

2008 EUROPEAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP



Date: 29 September—4 October

Location: Punta Umbría (Huelva)
Spain

Venue: Pabellón Municipal de Deportes
(Municipal Sports Hall)

Poeta Miguel Hernández st.

Capacity: 600 spectators

Dimension: 48 metres length / 10 metres height / 28 metres width

PUNTA UMBRÍA

Average temperature in september: 28 °C

Punta Umbría lies on the Coast a few kilometres from the Portuguese border and 15 km from *Huelva*, the provincial capital. The habitat is particularly suited to a great variety of wildlife, especially birds, and over 60,000 acres of the delta of the *Río Guadalquivir* have been fenced off to form the famous *Coto de Doñana* National Park where you will enjoy sand dunes, pine woods, marshes and freshwater lagoons, live scores of flamingos, along with rare birds of prey, 25 pairs of lynx, mongooses and a startling variety of migratory birds.

Whilst in this area it is essential to visit the *Río Tinto* estuary, the monastery of *La Rábida* and the village of *Palos de la Frontera*, all places connected with the voyages of Columbus to the New World.

Columbus's departure for the New World from *Palos de la Frontera*, across the *Rio Odiel* estuary, is celebrated in the exhibits of the excellent *Museo Provincial*. Closer to *Huelva*, the *Barrio Reina Victoria* is a bizarre example of English Tudor suburban bungalows built by the *Rio Tinto* Company for its workers in the early 20th century. The *Monumento a Colon*, a statue of Columbus created by Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney in 1929, dominates the *Odiel* estuary.

Another place worth mentioning is the huge nature reserve of the *Coto de Doñana*, spreading back from *Huelva* in vast expanses of *marismas* - sand dunes, salt flats and marshes. The most important of the Spanish reserves, *Doñana* is vital to scores of migratory birds and to endangered mammals such as the Iberian lynx.

Due to the strategic location of *Punta Umbría*, 100 km from Seville, you will also enjoy a visit to one of the most beautiful cities of Europe which such number of monuments and interesting places that there would be not enough space in this bulletin to enunciate them: the minaret of *La Giralda*, the cathedral (one of the largest in Christendom), and the *Alcázar* Palace. Part of its treasure include *Casa de Pilatos*, *Torre del Oro*, the Town Hall, Archive of the Indies (where the historical records of the American continent are kept), the Fine Arts Museum (the second largest picture gallery in Spain) and *María Luisa* Park.



OFFICIAL HOTEL ****

Barceló Punta Umbría Beach Resort
Bulevar del Agua, s/n. 21100 Punta Umbría
Huelva

Distance to the Sports Hall 15 minutes walking
..... 5 minutes by car

Distance to the beach 2 minutes walking

Services available

300 rooms/wifi connection / air conditioned / telephone / minibar
/ satellite tv / spa / safebox / laundry service / parking / solarium/
gymnasium / car rent / swimming pool / heated pool



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HOW TO GET TO PUNTA UMBRÍA

By Plane

To get to *Punta Umbria* by plane you should go to Seville Airport. Once in Seville there is a bus service with different timetables. It will take you one hour aprox to get to *Huelva*. From there to *Punta Umbria* 15 minutes more. **If you stay at the Official Hotel you must know that there will be a shuttle bus service from Seville Airport to the Hotel.** Please, contact with the Official Travel Agency of the event if you are interested in that service.

By train

Huelva Railway station is connected with both Spain and Portugal. From Seville you also have connections with the rest of Spain. Once you are in Huelva there is a bus service at regular intervals.



By car

From Madrid by A-4 to Seville (4 hours aprox) and once there you should take the A-49 to Huelva (1 hour aprox) and then A-497.

From Faro by A-22 to Huelva, then A-492 and finally A-497.

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