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# Costa del Sol Family Relocation Guide

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# The Best International Schools on the Costa del Sol

*Relocating to Southern Spain is about more than finding the perfect luxury villa with Mediterranean views—it's about lifestyle continuity. For affluent families moving to the region, securing world-class education is usually the very first step in the relocation journey. This guide aligns premier educational choices with elite property zones to streamline your family's transition.*

Fortunately, the coast boasts one of the highest concentrations of accredited international institutions in Europe. From British curriculum schools leading to A-Levels to prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) academies, finding the best schools Costa del Sol has to offer ensures your children transition seamlessly into top-tier global universities.

Because school catchments heavily influence luxury real estate decisions, we have mapped out the premier international schools in Marbella and the wider Costa del Sol region below to help you align your property search with your family's educational path.

## 1. THE GOLDEN MILE & NUEVA ANDALUCÍA (MARBELLA CENTRAL)

If you are eyeing high-end properties in Sierra Blanca, the Golden Mile, or a frontline golf villa in Nueva Andalucía, these elite schools will be right on your doorstep.

### Aloha College Marbella

**Curriculum:** British (IGCSE & A-Levels) + International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma | **Ages:** 3 to 18

Located in the heart of the Golf Valley, Aloha College is one of the most established and prestigious international schools Marbella hosts. It blends a robust British academic foundation with a deeply multicultural environment, preparing students for elite universities worldwide.

### Swans International School

**Curriculum:** British (EYFS to Year 11) + IB Diploma (Years 12-13) | **Ages:** 3 to 18

With over 50 years of history on the coast, Swans enjoys an enviable reputation for academic excellence. Split between a primary campus in the center of Marbella and a modern secondary campus tucked into the exclusive Sierra Blanca foothills, its IB results consistently track well above the global average.

## 2. MARBELLA EAST (ELVIRIA & LOS MONTEROS)

Marbella East is highly sought after by families looking for sprawling beachfront estates, gated communities like La Zagaleta (a short drive away), and a slightly quieter, nature-oriented lifestyle.

## The English International College (EIC)

**Curriculum:** British (IGCSE & A-Levels) | **Ages:** 3 to 18

Situated in Elviria, the EIC is famous for its strict adherence to the traditional British curriculum and its proud history of sending graduates to Oxbridge and Ivy League universities. It features a stunning, open-air campus that makes the most of Marbella's microclimate.

### 3. SAN PEDRO DE ALCÁNTARA & ESTEPONA

For buyers looking at contemporary new-build villas in areas like Guadalmina, Los Flamingos, or the New Golden Mile, western Marbella provides excellent modern schooling options.

#### Laude San Pedro International College

**Curriculum:** British (with option to opt into the Spanish National System) | **Ages:** 2 to 18

Laude boasts ultra-modern, sustainable installations and a highly flexible dual-pathway system. It allows students to focus heavily on the British curriculum or blend it with Spanish qualifications, making it incredibly popular among European expats who want their children fully bilingual.

#### Atlas American School of Málaga

**Curriculum:** American (High School Diploma) + AP / IB options | **Ages:** 3 to 18

Located in Estepona, Atlas is the first fully American accredited school on the coast. It is an exceptional option for families aiming for US universities, featuring elite sports academies (particularly tennis and golf) integrated directly into the school day.

### ENROLLMENT & COMPARATIVE OVERVIEW

When choosing between the best schools Costa del Sol provides, timing and curriculum structure are everything. Most premium schools see long waiting lists for the autumn term, meaning early registration is critical.

SCHOOL NAME	MAIN LOCATION	PRIMARY FOCUS	LANGUAGE
<b>Aloha College</b>	Nueva Andalucía	IB & British Curriculum	English (with Spanish)
<b>Swans International</b>	Sierra Blanca	IB & British Curriculum	English (with Spanish)
<b>EIC</b>	Elviria (Marbella East)	Pure British / A-Levels	English
<b>Laude San Pedro</b>	San Pedro de Alcántara	Dual Pathway System	English & Spanish
<b>Atlas American</b>	Estepona	American Diploma + AP	English

## HOW SCHOOL LOCATION INFLUENCES PROPERTY VALUE

On the Costa del Sol, proximity to a top-tier international school is a major driver for property capital appreciation. Villas within a 10-minute drive of Aloha College or Swans International command a massive premium in the long-term rental market, as high-net-worth families actively look for long-term options while their children are enrolled.

### RELOCATION STRATEGY TIP

Many elite schools require face-to-face assessments or family interviews during the admissions process. We highly recommend scheduling your property viewing trip to coincide with school open days to maximize your time on the coast.

## Find Your Home Near the Perfect School

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