turn right and follow the signs to Montefrio on the road no. 335 passing through the town of Tocon.
- Approaching the town of Montefrio you reach a junction where the road curves right going down into the town. With a view point directly in front of you turn immediately left following the sign to Alcala la Real.
- Follow this road down passing Pilonchas Builders Merchant on the right, then bear left continuing down the hill.
- At the bottom of the hill go right at the T-Junction and continue up to a large roundabout with an old olive press in the centre.
- Go straight over this roundabout (third exit) following the road to Alcala la Real.
- Take the first exit off the next roundabout, passing the Centro de Salud on your right.
- Go left off the next roundabout, with a small tower in the centre. Pass a row of shops on your left.
- Follow this winding road for about 5km, passing a left turn to Lojilla and a white olive mill on your left.
- In about 1km, after the mill, you will see a brown and cream sign fixed to a tree marked Villa Louisa 1km.
- Take this gravel track following all Villa Louisa signs. The third and last sign will direct you off the track and right down a concrete drive.
- Continue past Villa Louisa, up the single track to Cortijo Sophia, but please stop at Villa Louisa to collect Steve and Katrina

# Map from Granada Airport

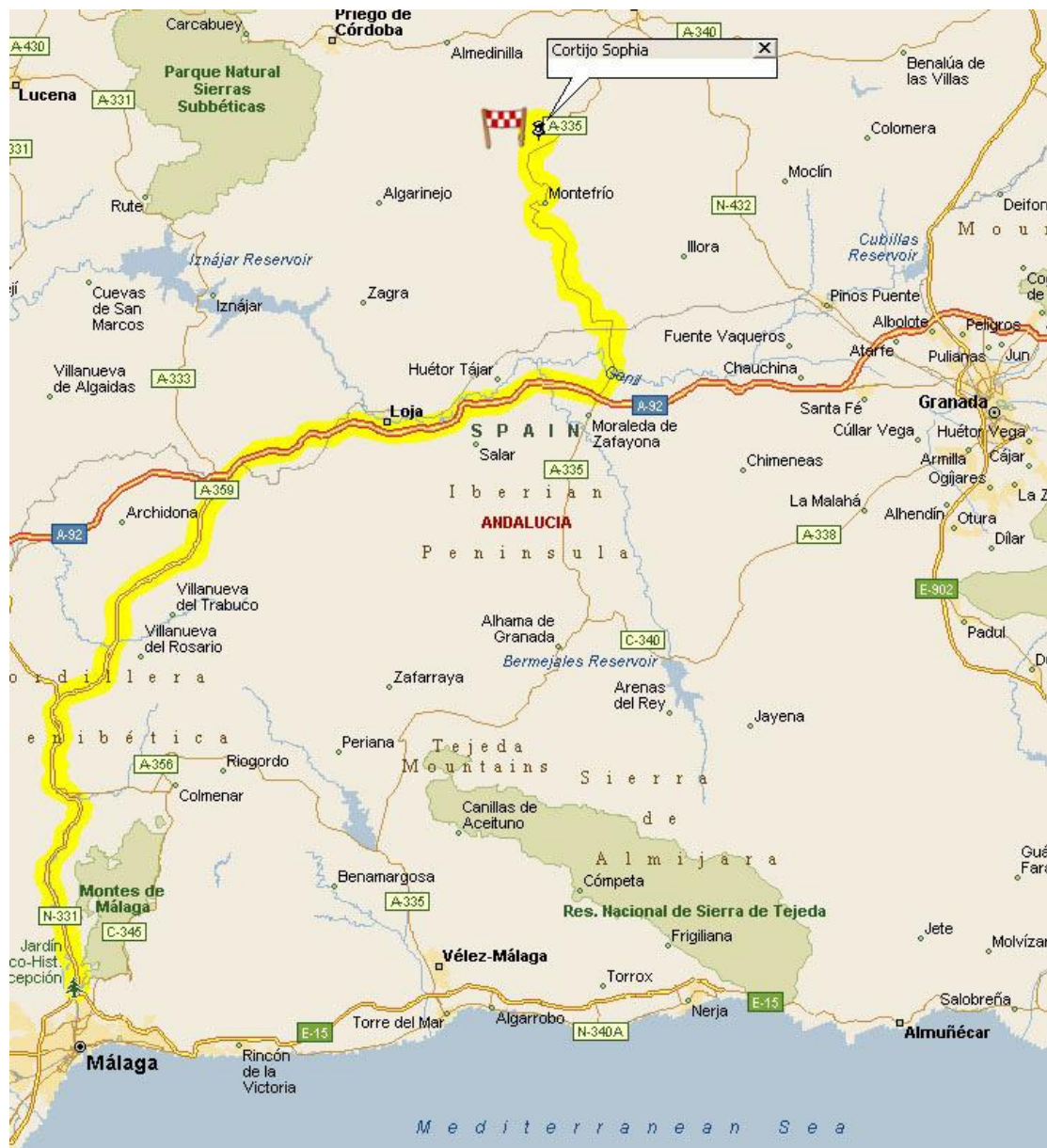


## **Directions from Malaga Airport**

- Leave the airport following signs for Malaga and then signs for Malaga Centro and Antequerra.
- This road then becomes the E-15/A-7, sign posted Granada, Almeria, Cordoba and Seville.
- Then take the A-45, sign posted Granada, Cordoba and Seville.
- Take exit 114 off the A-45, sign posted Granada which joins the A-92.
- Take the A-92 east towards Granada.
- Take exit 211, sign posted Moraleda de Zafayona, Montefrio and Alhama de Granada.
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### **Booking Conditions:**

1. The property known as "**Cortijo Sophia**" (the property) is offered for holiday rental subject to written confirmation by the Lessor.
2. To reserve the property, the Client should complete the booking form and transfer the payment of the initial non-refundable deposit (20% of total rental). Payment will only be accepted in Euros via bank transfer to the specified account details on the invoice. Following receipt of the booking form and the deposit, the Lessor will confirm in writing the reservation. This is the formal acceptance of the booking. The Owners are not liable for any transfer fees incurred.
3. The balance of the rent is payable not less than 8 weeks before the start of the rental period. If the payment is not received by the due date, the Lessor reserves the right to give notice in writing that the reservation is cancelled.
4. Reservations made within 8 weeks of the start of the rental period require full payment at the time of the booking.
5. Cancellations must be made in writing by the person that made the booking. Cancellation charges are as follows:

Over 8 weeks:	loss of deposit
58 – 29 days:	45% of total booking value
28 – 22 days:	60% of total booking value
21 – 0 days:	100% of total booking value
6. THE CLIENT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO ARRANGE A COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICY (INCLUDING CANCELLATION COVER) AND TO HAVE FULL COVER FOR THE PARTY'S PERSONAL BELONGINGS, PUBLIC LIABILITY, ETC., SINCE THESE ARE NOT COVERED BY THE LESSOR'S INSURANCE.
7. Changeover day is Saturday and you are kindly requested to vacate the property by 10.00 am to enable the house to be cleaned and prepared for incoming guests. Check in time is after 3.00 pm. The Lessor shall not be obliged to offer the accommodation before the time stated and the Client shall not be entitled to remain in occupation after the stated time.
8. The MAXIMUM number to reside in the property must not exceed SIX PERSONS, unless the Lessor has given permission in writing.
9. The Client agrees to be a considerate tenant and to take good care of the property – to leave it in a clean and tidy condition at the end of the rental period. The Client also agrees not to act in a way, which would cause disturbance to residents in the neighbouring property.
10. The Client shall report to the Lessor without delay, any defects in the Property, or breakdown in the equipment, plant, machinery or appliances in the property or grounds. All arrangements for repair/and or replacement will be made as soon as possible.
11. The Lessor shall not be liable to the Client for:
  - a. Any temporary defect or stoppage in the supply of public services to the Property, nor in respect of any equipment, plant, machinery or appliance in the Property or grounds.
  - b. Any loss, damage or injury which is the result of adverse weather conditions, riot, war, strikes or other matters beyond the control of the Lessor.
  - c. Any loss, damage or inconvenience caused to or suffered by the Client if the Property shall be destroyed or substantially damaged before the start of the rental period and in any such event, the Lessor shall, within seven days of written notification to the Client, refund to the Client all sums previously paid in respect of the rental period.
12. Under no circumstances shall the Lessor's liability to the Client exceed the amount paid to the Lessor for the rental period.