Spend a Relaxing Vacation at Sotogrande by Kris Wilson

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Sotogrande is a world-renowned resort in the south of Spain, particularly in Costa del Sol. It is situated about 20 kilometers off the coast. It is a huge resort and is in fact considered to be the biggest in the area. Aside from being a resort Sotogrande also has a residential area that boasts of the most expensive and luxurious homes in Spain. The Sotogrande is known for a lot of things but what it is most famous for are the golf courses, polo club and the marina which were conceptualized by the developer Joseph McMicking. His vision for the resort was to build a resort/residential area that is complete with world-class facilities.

McMicking bought 5 farm properties in the area in the 1960s and then he started creating the resort that he visualized. The resort was named after one of the farms that originally stood in the resort property. Once the construction of the resort was completed, guests were awed by the peaceful surroundings and the beautiful landscape of the resort. The villas and other structures inside the resort also boasted of excellent architectural designs. Sotogrande is also known for its great beaches and its commanding view of the Gibraltar just a few miles from the coast.

One of the clubs in Sotogrande is the El Octogono Beach Club which is located between the marina and the Guadiaro River. The club has many great amenities such as a swimming pool, garden, restaurant and a playground for children.While at the club, guests may also try different water sports such as water skiing, jet biking, canoeing and yacht sailing. Another club located in Sotogrande is the El Cucurucho that boasts of 4 swimming pools, outdoor gardens, beach bar and a sauna which is perfect for relaxation.

The restaurant inside the club offers local as well as international cuisine. Guests with kids will also find the club very convenient since they offer many activities particularly for children such as treasure hunts, face painting, juggling, volleyball and many other activities that kids will surely enjoy while staying at the club. Sotogrande is also known for its marina which was constructed in 1987. The marina has a capacity of more than 200 berths. Large boats that are more than 200 foot long can easily be accommodated in the Sotogrande Marina. There are lots of bars and restaurants surrounding the marina where tourists can enjoy a good meal while watching the luxury boats approaching the marina or just bobbing around in the water.

Also within the marina is a training school for sailing that offers beginnerâ€™s and advance lessons on sailing. Sotogrande is well known for its great golf courses such as the Sotogrande Old Course and the Valderrama which are both created by famous gold course designer Robert Trent Jones. The Valderrama was the site of the famous Ryder Cup in 1997 and has been the host of the Volvo Masters several times. Another gold course in Sotogrande is the Alcaidesa, located along the coast. It is the sole links-style golf course in Costa del Sol.

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