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1. Be honest with yourself about the type of holiday you want. If you like evening entertainment then a property in a quiet location may not be the best choice and if you like peace and quiet then the centre of a Spanish city is not for you.
2. Consider the needs of everyone in your party. If you are bringing your parents, mobility may be an issue or if you have small children safety needs to be considered. A villa with a pool is everyone's dream holiday but if you have a small child then you need to be constantly on your guard which might detract from your enjoyment of the holiday. Likewise your parents not being able to get to the local shops as they are up a hill leaves them reliant on you to do the shopping for them.
3. Isolated locations can be idyllic but if you have children who want an ice cream every 5 minutes or teenagers who "get bored" all the time then you may want to be nearer to some activities.
4. Choose the house to fit the size of your party. A sofa bed can be very useful but if you are staying for 3 weeks putting it up and down every day may become a real pain. If your party is larger then you may well need two bathrooms especially if there are young girls who like to luxuriate for hours in the bath.
5. Getting to and from your holiday let has to be thought about. The plane will get you to the right country but how are you then going to get to the property? The Costa de la Luz has an excellent road network but the train line goes to Cadiz and then there is a gap between Cadiz and Algeciras so you need to consider an alternative means of transport.

6. Always consider the timetables and cost of transport to and from your holiday let. Hiring a car gives you excellent flexibility but can be dearer in summer months. Taxis can carry a levy for late night pick ups so plan your flights to coincide with other forms of transport when they are most economical.

7. Holiday insurance is always a good idea. Nobody goes on holiday expecting to have an accident or lose their luggage but sadly it does happen so make sure you get something in place before you set off on your holidays for peace of mind if nothing else.

8. Make sure the holiday let includes everything you need. All our properties include sheets and towels but not all holiday accommodation in Spain does. You do not want to arrive to find that you have to buy sheets and towels just for your one week stay. All our properties also include the cost of cleaning but many holiday lets in Spain expect you to leave the house the way you found it. So if two days cleaning before you leave is not how you want to end your holiday then check out the details before you book.

9. Always ask about local facilities. If you are only going to be in the area for a short time you want to visit the best it has to offer. A disappointing meal or a trip to a poorly run zoo or water park can spoil your memories of the holiday so ask the experts for some suggestions.

10. Always check on the opening dates for communal swimming pools as they can vary enormously throughout Spain.

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