

EVERYTHING IN TOUCH

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What's daily life like in Spain? You tell us!  
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us on their day-to-day lives...

**Tony (55) and Francine Tagent (49) from Buckinghamshire have bought a piece of winter sun in Valencia, complete with olive grove! They can't wait to spend every spare minute enjoying their new country villa**

We have French connections so when we first thought of buying abroad we imagined a place in France. But over the last five years, property costs in prime areas of France have soared, and the kind of property we were looking for – a nice detached house with a decent plot of land – is very expensive. And climate was another consideration. Unless you head for the very south of France, the summers are not much longer than in the UK, and both Francine and I wanted some winter sun.

Francine's daughter Sophie suggested we look at homes in the Valencia area because the America's Cup is being held here in 2007, and vast sums are being spent on the area's infrastructure. The estate agent Sophie and Francine found – Conor Wilde who owns Spain and Property ([www.spainandproperty.com](http://www.spainandproperty.com)) – impressed me enormously.

Our new house is a three-bed villa with a pool, plus olive, orange, apple and fig trees. We're in the heart of the most beautiful countryside but only six kilometres from town and within easy driving distance of Valencia and the airport. Francine and I – and all our family – hope to visit as much as possible, but we also mean to rent the villa out to help cover costs. It's wonderful knowing that we have this perfect retreat waiting for us in Valencia, just a short hop away.



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