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Golf paradise on the coast of light

THE province of Huelva on Spain's appropriately named Costa de la Luz (Coast of Light) apparently has five times more sunlight than northern Europe.

In the far south west of the country, separated only by the River Guadiana from Portugal, Huelva has the highest average number of clear days in Spain - 156, and annual temperatures average a balmy 18.6°C.

A third of Huelva is protected by Natural Park, but

they still found room for nine golf courses and six marinas with four more in the pipeline.

Domestic tourists still make up the bulk of business here, but the rest of the world is discovering this quiet corner thanks to the no-frills charters into Faro and Seville.

Prices are cheaper than further along the coast with a two-bedroom two-bathroom apartment in Sea and Sun Residencial within the golf resort of Costa Esuri starting at around £123,500.

It's a gated community with impressive views across the golf resort and the imposing suspension bridge spanning the Guadiana River and linking Spain to Portugal.

There are the usual pool, gym, Spa, tennis and kids facilities as well as golf on two 18-hole championship courses and three hotels.

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