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It's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting, he thought, as he looked again at the position of the sun, and he hurried his pace. He had suddenly remembered that, in Tarifa, there was an old woman who interpreted dreams.

*The Alchemist, by Paulo Coelho*

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Welcome.

If there was ever a time to feel liberated and at one with nature, undoubtedly, it's now. Thousands of years of history, not shy of ancient territorial battles and lively adventures alike, descend upon this piece of untamed, protected earth in the town of Tarifa, located right where the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic embrace.

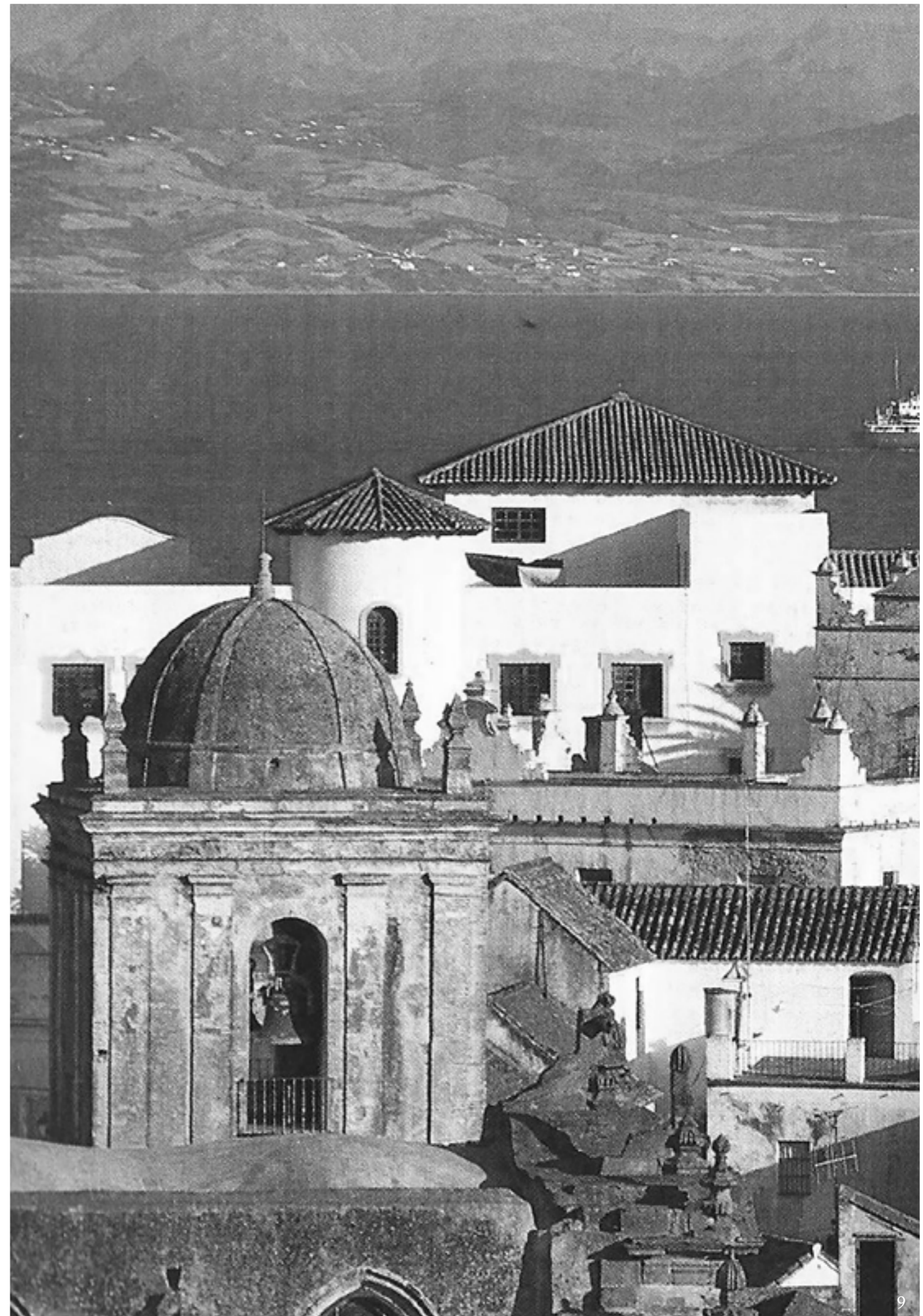
Our villa, Punta Paloma, sits on a bluff amidst a protected natural reserve, where migrating birds zip by and the wind is a powerful ally, taking you on a journey of escapism, with room to dare or decompress.



## Millennial history.

A traditional fishing village located on the southernmost tip of Spain that remains one of the best-kept secrets of Andalucía, Tarifa's history dates back to 710 AD when Bereber Tarif ben Malluk occupied the city. The Arabs called it "the island of Tarif," thus, "Tarifa". The city is also credited with being the origin of the word "tariff"; it was the first port that charged merchants to use their docks. Tarifa was later caught in the midst

of battle between Christians and Muslims until 1291, with subsequent unsuccessful attempts by the Moors to take the town. It was attacked a final time by Napoleon, who failed to overcome the powerful resistance of Tarifa. Today, remnants of both the Roman and Moorish areas remain dotted throughout the coast, and Tarifa's sleepy, bohemian outlook on life is now one of its most appealing characteristics.



## Microclimate.

Tarifa joins other villages along the southern coastline in forming part of the Costa de la Luz and, as its name implies, it's flooded with a warm, soft light – much different to that in the rest of the Mediterranean – that glistens on the skin and sand. Tarifa enjoys a microclimate with summers strongly moderated by the cool waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Likewise, winters are some of the mildest in continental Europe. For those in the know, this is yet another secret hidden corner of Andalucía, perfect for escaping the bustle and feeling completely at one with nature and its thousands of years of culture.

Tarifa's unique wind conditions have made the heritage protected beaches at Playa de los Lances, Valdevaqueros and Punta Paloma, the most popular in Europe among windsurfers and kitesurfers. The funnel created by the Strait of Gibraltar creates a Venturi effect when either the Levante (easterly wind from Africa) or Poniente (westerly wind from the Atlantic) is blowing. In addition, localised thermal winds at locations such as Valdevaqueros mean that even when the prevailing wind is not strong, it's often possible to windsurf and kitesurf in Tarifa. These unique wind conditions are also the reason Tarifa's hilly landscape is dotted with countless wind turbines.





Wild and carefree, Tarifa lies right at the end of the road of the Mediterranean.



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## Live it your way.

### Adrenaline Junkies

For both experienced and beginner daredevils, harness the power of the wind and try out a range of watersports in what is known as the ultimate Mecca for kite and windsurfers.

### Nature Navigators

Accessible via towering sand dunes and embedded in the Intercontinental Biosphere Mediterranean Reserve, you'll have a unique chance to go bird and whale watching.

### Family Time

A villa designed for celebration, enjoy privacy and ample space both indoors and outdoors. Here, time slows with longer days to allow for reconnection and gathering.





## Villa Punta Paloma.

*Completely nestled in the natural reserve of El Estrecho*

Set among a dense pine forest and peeking jagged mountains, Villa Punta Paloma is the ultimate beach lover's paradise for those wanting to juxtapose relaxation with adventure, thanks to its location in untamed Punta Paloma, on the southernmost tip of Spain. Within 14

kilometers across the Gibraltar Strait, its sister continent of Africa sits majestically still and visible from the villa, the famous seven hills of Ceuta and the tantalising twinkling evening lights of Tangier.





With direct and private access to the beach, Villa Puntsa Paloma has 5 bedrooms and 6 bathrooms spread across three traditional low-lying Tarifa-

style stone buildings, each with a private entrance perfect for families or groups of friends looking to celebrate together in independence.

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*The villa is fully equipped with a home cinema, hanging fireplace, home audio surround sound system, A/C, high-speed WIFI, board games and children's toys.*

Every stay includes the guidance of a Villa Host, a dedicated concierge in charge of making the stay as seamless as possible from the moment of booking. With the help of the Villa Host, guests can book tables in

local chiringuitos and bars, arrange for grocery delivery, organise kitesurf lessons or horseback riding excursions, and more. Chefs and wellbeing practitioners are also available upon request.





## Decor.

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When the property was acquired from an old family friend-turned-hotelier, who had built the villa with an eye for comfort and detail, building upon the experience had everything to do with softening the space in the context of its existing footprint.

Its original Tarifa stone structure and slate roofs were maintained to blend into the rocky landscape, while the selected colour palette for the interiors looked to merge with its outdoor counterparts: lush greenery, azzure blue sea tones and sandy, organic shades. The walls were painted in a limestone wash to contrast with the floor-to-ceiling windows and neutral linens were brought in to play with the natural light. Locally sourced Spanish ceramics give a peek into the authenticity of Andalusian craftsmanship.

The result is bright, breezy, luminous and, more importantly, lends itself to a calm state of mind.





# At a glance.

5 bedrooms & 6 bathrooms



## Entrance

Independent guest room with ensuite bathroom



## Main

2 guest rooms with ensuite bathrooms and terrace + guest loo + open kitchen and living room



## Secondary

2 guest rooms with ensuite bathrooms and independent access



## Outdoor facilities:

Private gardens  
Pop-up outdoor cinema  
Outdoor gym  
Pool  
Children's playhouse and play area  
Terrace with outdoor BBQ and dining table  
Vegetable garden and outdoor kitchen  
Outdoor massage and aerial yoga









Beach & Atlantic Ocean

To the sand dunes & Bolonia      To pine forest and walking trails

To Tarifa

- LR Living room
- K Kitchen
- MB Master bedroom
- R2 Room 2
- W Twin
- R4 Room 4
- R5 Room 5
- GT Garden table
- H Hut
- ST Sauna & treatment room
- A Aero yoga
- P Parking
- T Tower
- D Deck
- K Kiosk
- B Beach access

- 1 Herb garden and compost
- 2 Children's playground







A place to dare.

Tarifa is located within the Intercontinental Mediterranean Biosphere Reserve, a renowned place to watch migrating birds, in particular the storks that cross the Strait of Gibraltar in spring

and autumn. Also, whale and dolphin watching can be arranged, with several known species in the 14-kilometre-wide strait.



## But there's more you can access.

*via your Villa Host when booking the villa:*

### Adventure sports

- Kitesurf
- Windsurf
- Surf & Paddle surf
- Rock climbing
- Hiking & biking
- Canoeing
- Horseback riding
- Tuna fishing

### Wellbeing

- Yoga and Pilates practitioners
- Wellness chef
- Personal trainer
- Massage and facial therapists
- Sea swimming

### Nearby cultural attractions and excursions

- Roman ruins of Baelo Claudia (Bolonia)
- Castle of Santa Catalina (Tarifa)
- Baños de Barro
- White villages tour, including Vejer de la Frontera
- Tangier, Morocco (accessible in under 30 mins via hydrofoil)

### Services

- Private chef
- Driver and car hire
- Butler
- Full-time nanny and baby-sitting services
- Event planning and catering
- Location hire

## El Mirlo.

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Nestled amid the untamed dunes of Punta Paloma, El Mirlo remains a hidden gem within one of Tarifa's most rugged areas, embodying a cherished family legacy that has been a cornerstone of the local gastronomic and business scene for decades.

With a laid-back vibe that captures Tarifa's essence and stunning views to match, this iconic spot serves up Mediterranean dishes crafted from fresh, local ingredients, preserving the authenticity of original recipes in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Beyond a mere dining spot, El Mirlo is an integral part of the villa experience, extending exceptional service and bespoke event catering to elevate villa stays with unforgettable culinary experiences.





## Quickly connect to greater Andalucía.

Tarifa Old Town - 10 min

Tangier and Ceuta are accessible by ferry in 40 minutes and 1 hour, respectively

### Nearby towns

Bolonia - 15 min

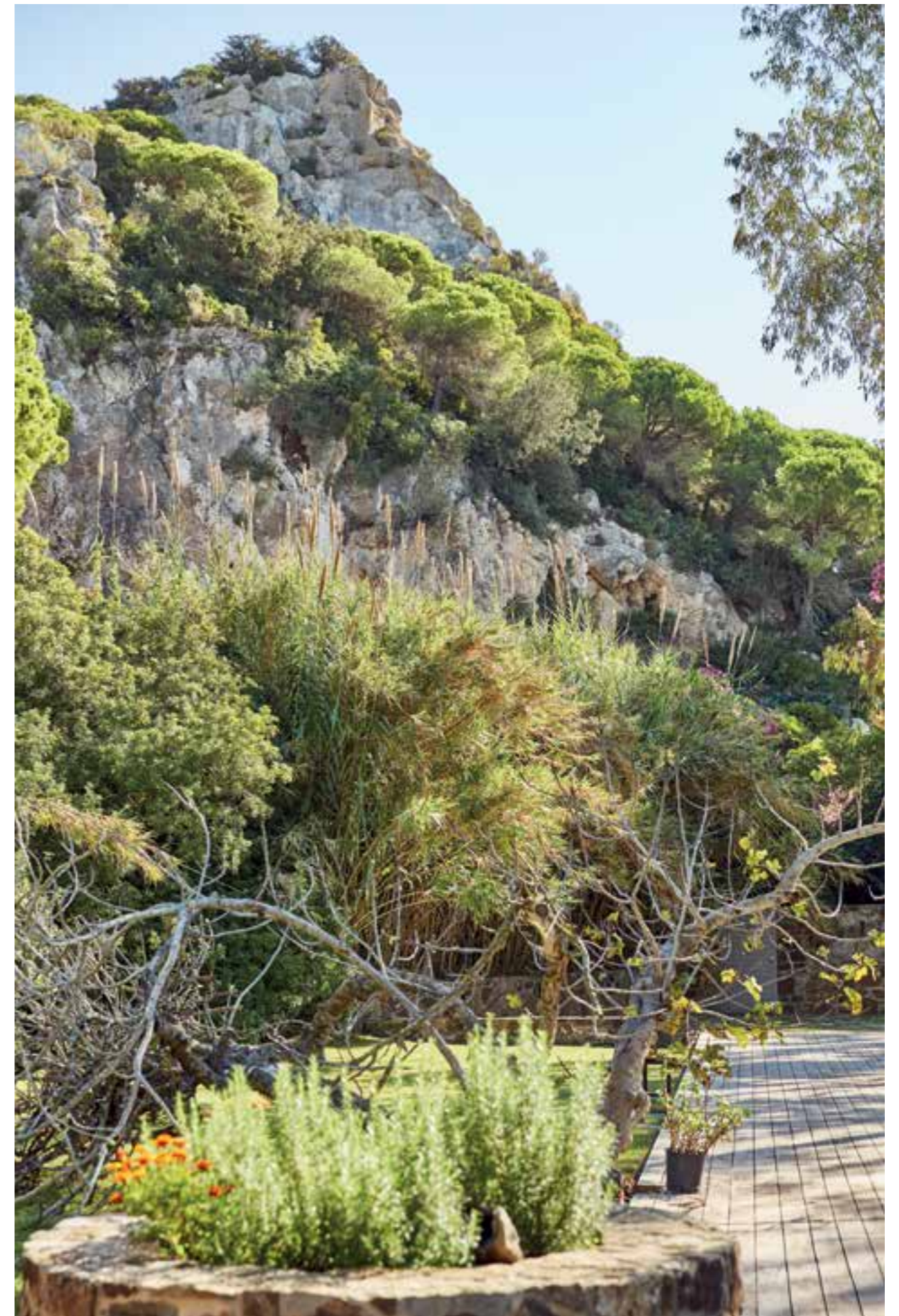
Vejer de la Frontera - 20 min

Algeciras - 20km to northeast

Seville - 2 hrs

Marbella - 1 hour

Málaga - 2 hours



## Airports

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Gibraltar Airport - 1 hour

Malaga Airport - 2 hours

Jerez Airport - 1.5 hours

## Door-to-door times from

London - 5 hours

Madrid - 3 hours

Barcelona - 2.5 hours

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## Afterthoughts.

The 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2022

In the book, “The Alchemist” by Paulo Coelho, Tarifa symbolises the beginning of a personal journey for Santiago, the story’s protagonist. Santiago ventures to Tarifa looking for answers and an interpretation of his dreams. He meets the old King Melchizedek who teaches him about Personal Legends and the Soul of the World. The town itself – and the Levante winds - become a place and a time to choose between something he has and something he wants.

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**Villa Punta Paloma**

is available for private stays and events.  
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Walk down a private access to your own cove and watch the thousands of sunset hues blend together before your very eyes.