

What is happening in sunny Alicante?

In the mid-90s, the Alicante Subud group owned a small house in the center of Alicante, Spain. It had a latihan space and a waiting room downstairs and a small flat upstairs. It was difficult to park the car and there was no place for the children, so some of us started to look for somewhere with more possibilities and space.

In 1998 we found and bought a big piece of agricultural land with a large barn about 15 minutes by car from Alicante. The investors were: the group – from the sale of the house; Gregorio and Lia Baeza; Jorge and Luz Guerin; Valentin and Prysca Wild; and Michael and Catharine Lloyd. We formalised the purchase by setting up a cooperative which we called NUR.

Putting the barn in order was a big job. It had been used to store almonds amongst other things, as the land had been an almond orchard. A new floor, lowered ceiling, new doors and windows were some of the things that we put in, but the biggest job was the cleaning! This was all done "poco a poco", as we say here. Using the space for latihan started as soon as it was possible.

Besides the work on improving the barn, the investors had another project in mind. We wanted to make a small village for elderly Subud people and also timeshare places with a few family houses to act as hosts. Something that could grow according to need, and we asked for others to invest as members of the cooperative.

Michael, who is an architect, planned and designed it all, we made brochures and sent it out to Subud centers in Europe and the Americas, but there was very little response and we had to abandon this initiative. While working with the project we also worked on the land, installing water from an outside source, laying out pipes with drip systems, planting trees, re-drilling an old well and setting up a station using a system of osmosis to provide clean drinking water.

Instead of the initial plan, we decided to divide the land legally into 6 plots so each investor got one plot, and we dissolved the cooperative. The central plot with the barn was for the group. Each of the other investors received a plot of 25.000m² bordering on to the group-plot. This meant that a house could be constructed on each plot according to building regulations. Eventually we also got electricity and water outlets on each plot, both drinking and for irrigation. The well sits on top of an underground river, so water is no problem any more.

During this time, Michael and I designed and built our house on one of our plots. It's a wonderful eco-friendly house with beautiful views to the sea. We have lived there for 11 years now.

During this time things have changed: Gregorio died, Prisca died, Valentin moved to Ecuador leaving his plot to his son Lazaro who lives in Switzerland. Neither Lia and her children nor Jorge and Luz want to build on their land. Due to age and health problems we are preparing to return to Norway where most of our children and grandchildren live. We are planning to sell our house together with our second plot (on which another

house could be built), and Jorge and Luz also plan to sell their plot.

We are publicising within the Subud Community because, as members of the Alicante Subud group, we'd like the properties which border the Subud Group's plot to remain in Subud hands if possible.

The group has about 45 active members. They attend the latihan regularly 1, 2 or 3 times a week. We organize a "Kedjiwaan Sunday" every month: in the morning there is a helper latihan, followed by group latihan and testing, then a joint meal with the children and the afternoon is spent talking and playing music together. It's a vibrant and friendly group. The economy of the group is healthy and this allows us to make improvements every year, both inside and outside the barn.

In Alicante we enjoy a particularly good and mild micro climate and after latihan we often spend time together in front of the hall enjoying the stars and the view.

A complete file on the house and land on sale is available at:

<http://amandagblloyd.wixsite.com/nursubud>

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Photographs of the plot and house

Michael and Catharine's house from east





Michael and Catharine's house from the front
The house with the Subud
Group's latihan hall to the left



The Subud hall

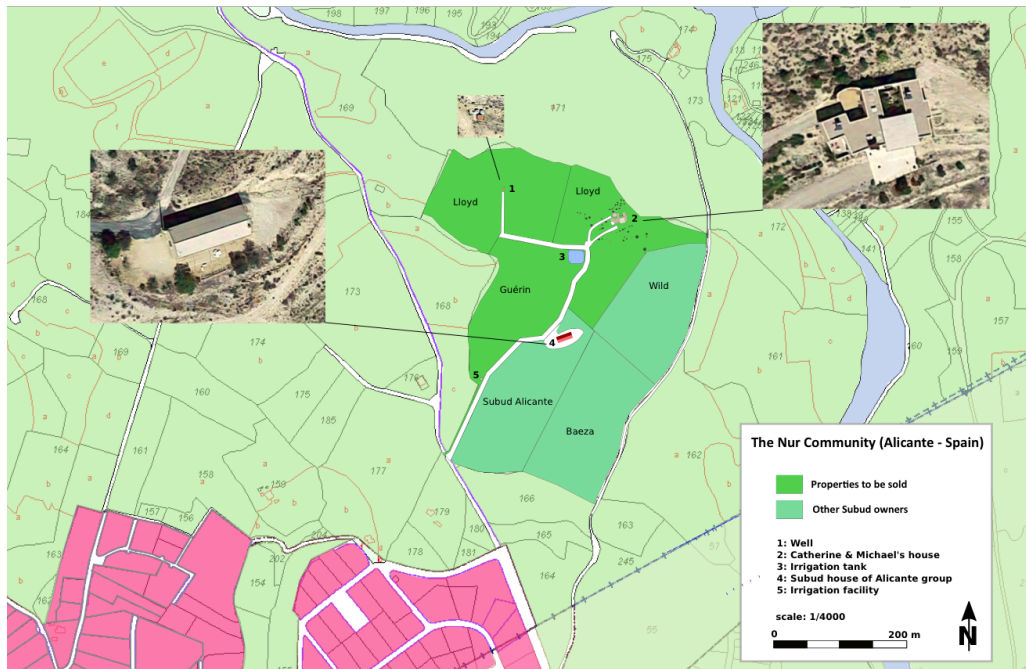


Subud group enjoying a concert in the latihan hall



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Information about Subud plot and Alicante



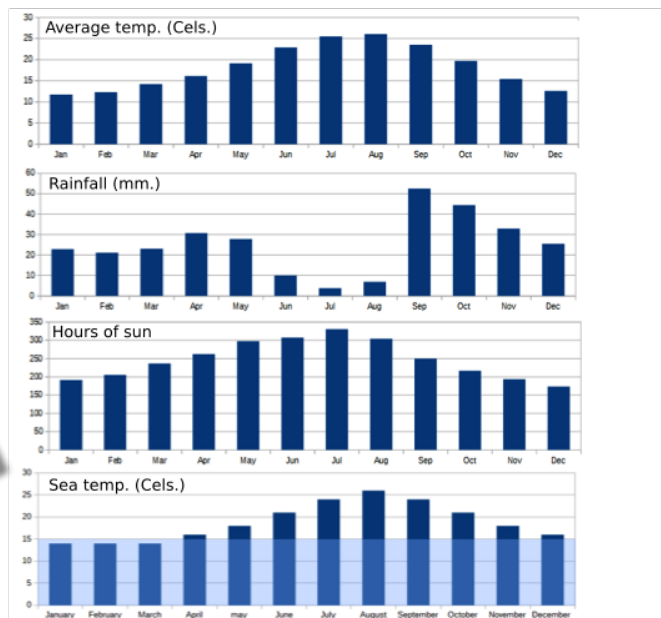
Mild all year round

Alicante has a microclimate that provides a mild weather for much of the year.

Sea temperature above 15° for nine months (thanks to the average 8 hours of sun daily, allows to enjoy beach for much of the year.



The microclimate of Alicante



Close to everywhere

Although in a quiet rural neighborhood, the Nur Community is close to the main comforts that make everyday life easier. Nearest *Mercadona* (the main Spanish chain of food supply) is 7 km away and *Carrefour* hypermarket at 10 km.

The proximity of the access to the motorway network (6 km), provides an almost immediate communication to all places of interest: the beaches of Alicante, which are among the best considered in Europe, are about 12 km away, the Regional Hospital of San Juan (20 minutes), The European School 13 km.

The international airport, with direct flights to many European capitals (30 minutes). High Speed Train brings you to the center of Madrid in 2h1/2.

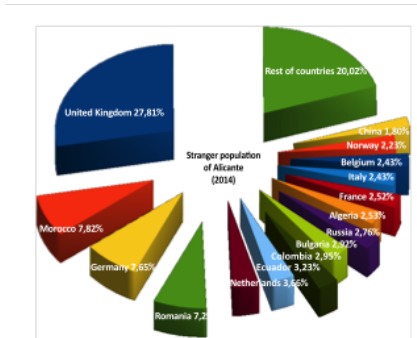
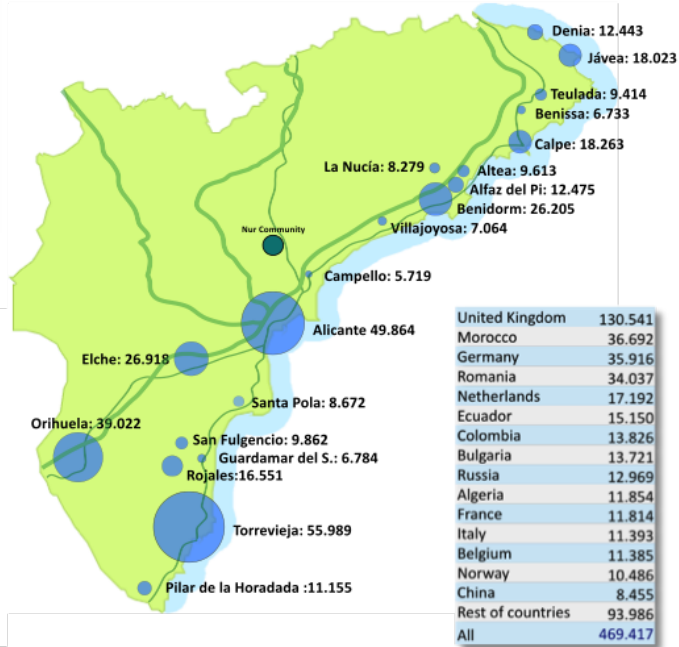


Stranger population in Alicante

More than any other Spanish place, Alicante is a land of welcome for stranger people, who represent 24% of the population.

Due to the economic crisis the current trend is decreasing, but there are still 470,000 foreigners in Alicante!

20 cities of Alicante host 75 % of stranger population



United Kingdom	130.541
Morocco	36.692
Germany	35.916
Romania	34.037
Netherlands	17.192
Ecuador	15.150
Colombia	13.826
Bulgaria	13.721
Russia	12.969
Algeria	11.854
France	11.814
Italy	11.393
Belgium	11.385
Norway	10.486
China	8.455
Rest of countries	93.986
All	469.417