



# La Quinta-Benahavis

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This villa is located in la Reserva de la Quinta (Benahavis), South of Spain with a garden landscape of two distinct levels.

The lower level extends in front of the La Quinta Golf course. A very old olive tree with a twisted trunk and a very dense row of red roses point the way to the entry of the house. The transition to the lower landscape level showcases the pool and a view of the golf course. This garden level is accessed by a steep staircase of white stones with large bedding plants in stones. Planters around the pool are filled with lush vegetation like Strelitzia Alba, Strelitzia Regina, Lantana, Salvia gregii, Cuphea and bamboo. A Tsukubai (water bowl in Japanese style) is situated at the edge of the



staircase inbetween the house and the swimming pool. From a bamboo pipe, water splashes onto a white stone bowl settled into a bed of gravel with bamboos and grasses on the back. In the two corners that face the golf course, groups of Washingtonia are planted. In the corner of the garden that receives minimal sunlight a group of palm trees with other perennial plants of exuberant and attractive foliage, such as Musa ensete, are planted.



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