



## The “Green Frog’s” Guide to Melilla

Welcome to Melilla Marina, just a few quick notes that may make your stay a little more enjoyable. We have been here for nearly a year and have enjoyed our time. There is so much tranquility except for Friday and Saturday nights when the locals come out to enjoy themselves, but the overwhelming sense of comfort here makes it all worthwhile.

**Water and Electricity** 220v and 415v on quay. Special plug, €30 deposit. Water, special adaptor €10 deposit. Shower keys €10 deposit. All refundable upon leaving.

**Fuel.** Diesel, Super and unleaded petrol. 24hrs per day. Duty free prices. €0.65 per litre average 2006

**Provisions.** Supermarket, Behind Burger King on Esplanada San Lorenzo (Main road immediately outside marina, turn south (left) 250m)[Opens 0930-1400 & 1700-2100 Mon-Sat, Closed Sunday]. Hypermarket 10 minutes walk, past supermarket, over bridge, 1<sup>st</sup> right, 300 metres [Opens 1000-2200 Mon-Sat Closed Sun]. Vegetable, Fish and Meat market at top of Avenida del Rey Carlos I, plus a further 200m. Fresh produce. Smaller market behind Shell garage, walk away from sea on road south of supermarket, cross main road, market 100m on left. Closes at 1400, better produce if you get there early.

Duty Free alcohol, (cheapest in supermarket), Cigarettes and consumer electrics/onics.

**Showers.** South side of marina (2 minutes walk from visitors berth). Key from marina office. Large building with round windows, roomy and clean.

**Yacht Club.** Situated 250m north of port entrance (turn right at gate). Excellent facilities are available for visiting yachters in the marina. Bars, restaurant, swimming pool and gymnasium. Use of Internet in library.

**Beach.** Adjacent to marina, shallow water, stretches for 1 ½ Kilometres. (Best at other end.)

**Post Office and telephones.** 2 blocks north of Avenida del Rey Carlos I. Telephones at various 'Locutarios', check prices first! Many Internet cafes.

**Banks and ATM's.** Many banks mostly around plaza de Espana and Avenida del Rey Carlos I, mostly with ATM machines. Nearest bank/ATM to marina, in block north of supermarket, (on way from marina), next south over bridge after supermarket, ATM behind children's playground. Please note there is an ATM in the 'bar' complex in the marina but it operates sporadically.

**Repairs and Chandlery.** Both at Shop of Isidro Gonzalez West side of marina, Competent engineers, but reported to be expensive. Other Chandler is International paint dealer and holds about the same stock but concentrates more on clothing and accessories.

**Gas** Camping Gaz from Casa Monte 10 minutes walk from marina, past super market, over bridge, straight on past caja General, 1<sup>st</sup> right, 50 metres on right. (Up alleyway with steel stocks, office on left. (€4.50 per refill, note if no bottles in stock, may take 2 days)

**Charges.** Calculate at approx €0.19 per square metre (LOA x Beam) per day inclusive of water and electricity.

**Internet connection.** The marina has broadband wireless Internet connection WiFi. Logon details from the Capitania. Otherwise many cybercafes in the town.

**Eating out.** Various tapas bars in marina and town, we recommend La Cervezeria, calle General O'Donnell. Restaurant 'La Caracole II', Spanish and Moroccan cuisine south part of town, (take taxi)

**Taxis.** Very cheap from centre of town and maximum fare inside Melilla is about €10 from anywhere to anywhere in Melilla.

**Buses.** Main bus stop is on south side of Plaza de España. Ask at tourist info kiosk on north side, (Basic English spoken, sometimes).

**Ferries.** Daily ferries to Malaga (Twice daily in summer), 7Hrs normal, 4hrs Fast ferry, and Almeria 6hrs.

**Air.** Airport €10 taxi fare from marina. Flights approx 8 per day to Malaga, 2 to Almeria, also services to Madrid and Granada.

**General.** Security in the marina, owing to presence of 24hr manning and regular patrols by Guardia Civil and Policia, is generally good but do not leave valuables lying around. However look after possessions in town as petty theft can be a problem to those not vigilant. Do not leave handbags cameras etc. lying around as the impoverished illegals are always on the lookout!  
There is very little English spoken so be prepared for a little frustration, but the people are generally friendly and very courteous. This is probably because of the little amount of non-Spanish tourism and you are somewhat of a novelty.

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