



Just the (Spanish) Job



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BARGAIN BREAK: Mayor Marco overlooks the home from his town hall office

WANT to follow in the footsteps of TV celebs Amanda Holden and Alan Carr?

Well now you can as the stunning holiday home renovated by the duo on their popular BBC1 show is now available to book.

Casa Alamanda Moclin is a three-bed home in the hilltop village of Moclin.

Abandoned for 35 years, it's been completely transformed into a stylish self-catering getaway – and you can stay

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there from €195 per night. The interiors haven't changed a bit from the show: You'll find the Moroccan bedroom with its handcrafted ceiling and Juliet balconies, the

'London-style' bar and games room and a sunny roof terrace with views towards the soaring Sierra Nevada.

Everything was designed for Amanda & Alan's *Spanish Job* with help from local artisans, giving the house a charming, hand-finished feel. The new Welsh owners, Nicola and Mickey Walters, have generously pledged 15% of all rental income to the Moclin Women's Association.

The group featured in episode four when Amanda made pastries with them.

Memories

The show has had a huge impact on the village – with more visitors, more business, and a real buzz returning to the area. The mayor, Marco Perez, told *the Olive Press* it was 'amazing fun' working with Alan and Amanda.

"They brought such fun to the village and it brought some amazing memories," he said. "It's also really put the place on the map and given a very welcome boost to tourism." Local bar owner Mario Costela, added: "British tourists started arriving every day after the show aired."

Danish joy, then tears

AN army of Danish expats couldn't believe their eyes when they watched their tennis team put Spain 2-0 down on the first day of a key Davis Cup battle.

With new world No 1 Carlos Alcaraz staying State-side after grabbing the US Open, it seemed a win was written in the stars.

However, joy turned to tears when the sporting nation came back to win 3-2 on the second day in Marbella.

The fightback to the Finals was led by a nail-biting doubles win.

Jaume Munar then levelled the tie by sweeping aside Elmer Moeller, before Pablo Carreño Busta defeated World No 8, Holger Rune.

The tie however was still a big win for Denmark's thousand-plus fans, who sang a range of national songs, dressed up in red and white. "It was a belting start, a real cracker from Rune," said expat Janus Nielsen, owner of



Marbella-based AnyTech 365 (above).

"And then to see Moeller continue the trouncing was a joy," added Nielsen.

He continued: "I thought it was written in the stars when I saw that Carlito couldn't make it," continued Nielsen, who has known Alcaraz and Rune since giving them wild cards in an ATP tournament he first organised in Marbella in 2020.

"Rune is an amazing player and it is just a real shame that he couldn't nick one of the last three points on Sunday," he continued.

MULLINS IT OVER

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE IN THE UK AND LIFE IN SPAIN, WRITES CHARLIE MULLINS

JUST BE RESPECTFUL

Immigrants (and that includes us) need to blend in

YOU don't have to scroll far these days to find someone sounding off about immigration - whether it's in the UK or right here in Spain.

And the second someone does, the labels start flying: racist, far-right, little Englander. But let's be honest - most of the time, it's not about race or nationality. It's about respect.

Plenty of Brits - and I include myself - have made Spain our home. And by and large, the Spanish people have been incredibly welcoming. Since the first time I bought property here, I've had nothing but good vibes.

I've worked alongside Spaniards, shared meals, raised glasses, and been made to feel part of the community. Why? Because I've always shown respect for their country, their way of life, and their culture.

This isn't about Spain vs the UK, or locals vs expats. It's about decent people who make an effort, versus those who turn up with a sense of entitlement and no interest in fitting in. And let's be honest - we've all seen them. Loud, brash, no manners, no clue.

The kind who treat Spain like their own personal theme park. If you wouldn't tolerate that behaviour from a foreigner in your hometown, don't come over here and do it to someone else's.

I've never pretended to be Spanish - and I don't need to. But I live here now, and I'm a guest in this country. That comes with re-



sponsibilities.

Understand the culture. Embrace the customs. It doesn't mean giving up who you are - it just means being a decent neighbour.

That's why when people - like the British lady in Benidorm (above) recently - speak out about 'foreigners ruining the UK', it's not necessarily hypocrisy. As long, that is, as she herself has integrated on her move to Spain, and shown some respect to the Spanish.

I've criticised some of the anti-tourist protests here in Spain in the past - the graffiti, the tone, the targeting of small business owners - but here's the thing: I've never personally had a problem with the protesters.

Why? Because I show up with respect. And

when you do that, people notice. In fact, many of us - the respectful expats and the frustrated locals - are singing from the same hymn sheet.

It's not about where you come from.

It's about how you behave.

And it's the same story back in the UK. Yes, immigration in the 50s and 60s had its rough patches, but in the end, most people found their place.

They worked hard, adapted to British life, respected the rules and raised families that are now just as British as anyone else.

I hope the present generation of immigrants to the UK and also Spain (wherever they are from) integrate the same way. Because this isn't about being anti-immigrant - it's about being anti-ignorant.

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