



Get ready for the 47th International Polo Tournament

The world's best polo players, a wide choice of food and drink, fashion boutiques, music and more at the 47th International Polo Tournament - everyone is invited!

Sotogrande, Cádiz

There are only a few days to go before the start of the International Polo Tournament, the biggest sporting and social festival in the Costa del Sol calendar, a classic event that is open to everybody to visit and discover. In a beautiful setting next to Sotogrande and less than 30 minutes from Marbella, the Santa María Polo Club will once again be bringing together the world's best polo players and offering a unique six-week sports competition combined with first-class food and drink, entertainment and fashion - perfect to enjoy with friends and family.

The event is ranked as one of the four most important in the world for this spectacular sport and, year after year, it attracts many visitors from the Costa of all nationalities, whether they are residents or here on holiday.

The 47th International Polo Tournament runs from 25th July to 1st September and takes place in the green fields and elegant grounds of Santa María Polo Club, one of the leading places in Spain for equestrian activities. Once again for 2018, there will be plenty of entertainment and services for visitors, some new and others firm favourites, with a friendly welcome for all guaranteed by the organisers. There's over 35 evenings of polo to come, with matches every day, and we've created different areas for visitors to enjoy the best of the polo in comfort, including VIP zones with premium service. And all in a relaxed atmosphere with a casual dress code, where everyone can come just how they feel.

Polo is such a spectacular sport because of the sheer energy of the play, where the skill of the riders - the top ranked players in the world from over 20 nationalities - mixes with the power and versatility of a special breed of horse. Some 2,000 of these are brought to Sotogrande for the tournament and can reach speeds of up to 60 km/h. These incredible feats create a unique sport which is gaining followers all the time. During the 35 days of the tournament, teams fight for one of three titles; the Bronze Cup, the Silver Cup and the prized Maserati Gold Cup, each one with a different trophy, covering lower, medium and higher handicaps.

Free admission most days

Admission is completely free for the vast majority of evenings from 25th July to the end of August. (For a few semi-final and final games, admission is just 5 and 10 euros respectively on 29/7; 9, 11, 18, 28, 31/8 and 1/9 only. Under 15s don't pay admission and there is also a season ticket for just 40 euros).



The grounds, shops and bars and restaurants open at 5pm and all the information on the competition, times and days of play can be found for July and August on the tournament's website www.tip.santamariapoloclub.com and background information on www.santamariapoloclub.com.

Top entertainment too

Santa María Polo Club transforms itself as well over these six weeks of summer into a top entertainment festival for all the family - even pets are welcome, turning the 47th International Polo Tournament into a first-class visitor attraction. While enjoying the spectacle of the polo, why not browse the boutiques or have a meal with the family after the game?

The most popular areas to visit are located right alongside the polo, such as the Shopping Village, with tented stores selling top brands, and the Gastro Garden, where you can order different culinary treats to try. There is also the Kid's Area, with games and activities under the care of supervisors.

This year The 7th Chukker Club is a top new attraction; an exclusive, VIP area, to which guests with Premium tickets will have access. Located in the club's central pavilion, it will feature live music and cocktails with top-brand spirits and starts up just as the matches are finishing.

Live music has also been planned throughout the festival for every visitor to enjoy, with performances of everything from funk, soul, jazz and Cuban to 80s tribute groups and a DJ on different parts of the grounds. To finish off your day, there's the "Discoterraza" for winding down after polo every night. Here the fun continues well into the night and special parties will be held here every Friday and Saturday.

Click [here](#) to download the 2018 calendar

47 International Polo Tournament links:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnKsQBnedlie1KQA1RhRkKA>

https://twitter.com/TorneoIntPol_EN?lang=es

<https://www.instagram.com/torneo.internacional.de.polo/?hl=undefined>

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