## Thinking of Retiring Abroad?

- Our experience [for what it's worth]
- Pros and Cons
- Moved to Marbella [aka Marbs.] in 2013
- Holiday apartment there, in San Pedro de Alacantara, West Marbella, since 2004.
- It's still very Spanish.



## It's not Benidorm darlings!



## Marbella, Costa Del Sol and Andalucia

- Population 300K [San Pedro, 30K]
- 70 nationalities [24\% born there]
- Average temp. 18C with cooler summers and warmer winters than the rest of Andalucia. Micro-climate because of mountains and the Atlantic
- 28 Km of beaches and 2 National Parks.
- Second after London for most Rolls Royces per head and second priciest real estate in Spain.


## The Big Clean Up

- All the old Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Planning, Housing Officers in jail now.
- Developers [who are not bankrupt] have to provide for the communities.
- There are [were] more 500 euro notes in Spain than Germany, France, Italy etc, combined.
- One lawyer started the action [movie?]


## Getting Started

- First find a house
- Pros and cons.
- 'Experts' who'd watched A Place in the Sun, Grand Designs etc etc







## Roman ruins 200-300AD






















## Health

Austerity caused severe reductions in doctors and nurses.

Spain now has the second highest life expectancy in the world

## Stool Sample




## Columbus












## Being British

- More Pros and cons.


## Discussion topics - or not!



How are we going to get British TV when they move the sattelites?

## Visitors

- Pros or cons?








## Living the Spanish and Other Foreigners







## España resumida en una foto




