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• Historic Home • Calle Campito 35, Aracena 21200, Huelva, Andalusia •



## ARCHITECTURAL GEM IN THE SIERRAS DE ARACENA

A+ HISTORIC HOME WITH DESIGNER INTERIORS; LUXURY FURNISHINGS; WALK-IN READY POTENTIAL FOR MEANINGFUL INCOME - CREATE YOUR LIFESTYLE

SEPARATE BUSINESS LICENCES & ENTRANCES - **CASA RURAL SUPERIOR** & **BAR/CAFETERIA**  
FOOTPRINT - **254 M<sup>2</sup>** FLOORPLAN - **748 M<sup>2</sup>** 3 FLOORS + HALF BASEMENT + ATTIC

### DISTRIBUTION

- 6 Bedrooms • 7 Full Bathrooms (6 Ensuite) • Loft Style Attic + Ensuite + Terrace •
- Professional Kitchen • Basement Bar/Entertainment Area/Separate street entrance •
- Open plan Kitchen & Informal Dining Room • Formal Fully Frescoed Dining Room •
- Frescoed Stairwells & Central Atrium • Formal Salon w- Fireplace • Office • TV Room •
- Library & Coffee Nook • 5 Terraces • 8 Person Jacuzzi • Central Sky Light • Well •

### INSTALLATIONS

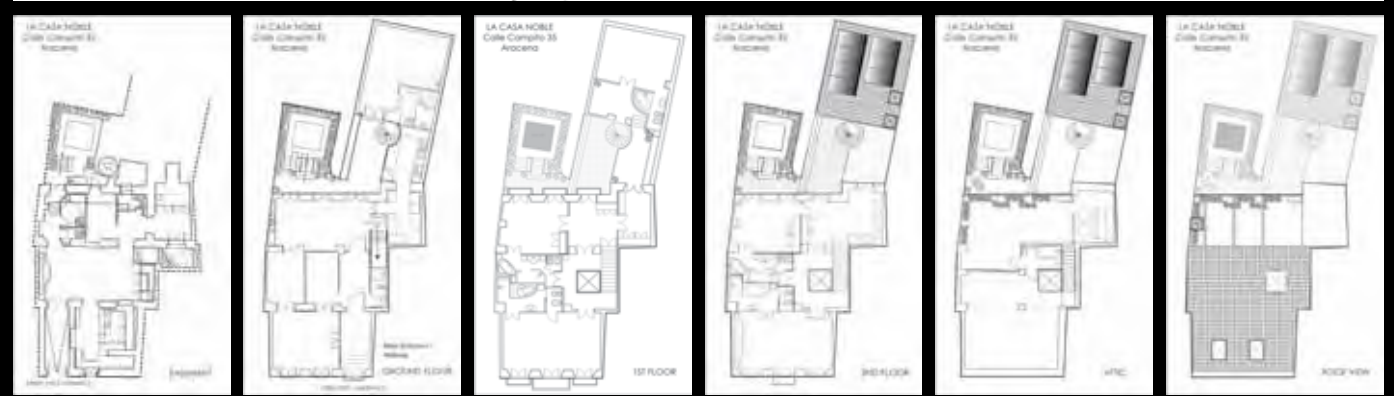
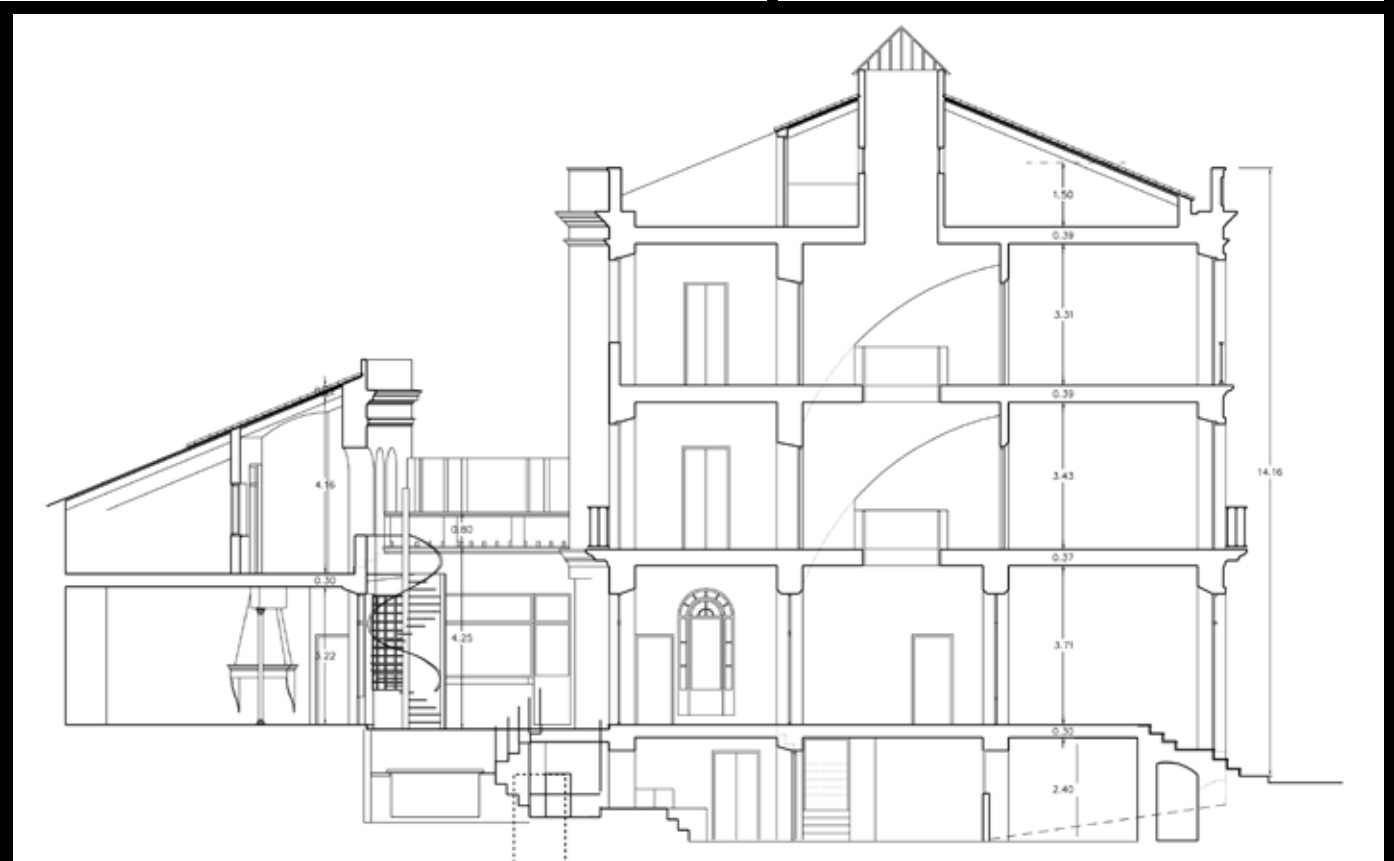
- Solar hot water w-1500L deposit • Back up Electric Hot water tanks • Wall Radiators •
- Individually controlled Air-conditioning/heating in each Suite, Salons & Office •
- Underfloor heating in Basement • Internal vacuum system • Water softening system •



## CALLE CAMPITO 35, ARACENA

Originally built in 1914, this historic home needed a great deal of restoration and renovation to bring it to the level of comfort it is today. Purchased by its current owner in 2004, the painstaking process of converting it into an historic home complete with modern luxuries was begun.

In 2008 it opened its doors as **La Casa Noble** operating as a Boutique B&B, allowing its history and beauty to be shared by many. The house reflects many Andalusian elements, including exceptional frescoes. The formal dining room is a feast for the eyes, the frescoes adorning both the walls and the ceiling. However, the heart of the house is the central staircase; flooded by natural light from the glass rooftop pyramid, which gives this home its unique and inspiring energy.

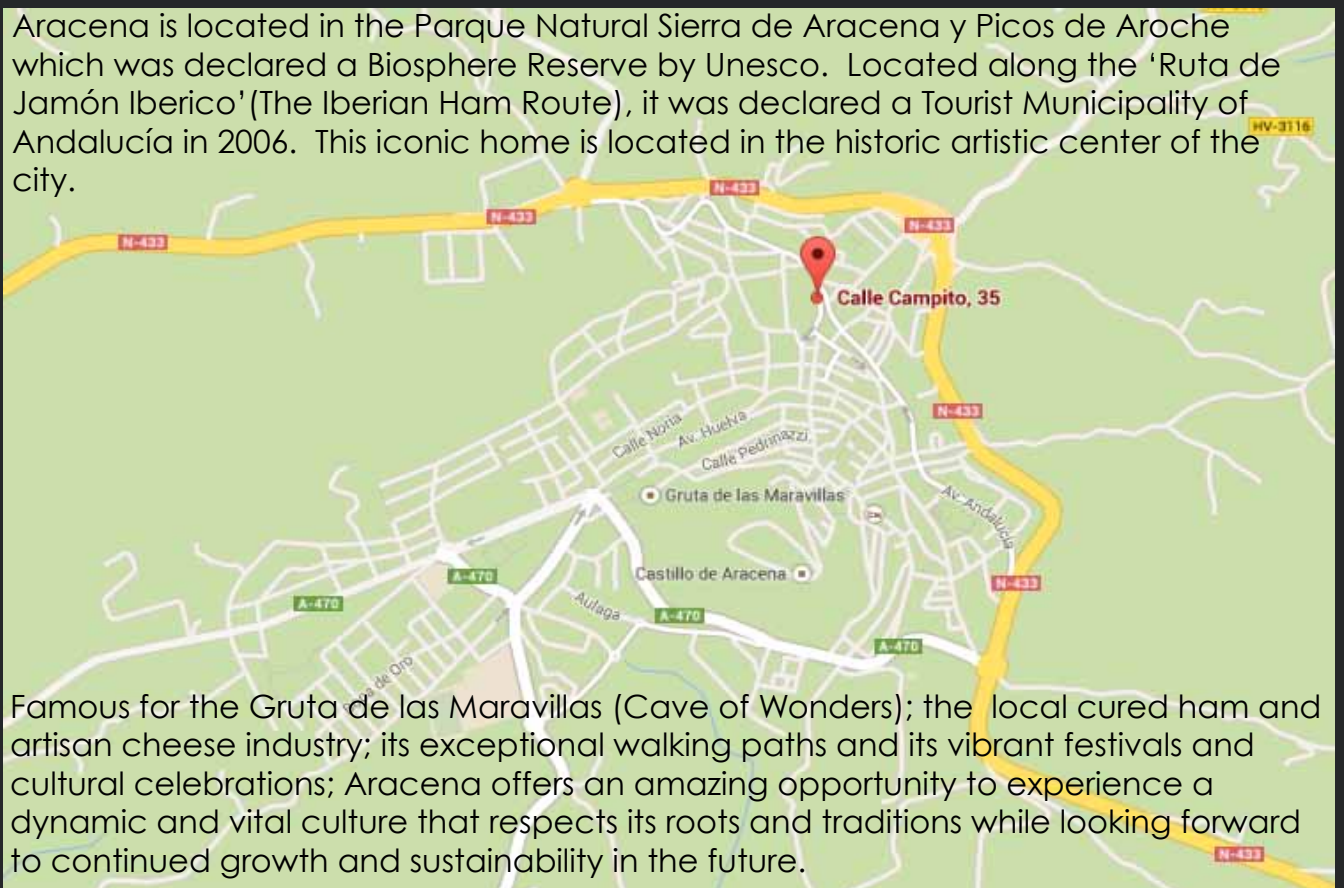


# Aracena, Huelva - An Andalusian White Village

POPULATION - 7,814 (2012)



Aracena is located in the Parque Natural Sierra de Aracena y Picos de Aroche which was declared a Biosphere Reserve by Unesco. Located along the 'Ruta de Jamón Iberico' (The Iberian Ham Route), it was declared a Tourist Municipality of Andalucía in 2006. This iconic home is located in the historic artistic center of the city.



Famous for the Gruta de las Maravillas (Cave of Wonders); the local cured ham and artisan cheese industry; its exceptional walking paths and its vibrant festivals and cultural celebrations; Aracena offers an amazing opportunity to experience a dynamic and vital culture that respects its roots and traditions while looking forward to continued growth and sustainability in the future.





The town of Aracena sits in the "Sierra de Aracena y Picos de Aroche", one of the largest nature reserves in Europe. The town is presided over by the ruins of a 12th century Moorish fortress which was destroyed by Napoleon's army during the war of 1812 and a 15th century gothic-mudejar church built by the Knights of the Templar. The walk up to the castle is well rewarded with gorgeous sweeping views extending all the way to Portugal.

Aracena is situated one hour by car from Seville and three hours from Lisbon. It is about one hour away from the beaches of Huelva and less than two from Jerez de la Frontera, the city made famous by its Sherries and dancing Andalusian horses. In short, Aracena is well positioned to serve as a home base to explore the many attractions that Andalusia and the Southern Iberian peninsula have to offer.

The Sierras of Aracena and Peaks of Aroche are dotted with tiny white washed villages and towns, typical of Andalusia. Each town and village fiercely maintains its own traditions and because they tend to be staggered throughout the year, it is easy to enjoy virtually all of them.

Many of the fiestas have religious significance but can be enjoyed by all as truly cultural celebrations of traditional dance and song.

Whether it be a Romeria (religious pilgrimage), a bullfight, local village fiesta, celebration of local product (such as cheese or ham) or Semana Santa; the ferias and festivals of the region are the purest display of everything that is intrinsically "Andalus" - they are the window to the soul of Southern Spain.

With the gorgeous backdrop of the Templar Castle Church and the ruins of the 12th Century Moorish fortress, it is difficult to imagine a more beautiful or magical setting to enjoy these longstanding Spanish traditions than Aracena.

The town boasts a Theatre which hosts a rich and diverse selection of exhibitions, performances and conferences. There is also the 'Open Air Sculpture Gallery' which invites its inhabitants and visitors alike to explore its streets to enjoy the various sculptures scattered throughout the village.

It is truly the perfect balance of cultural celebration, relaxed enjoyment of life and a focus on friends and family. Here it is all about living **in** and **for** the moment!



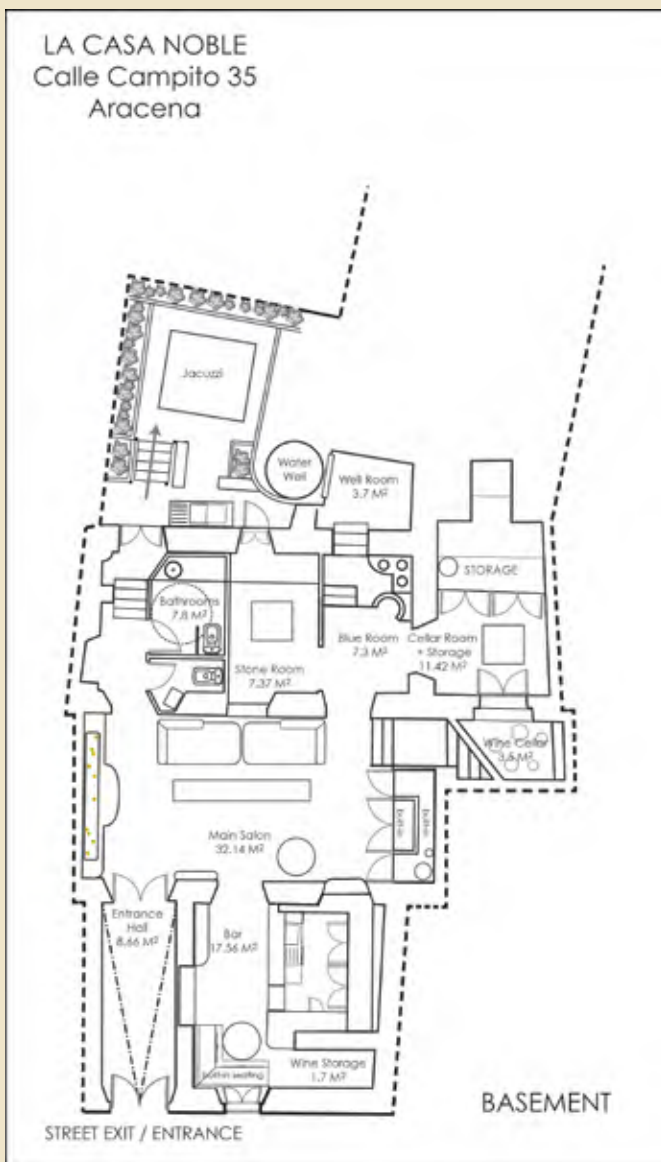
*Basement Bar*  
WITH SEPARATE STREET ENTRANCE



MAIN SALON



BAR



MAIN SALON





CELLAR ROOM



BAR



LOOKS THROUGH TO THE WELL



ORIGINAL 'TINAJAS'



*Basement Bar  
Entertainment  
Wine Cellar*



GREY ROOM



*Ground Floor  
Living Spaces*



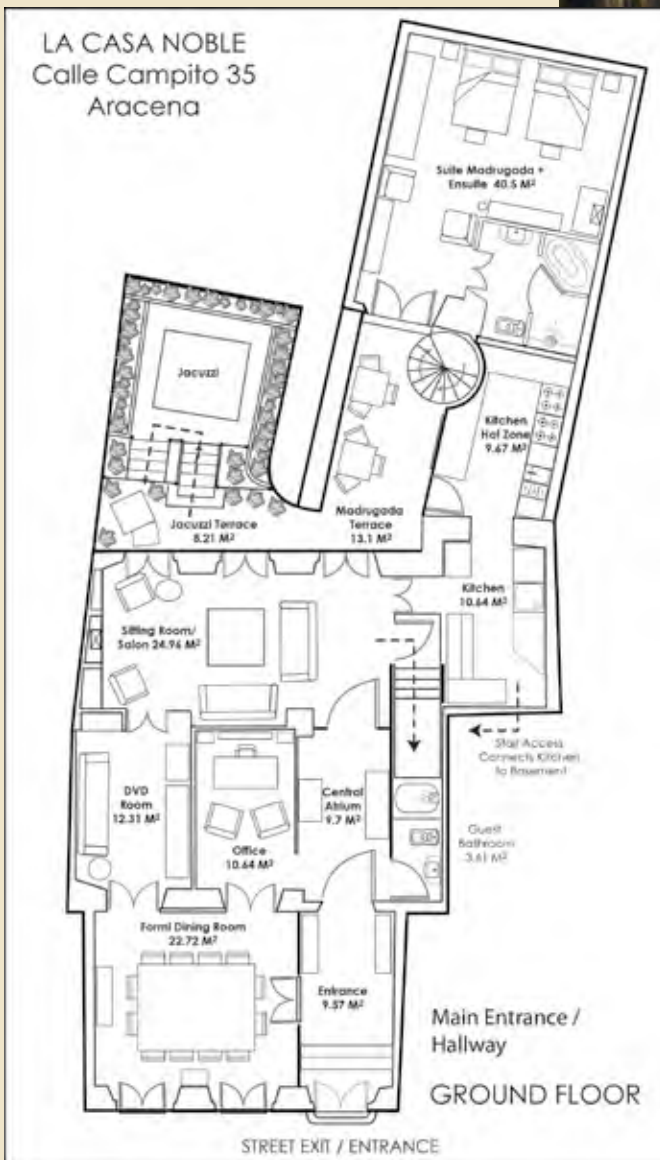
FORMAL DINING ROOM



ENTRANCE



CENTRAL ATRIUM



CENTRAL ATRIUM FRESCOES

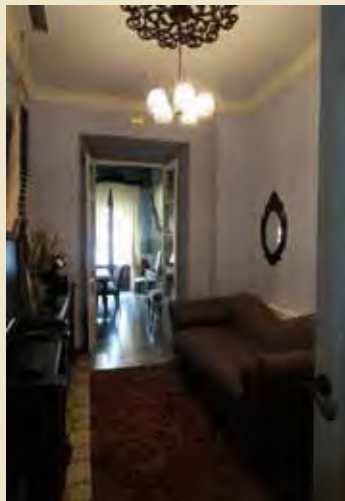


SITTING ROOM

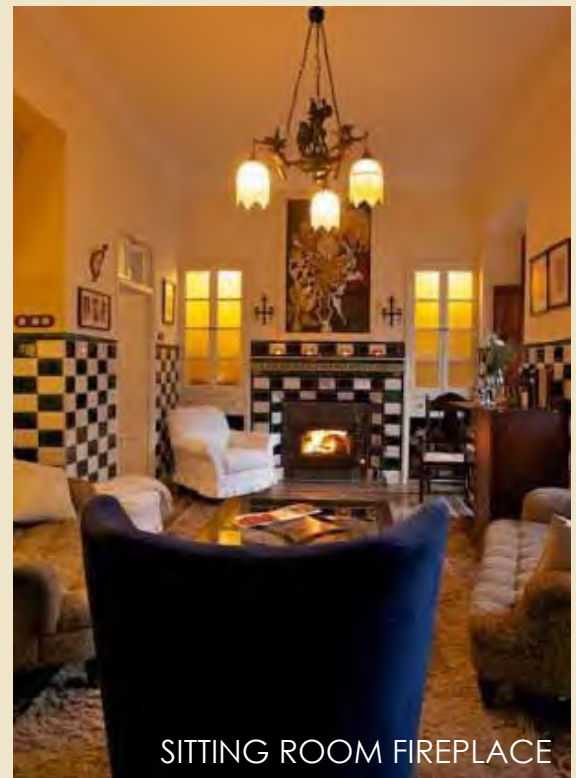




FROM ENTRANCE



DINING ROOM BY NIGHT



SITTING ROOM FIREPLACE



OFFICE



DVD ROOM / SERVICE ROOM

*Ground Floor  
Living Spaces*



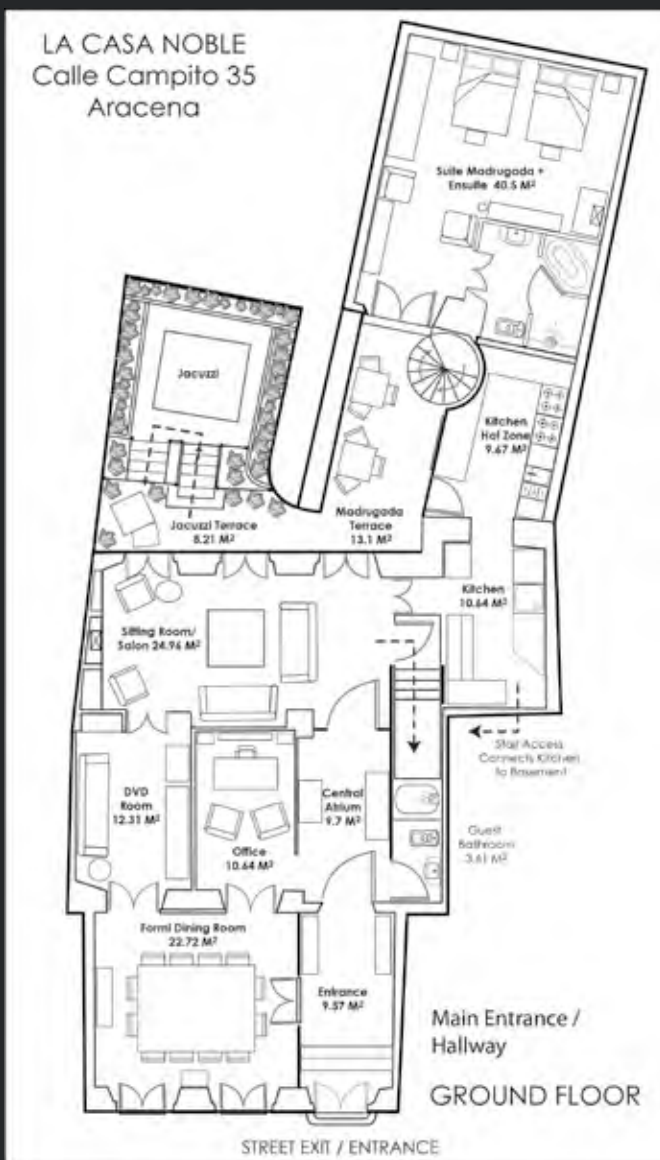
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KITCHEN HOT ZONE



KITCHEN STORAGE & SERVICE

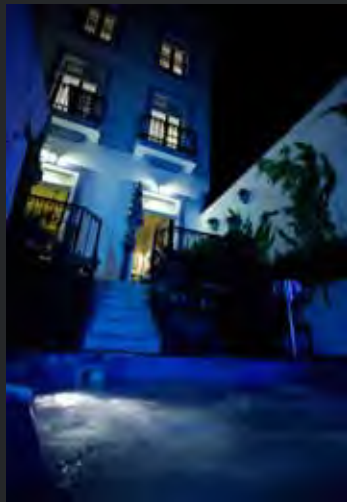


MADRUGADA TERRACE





JACUZZI



FOUNTAIN



MADRUGADA TERRACE



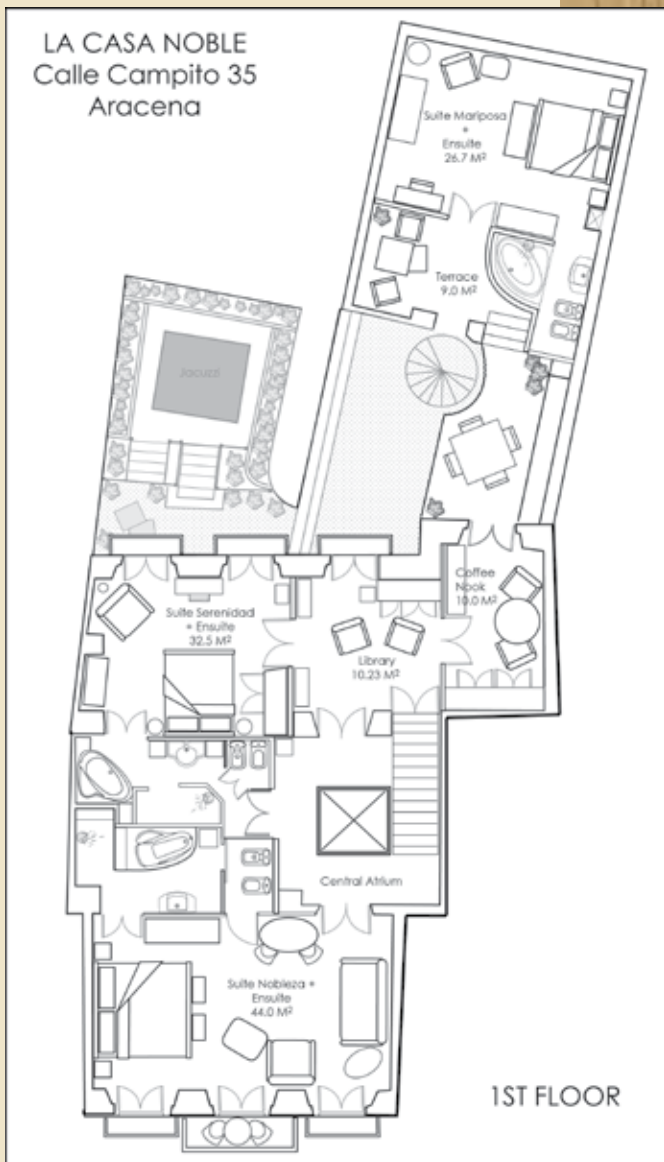
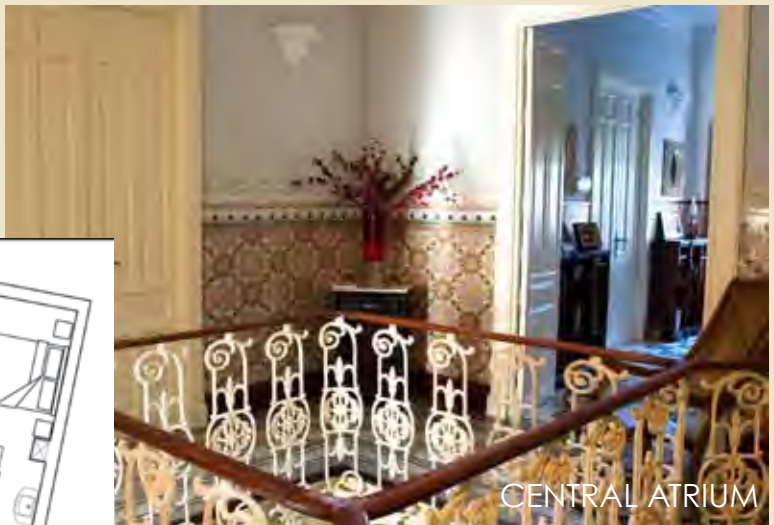
FIREPLACE



MADRUGADA SUITE - 2 X AMERICAN FULL BEDS

*Jacuzzi,  
Terrace &  
Madrugada  
Suite*









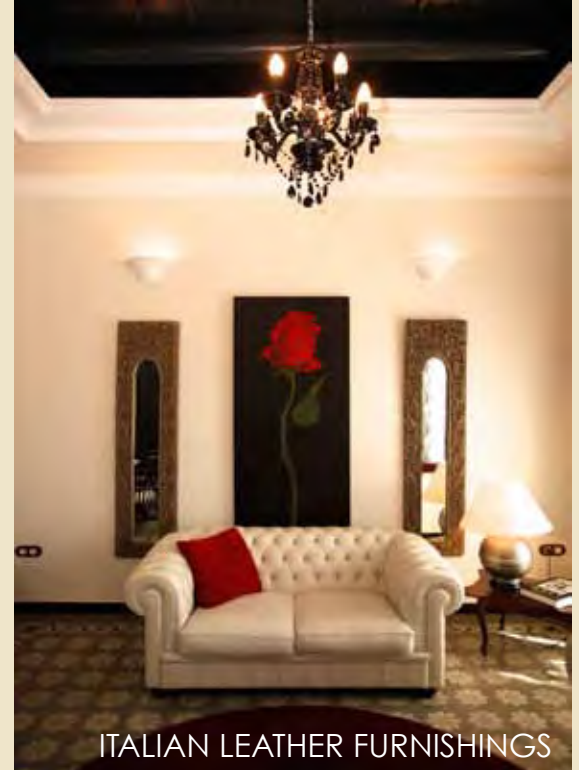
'NOBLEZA' SITTING AREA



AMERICAN KING BED



'NOBLEZA' ENSUITE JACUZZI & SHOWER



ITALIAN LEATHER FURNISHINGS



*Nobleza Suite  
& Ensuite*



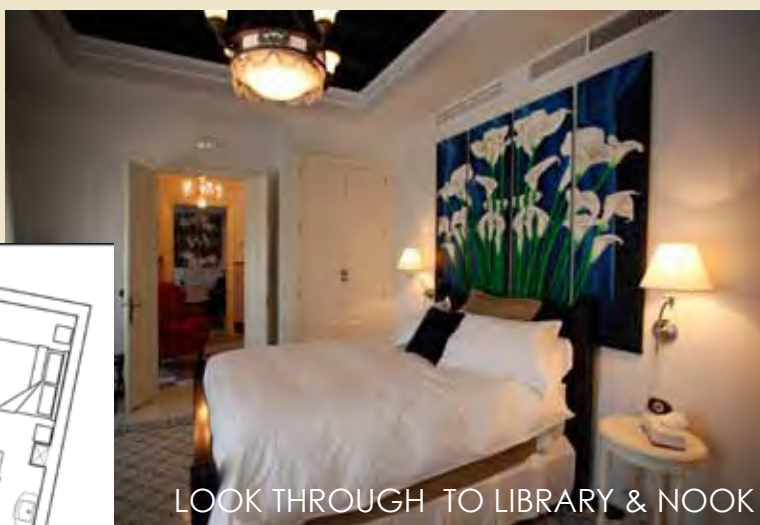
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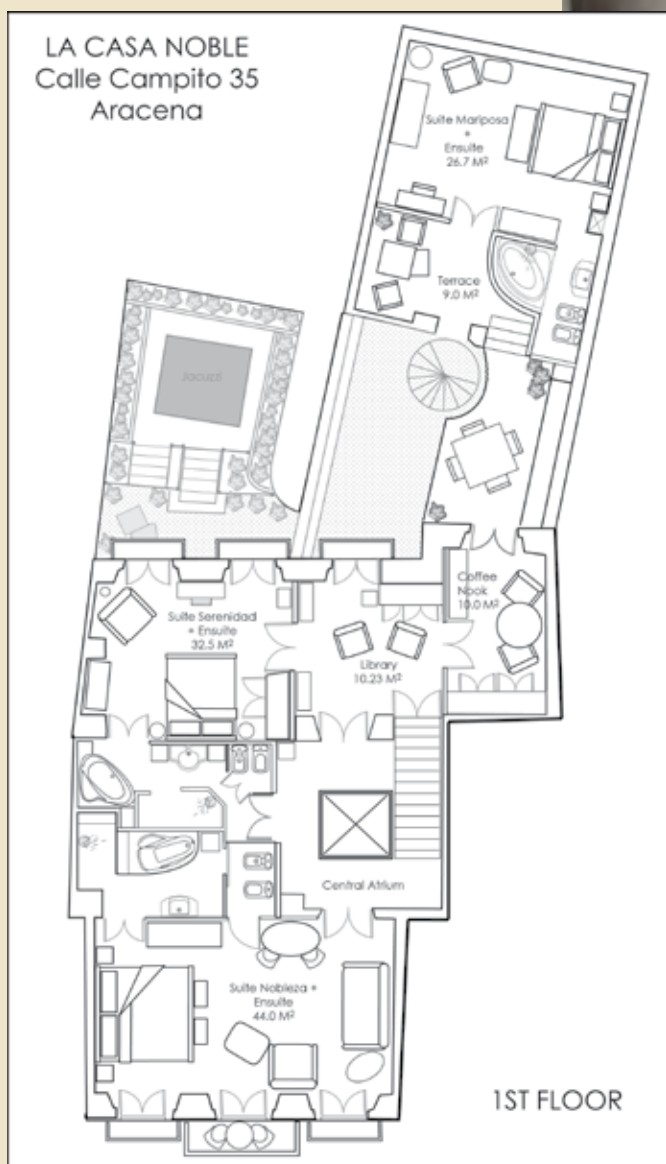
ORIGINAL ART



AMERICAN QUEEN BED



LOOK THROUGH TO LIBRARY & NOOK



'SERENIDAD' ENSUITE RAIN SHOWER



'SERENIDAD' ENSUITE JACUZZI





CONNECTED TERRACE



VIEW OF THE CASTLE & ROOFTOPS



'MARIPOSA' COVERED TERRACE



'MARIPOSA' WHIRLPOOL BATH



OPEN PLAN



AMERICAN QUEEN BED

*Castle Terrace,  
Mariposa Suite  
& Ensuite*





*Castillo Suite  
& Ensuite*

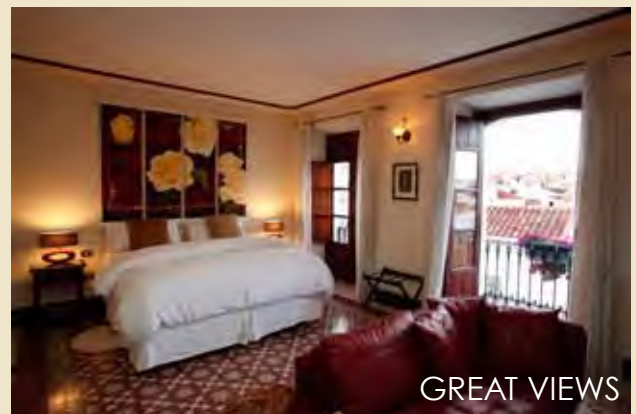
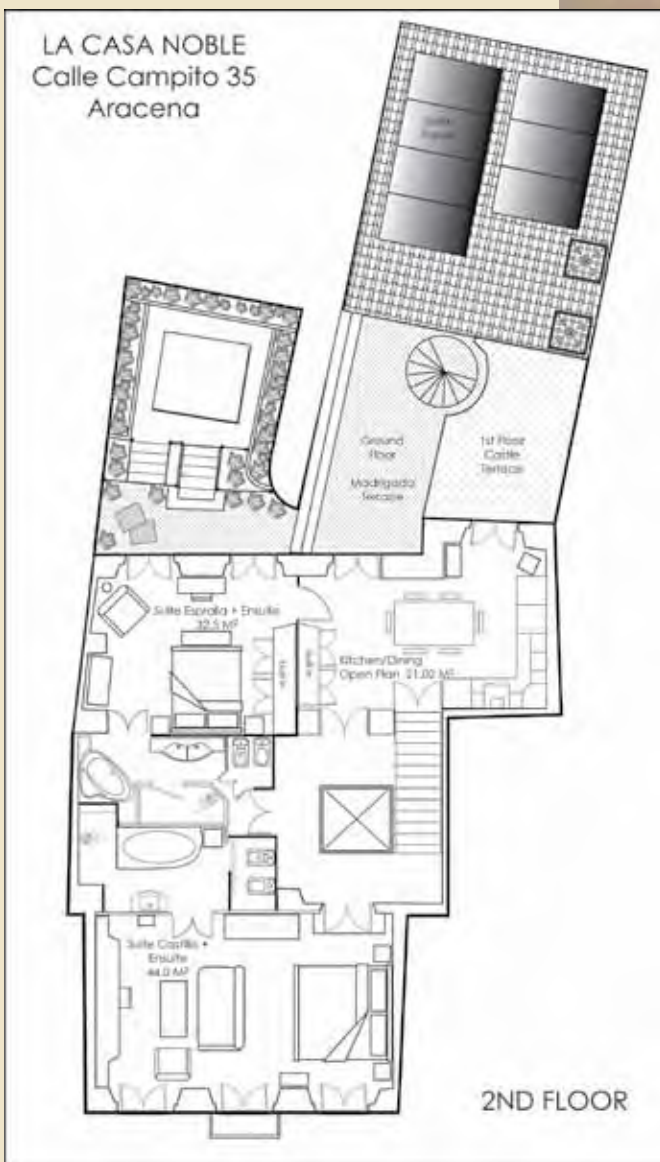
CASTILLO RAIN SHOWER



AMERICAN KING BED



CUSTOM BUILT IN



GREAT VIEWS



'CASTILLO' ENSUITE W- PLUNGE BATH





ORIGINAL TILES & IRON



AMERICAN QUEEN BED



VIEWS FROM ESPRALIA BEDROOM



'ESPRALIA' WHIRLPOOL BATH



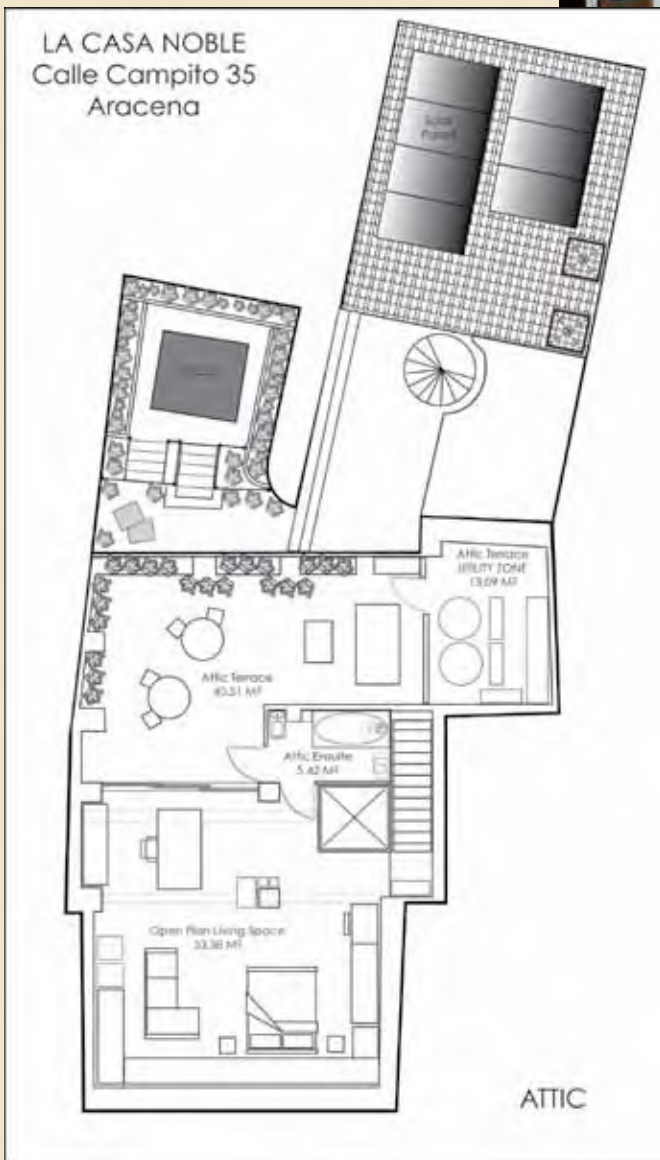
*Private Kitchen,  
Espralia Suite  
& Ensuite*



OPEN PLAN KITCHEN AND DINING



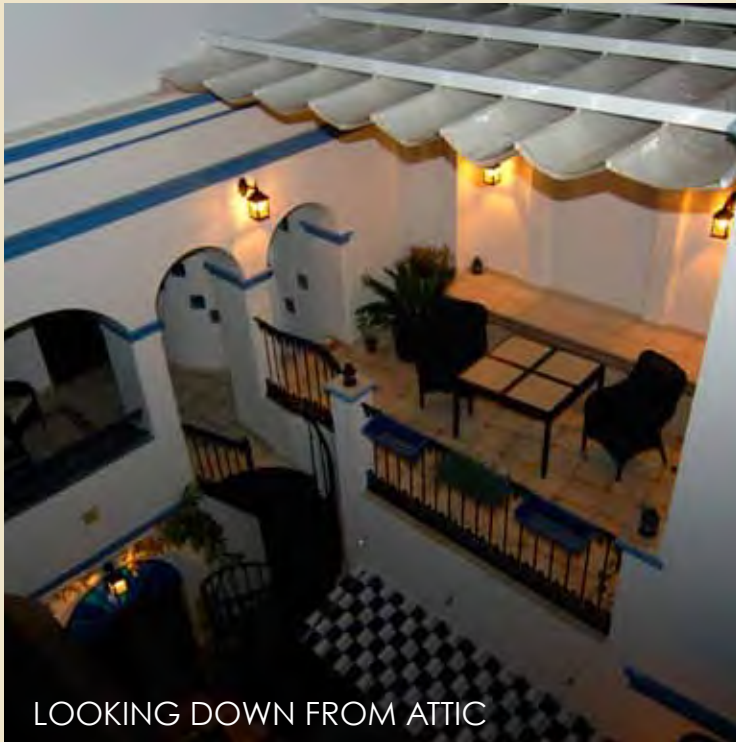
# Open Plan Attic & Ensuite



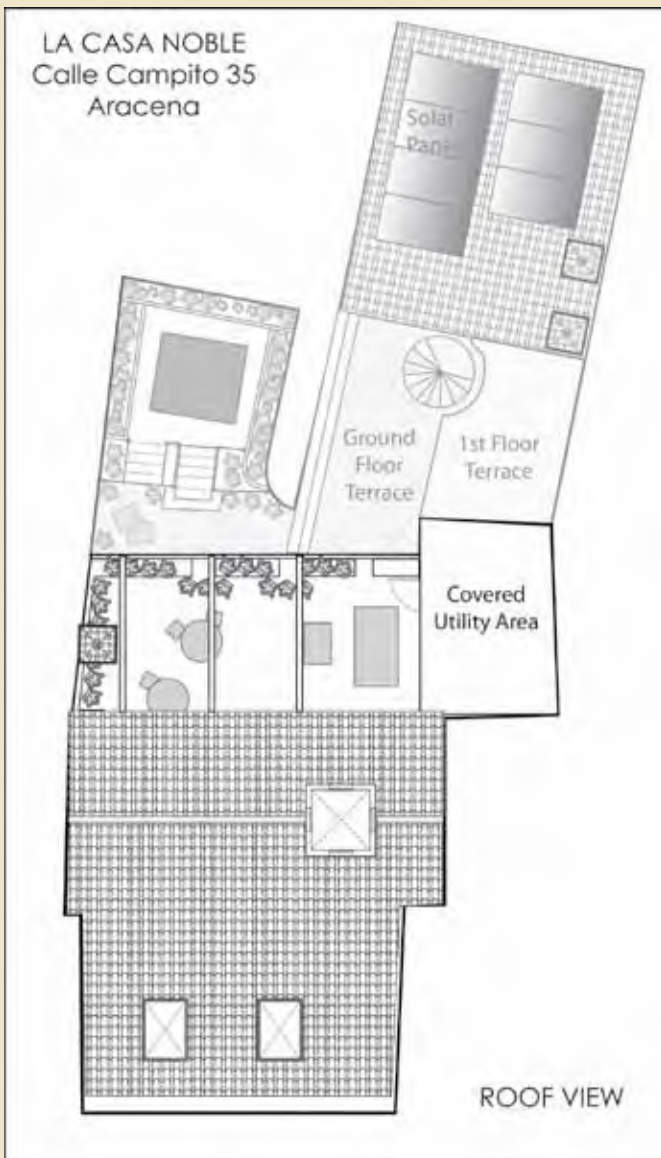
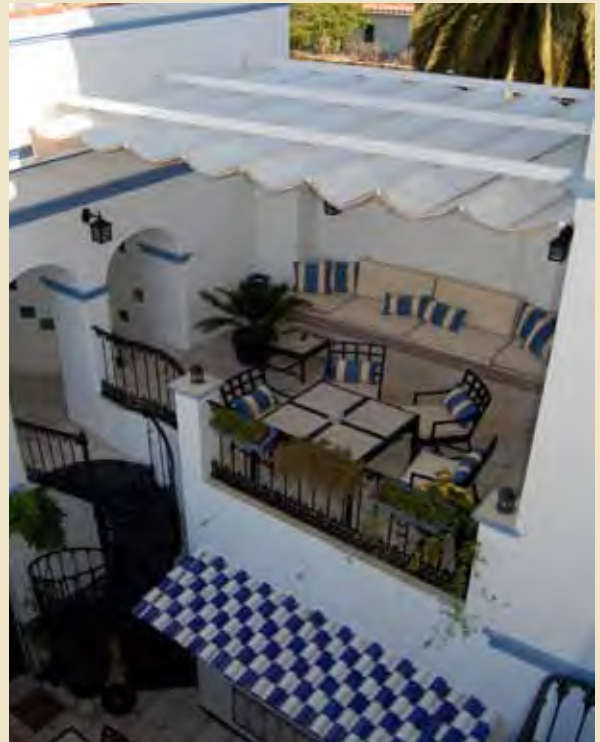
ATTIC TERRACE - CASTLE VIEWS







LOOKING DOWN FROM ATTIC



#### MACHINERY / INFRASTRUCTURE LIST

##### MCQUAY AIR CONDITIONING/HEATING X 8

- OFFICE / DVD ROOM
- SALON
- MADRUGADA
- NOBLEZA
- SERENIDAD
- MARIPOSA
- CASTILLO
- ESPRALIA

##### EV CONFORT ELECTRIC WALL RADIATORS X 8

- FORMAL DINING ROOM
- DVD ROOM
- SALON
- GUEST BATHROOM
- COFFEE NOOK
- MADRUGADA BATHROOM
- MARIPOSA BATHROOM
- PERSONAL KITCHEN

##### SOLAR HOT WATER HEATING

- ROOF SOLAR PANELS X 7
- 750L HOT WATER TANKS X 2
- ELECTRIC HOT WATER HEATERS X 3 (BACK UP FOR SOLAR)

##### DUCTED VACUUM SYSTEM

- CENTRAL MOTOR MOUNTED IN BAR STORAGE CUPBOARD
- OFFICE
- PROFESSIONAL KITCHEN
- NOBLEZA
- LIBRARY
- CASTILLO
- PERSONAL KITCHEN
- DVD ROOM
- MADRUGADA
- SERENIDAD
- MARIPOSA
- ESPRALIA

##### LAUNDRY FACILITIES

- 7.5 KG OTSEIN HOOVER WASHING MACHINE
- 9 KG OTSEIN HOOVER WASHING MACHINE
- 9 KG OTSEIN HOOVER CONDENSATION DRYER

##### PROFESSIONAL KITCHEN

- 4 BURNER GAS STOVE TOP & FAN FORCED OVEN X 2
- CHROME GRILL PLATE
- ELECTRIC DEEP FRYER
- THREE COMPARTMENT BAIN MARIE
- STAINLESS STEEL SERVICE AREA AND DRAWER
- FOUR DRAWER TABLE FRIDGE
- TWO DOOR TABLE FRIDGE
- FULL HEIGHT UPRIGHT FREEZER
- FULL HEIGHT SPLIT DOOR UPRIGHT FRIDGE
- DISHWASHER

##### BAR INSTALLATIONS

- FOUR DOOR DISPLAY FRIDGE
- ICE MACHINE
- FULL HEIGHT WINE FRIDGE
- WATER SOFTENING / DECALCIFICATION TREATMENT
- ELECTRIC UNDERFLOOR HEATING
- DISHWASHER

##### FIRE PREVENTION

- SMOKE DETECTORS X 11
- FIRE EXTINGUISHERS X 9



## Excmo. Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Aracena

Por Decreto de la Alcaldía n.º 974/07 del día 20 de septiembre se concede la preceptiva:

### LICENCIA

A favor de D. MELANIE CLAIRE DENNY

para: LICENCIA DE APERTURA del establecimiento: CASA RURAL CATEGORÍA SUPERIOR sito en: C/ Campito, 35

Al quedar acreditado en el expediente de su razón haberse cumplido los preceptos reglamentarios y satisfechos los derechos que señala la correspondiente ordenanza fiscal.

Aracena, a 19 de noviembre de 2007

NOTA: Esta licencia deberá estar expuesta en lugar visible del establecimiento.



## Excmo. Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Aracena

Por la Junta de Gobierno Local en sesión celebrada el día 02 octubre 2008 se ha acordado conceder la preceptiva:

### LICENCIA

A favor de D. MELANIE CLAIRE DENNY

para: LICENCIA DE APERTURA del establecimiento: BAR - CAFETERÍA sito en: C/ Campito, 35

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### REFERENCIA CATASTRAL DEL INMUEBLE 4573714QB1947S0001OH

#### DATOS DEL INMUEBLE

**LOCALIZACIÓN**  
CL CAMPITO 35  
21200 ARACENA (HUELVA)

**USO LOCAL PRINCIPAL** Ocio, Hostelería **Año construcción** 1982

**COEFICIENTE DE PARTICIPACIÓN** 100,000000 **SUPERFICIE CONSTRUIDA en m²** 748

#### DATOS DE LA FINCA A LA QUE PERTENECE EL INMUEBLE

**LOCALIZACIÓN**  
CL CAMPITO 35  
ARACENA (HUELVA)

**SUPERFICIE CONSTRUIDA en m²** 748 **SUPERFICIE TOTAL en m²** 254 **TIPO DE FINCA** Parcela construida sin división horizontal

#### ELEMENTOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN

Uso	Esquina	Puerta	Puerta	Superficie m²
OCIO HOTEL	1	-1	01	129
HOTELERO	1	00	01	203
HOTELERO	1	01	01	175
OTROS USOS	1	01	02	13
HOTELERO	1	02	01	109
ALMACEN	1	00	01	79

### CONSULTA DESCRIPTIVA Y GRÁFICA DE DATOS CATASTRALES BIENES INMUEBLES DE NATURALEZA URBANA Municipio de ARACENA Provincia de HUELVA

#### INFORMACIÓN GRÁFICA

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**La Casa Noble**

"A first-rate B&B"

5.0 153 Reviews



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> See all 59 hotels in Province of Huelva



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**La Posada de San Marcos**

"Heaven!"

5.0 117 Reviews



Ranked #3

**Casas Rurales el Rincon de las Tobas**

"Idyllic country retreat, luxurious self-caterin..."

5.0 8 Reviews



Ranked #4

**Finca El Chaparral**

"Perfect getaway!"

5.0 10 Reviews

## La Casa Noble ★★★★★

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Ver todos los comentarios



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Todo, destacaria la decoracion, el confort, y el trato muy cordial. Asi como la posibilidad de servirte un cafe o una infusion tu mismo cuando ...

👤 Enrique, 🇪🇸 España





# Escape to the country

Leave behind your worldly cares in Huelva's artisan food country



Watching the sun set over Aracena. **ANDREW FORBES**



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The day had started in a distinctly otherworldly way. By mid morning we stood surveying an alien scene of coloured rocks, and charcoal black sediment that glistened in the sunlight. Pools of richly coloured water dotted the landscape that spread out towards the horizon.

## Red River

These are the abandoned mines of Rio Tinto, in Huelva province, a mineral rich area that has been exploited for copper, silver and gold for thousands of years. It takes its name from the extraordinary rusty-red river that flows from the mountains down through the silent mines and the pine clad countryside. Visiting The Rio Tinto Mining Park, and getting the chance to get right down to the river, we learnt from the guide that it's no surprise that the whole area feels unearthly. This orange and red river, with its natural iron content and contamination from the disused mines, is so unique on the planet that it has in fact been the subject of NASA scientific studies, searching for environments that mimic Mars.

## Sweet acorns

Leaving the extraordinary terrain of Rio Tinto, the road heads up to the Sierra de Aracena. Before long the verdant pine trees give way to the richer, darker greens of broadleaf woodland

and forests. From a distance the vast canopy of oak trees blend together, but up close from the side of the road, it's possible to see pastoral spaces amongst these ancient and sometimes majestic trees. These shady spaces are home to the super stars of this rural part of Andalucía, the iconic, Spanish 'Ibérico' pigs that graze amongst the trees, searching for their favourite treat, fallen acorns.

Here in Huelva's northern interior one discovers why this area is one of the most fascinating in southern Spain. From the mysterious Rio Tinto, to the 'Gruta de las Maravilla', said to be one of most spectacular cave systems in Spain, this is a surprisingly diverse province.

## Noble town

It's also home to some of Spain's finest natural gastronomy, not just for superb ham, but it is also where gourmet foragers harvest the country's best mushrooms. At the heart of the 'Sierras of Aracena and Peaks of Aroche Natural Park' is the town of Aracena. A small, yet striking town, it has a 12th century fort, a 15th century gothic mudéjar church, and some very fine and noble homes; a testament to the time when Seville's immense wealth spilled out to the regions a century or more ago.

One of these unique properties from this golden era is 'La Casa Noble', now a boutique guest house. It offers a child-free environment for



The best of local gastronomy. **SUN**

guests who want to enjoy the best of the area; expansive views, great wines, tasty gourmet tapas and then relax and unwind in a luxurious suite. This little corner of heaven has been created by Melanie Denny, a foreign resident who moved to Aracena from Los Angeles in 2004.

After our journey it was good to relax and so over a plate of local 'pata negra' ham and a glass of fino, Australian-born Melanie explains how she fell in love with the house, which is full of original turn of the century hand painted frescoes and wall deco-

rations. 'I was captured by the soul of the house - the sensitivity of its original design and decoration - so I was inspired to return it to its former glory.'

With her passion for design and art, she set about a four year restoration using local artisans, craftsmen and artists. Now Melanie is an evangelist for the area, helping introduce guests to the best of the local mountain gastronomy, cultural festivals and natural environment.

## For foodies

Although many come here for the adventure activities and hiking in the natural park, usually a break in this part of Huelva is one where food takes centre stage. Repeat menus that include wild game, fresh, succulent pork, cured hams and exceptional wild mushrooms prized by chefs from across Spain and beyond. Aracena has different choices for eating, from restaurants offering elegant dining to local tapas bars serving truly memorable tapas at unforgettably low prices.

Sitting on the terrace, talking with Melanie, watching the sun set over Aracena's Moorish fortress and the rooftops below, our mundane cares seemed worlds-away.

## So what is 'Pata negra'?

The countryside around Aracena is home to a multi-million euro industry; producing cured ham or jamón serrano. The finest type of this cured ham is called 'jamón ibérico de bel-

lota' and is often referred to as 'pata negra', after the black hoof of the ham. It is from a native breed of acorn-fed pig called 'Ibérico'. Their meat is dried and cured over many months. These are the hams that 'foodies' from across the world love to eat; served uncooked and sliced finely.

In Spain, jamón is like olive oil; it's pretty much everywhere, but the quality can vary hugely. To protect consumers and the industry, genuine 'pata negra' hams are certified with 'Denominación de Origen', and the denomination of 'Jamón de Huelva' is considered amongst the very best of the best. With its unique mountain climate and vast oak forests, the pure breed 'Ibérico' pigs are able to be reared free-range in Huelva, roaming amongst the oaks, feeding on acorns, called 'bellota' in Spanish.

Between now and February, the pigs can each eat up to eight kilos of acorns a day!

Melanie, the owner of La Casa Noble arranged a visit to a local producer and two hundred year old family ham business called 'Eiriz' that provides small tours of their estate and animals, showing visitors how artisan hams are produced.

It's a fascinating tour and helps with understanding the complexities of artisan food production. It's also heartening to see that these gourmet foods are keeping traditions alive, creating employment in the rural areas, as well as maintaining the beautiful 'dehesa' oak forest estates.

**www.lacasanoble.net**  
**www.jamoneseiriz.com**





## La Casa Noble

Adults-only Andalucían B&B packed with cosy corners

An hour north of Seville, the town of Arcena is a beautiful base for exploring Andalucía and the turn-of-the-century, art nouveau bolthole, La Casa Noble, is the super-cosy, ultra-comfortable second home you dream of. Its individually decorated rooms are simply gorgeous with standout features such as original fireplaces and superb reproduction furniture. (Mariposa, a romantic suite complete with Jacuzzi, hand-painted tiles and leafy arcaded patio is the one to book for the ultimate sexy sojourn.) However, there are NO tvs in sight because it's all about the art of conversation here, meeting fellow guests over evening tapas and making new friends. Breakfasts of pancakes dripping with maple syrup are served on a terrace with the hilltop castle and church in the distance. Head to Obra, the basement bar, for an apéritif before hitting a restaurant in town - just ask owner Melanie Denny to give you the insider's scoop on the best places to go. Beyond La Casa Noble, there's horse riding, mountain biking and hiking on offer, and a visit to the Cavern of the Marvels; Arcena's seemingly impossible underground system of caves and lakes, must be on your "to do" list. Add to that: sampling jamón Iberico in the local bodegas, taking cooking and cheese-making classes, and visiting the local art galleries and historical places of interest. The only problem is fitting it all in.

**PRICE FROM:**

€195

**FEATURES:**

Wheelchair access

**ACTIVITIES:**

Horse riding; Walking

**NEARBY:**

Seville; Natural Park - Sierras of Arcena & Peaks of Aroche; Gruta de las Maravillas (limestone caves); Original Rio Tinto Mine

**GETTING THERE:**

Seville Airport; Faro Airport

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# Why Huelva Should Be the Next Destination on Your List

Ten Minutes with Melanie Denny at La Casa Noble

15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 5:48 PM

We talked to the owner of **La Casa Noble**, a cosy adults-only B&B tucked away in Aracena, Spain, a picture-perfect village one hour north of Seville. Melanie has bucketfuls of advice for visitors to this gorgeous region in the heart of Andalucía, and - spoiler alert - most of it involves food.

## What do you recommend a first-time visitor to Aracena do in the area?

As I am a massive foodie, I always head for the restaurant and bar suggestions first. An amazing thing that shouldn't be missed is a visit to a Jamón producer. We are fortunate to be associated with the award-winning Jamónes Eriz of Jabugo and our clients can visit the farm and the bodega to really see the entire process 'paddock to plate'. It is a family-owned business and the visit is conducted by a member of the family and concludes with a tasting of their amazing product. Not going would be like visiting Rioja and not having a glass of wine.

## What about someone who regularly visits?

Our returning clients tend to use La Casa Noble as a base for further exploration: exploring the mines of Rio Tinto, bird-watching in the Doñana National Park, visiting hole-in-the-wall restaurants in sleepy fishing villages in the Algarve, Portugal; it all depends. Of course, our clients who come back for a third and fourth time do so to do not much at all, just take in the absolute serenity and beauty of the Sierras de Aracena.

## So the Jamón you mentioned... Is it the top regional speciality foodies need to try when they visit?

Definitely. Sorry for the vegetarians, but here it's all about the Iberian pig in whatever form it takes. Our region is world famous for its top quality Jamón Ibérico de Bellota or Cured Acorn-Fed Iberian Ham (take a look at any high end degustation menu worldwide today and you are bound to see it mentioned). If you seriously can't indulge in that, there are some amazing artisan cheese makers locally offering fabulous stinky goats cheese.

## We hear there are some big birthdays to celebrate this year in Aracena...

Yes, the building that is now known as La Casa Noble is celebrating her 100th birthday this year! I am so proud that the renovation and restoration of this turn-of-the-century property has meant that she can bring in the next 100 years of her history in fine style, loved and embraced by those who enter her doors. Coincidentally, the local paves (not to be missed) are also celebrating 100 years since they first opened to the public.

## What's the best way to get around and see your region?

Honestly, weather permitting, by foot. Certainly within the many wee villages of the Sierras that is a no-brainer; it is the charm of the area, really. The more adventurous travel from one village to the next following walking trails, but there are so many well-marked routes that almost everyone can enjoy a countryside walk. It all depends on the level of fitness of the guest and the time of the year.

More importantly, for me it always depends on whether or not the person walking is also a foodie. My favourite walks all end up at the front door of my favourite eating spots, anywhere between 10 minutes and four hours from when I set out.

If walking isn't your thing, then your own car is a definite must. While there are buses and taxis around the Sierras, the frequency with which they run doesn't help you make the most of your stay.

## What cultural events are coming up in the region?

Depending on the time of the year there is always something on. A village Feria, Semana Santa, a Romería, mushroom season. Just let us know and we will advise you as to what's on at the time of your visit.

## Name one item guests should bring with them to Huelva.

Can I instead suggest something they shouldn't bring? To truly enjoy Andalucía, leave your watch at home! Time has its own unique construct here and quite frankly, this is just one of those things you need to let go of and do as the locals do. The actual time as it relates to a watch doesn't work, but if you just let it happen, you will find it's quite easy to fall into the Spanish timetable of breakfast at 10, lunch at two, merienda at six and dinner at nine... but not if you have a watch on. Trust me!

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### Are there any unique souvenirs visitors can take home with them?

A truly special piece would be a sculpture by Pepe Antonio Márquez; clients of mine have repatriated bronzes as far as Australia and California. We organise studio visits of local artists. On a smaller scale, there is local hand-painted and glazed pottery (not the type with the name Aracena on it anywhere) that is unique to the region and quite beautiful.

### Is there anything about your hotel that you can only learn by staying there?

The way the light and air move through the house can't be captured by a photo nor explained in words. For this reason the house has its own 'encanta'. The other thing that can't be planned nor explained is the serendipity of new friends met over tapes, on the terrace or over the breakfast table. Each of those guests have their own travel stories and recommendations to pass on, and every visit becomes unique thanks to that.

### What's your favourite thing about Aracena?

I know that this will sound ludicrous, but I love that in Aracena we don't have one set of traffic lights. Not one! I love that our village has such a sense of tradition while also being quite modern. I love that we have an outdoor modern art gallery so that exploring the streets of Aracena is filled with surprises and beauty. I love the low level of the trees here and the beauty of the countryside. Thanks to the jamón industry, the fields are comprised of cork trees, holm oaks and olive trees, running around among them are our famous black pigs.

### And what's your favourite part about running La Casa Noble?

Opening the doors to my home means I get to share my favourite things about the area with the added plus of being able to meet amazing like-minded travellers of the world so many different people, with so many diverse backgrounds and interests. Over the past six years I have had the pleasure of meeting hundreds of guests and the privilege of being able to now call many of them my friends.

### It's clear you have a real passion for what you do and where you live. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Sometimes the best-kept secrets really are the most beautiful surprise just waiting to be discovered. It's hard to believe that all this natural beauty exists a mere hour's drive from Seville.



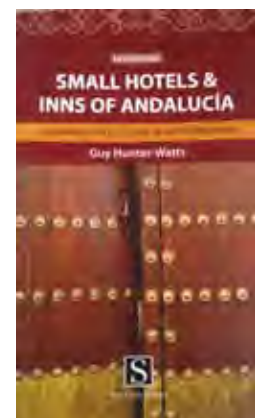
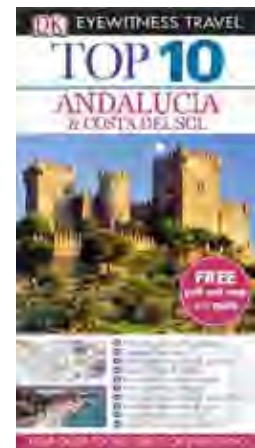
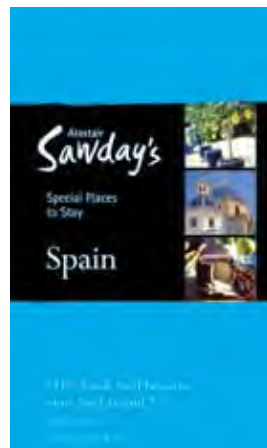
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