

Asset Folio Marbella Shopping

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Spanish Tit-Bits



As a luxury lifestyle destination, Marbella is renowned for its luxury shopping. A short stylish stroll along the front line of Puerto Banus reveals more designer names than Milan Fashion Week – Gucci, Tom Ford, Dolce & Gabbana – to name a fabulous, fashionable few.

However, Marbella isn't just about haute couture. If you are looking for something a little different, then the town is home to several unique business.

The beautiful streets of Marbella's old town – the casco antiguo – may seem at first glance to have nothing more to offer than the usual tourist gifts, "boho" style and ice cream parlours on every corner. If, however, you look a little closer, you will discover some shopping gems.

Vintage Déjà Vu

Vintage Déjà Vu, located on a pedestrianised street just up from the Cafeteria Marbella, has been specialising in hard to find and beautiful items for over two decades. Run by wonderfully friendly husband and wife team Rich and Amanda Zizzi, this is the place to find that 'out of the ordinary' item with class and style.

Wander in and be amazed by the range - from designer clothing to accessories, interior design items to paintings and art prints. Although much more fun to visit in person, you can also visit their website and shop online. Vintage Déjà Vu,

Calle Pedreza 8

D·OLIVA

A million miles away from the bland olive oils that you find on the shelves of your local supermarket is D·OLIVA. This family business, located in the heart of the old town, prides itself on a comprehensive collection of some of the best extra virgin olive oils in Spain, many of which have won national and international awards. Walking into D·OLIVA 's spacious store is somewhat akin to opening a door to a world that you probably did not know existed. The fantastic range of flavours that includes Black Truffle, Wasabi and even 'Marbella in Flower', and many come in funky packaging (check out Malapipa) making great gifts. In addition D·OLIVA also stocks a range of olive pastes and olive oil based cosmetics. D·OLIVA, Nueva, 9

The Book Shop

Marbella bookworms (yes they do exist) already know about of the most friendly stores in San Pedro, The Book Shop. Run by husband and wife team Derek and Alicia Duggan, The Book Shop does so much more than just stock the latest arrivals (although they do that quite brilliantly as well). There is a great selection of greeting cards, ranging from the arty to the quirky and even the raunchy, as well as board games and jigsaw puzzles.

The Book Shop also holds "Storytime" every Saturday morning from 11am for children of all ages. These are free to attend, last about 30 minutes and no booking is needed! For the older bookworm there is The Book Club, which meets regularly for informal chats about specific books, and the shop is the venue for book signings by visiting authors. The Book Shop, CC La Colonia, San Pedro de Alcantara

Casa Natura

Established over 30 years ago, Casa Natura has always had the principles of environmental awareness, fair trade and sustainability at the very core of what they do. With a passion for travel, founders Simon and Suzy also ensured that their suppliers had an unblemished record when it came to working practices, equal right and an absolute rejection of child labour.

Originally providing unique handmade furniture and decorative items from around the world, Casa Natura expanded its portfolio of products with the introduction of its best selling backpacks and bags made from recycled fabrics from military tents. A superb example of "upscaling", the fact that the colour of materials used in the bags can vary due to a combination of factors, means that no two are the ever the same.

Stylish, ethical and sustainable, Casa Natura can be found at their small unit at the Saturday market in Nueva Andalucia – close to Yanx restaurant – or you can visit the main showroom by appointment only. Casa Natura Design, S.L. C/ Niquel, 5 Poligono Industrial La Ermita. Tel 34 620 144 729 or +34 654 175 962