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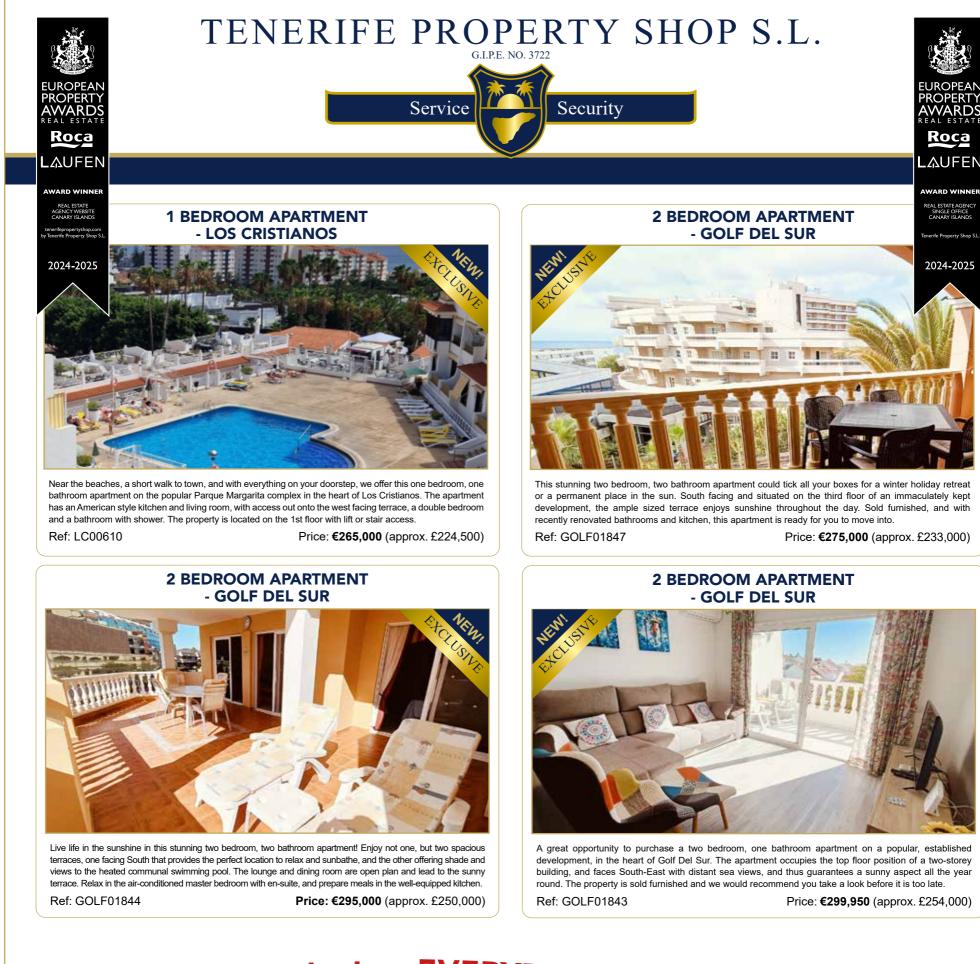
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We present you with this fabulous, spacious (71sqm), 2 bed, 2 bath penthouse, recently completely renovated with wonderful UNDISTURBED SEA VIEWS from both the apartment and its wonderful roof terrace. Close to all amenities!

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# €599,000

**GOLF DEL SUR** 





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2nd floor, 1 bed apartment on residential complex with stunning golf, sea and Montaña Roja views.

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€259,000

**AMARILLA GOLF** 



Tastefully renovated 2 bed duplex apartment with 2 terraces giving fabulous views and all day sun. Move in condition. Home from home.

€275,000



Well-appointed, spacious, converted 2 bed, 2 bath linked bungalow on popular complex. Close to the pool.

€259,000

# **GOLF DEL SUR**



Spacious, 2 bed, 2 bath bungalow situated in a stunning location with amazing golf course and sea views. Parking space optional.



Well appointed, 1st floor, 2 bed, 2 bath apartment with large secure private garage and 2 terraces giving all day sun, on residential complex. Superb views over the golf course to the sea.

€335,000

€325,000



## **AMARILLA GOLF**



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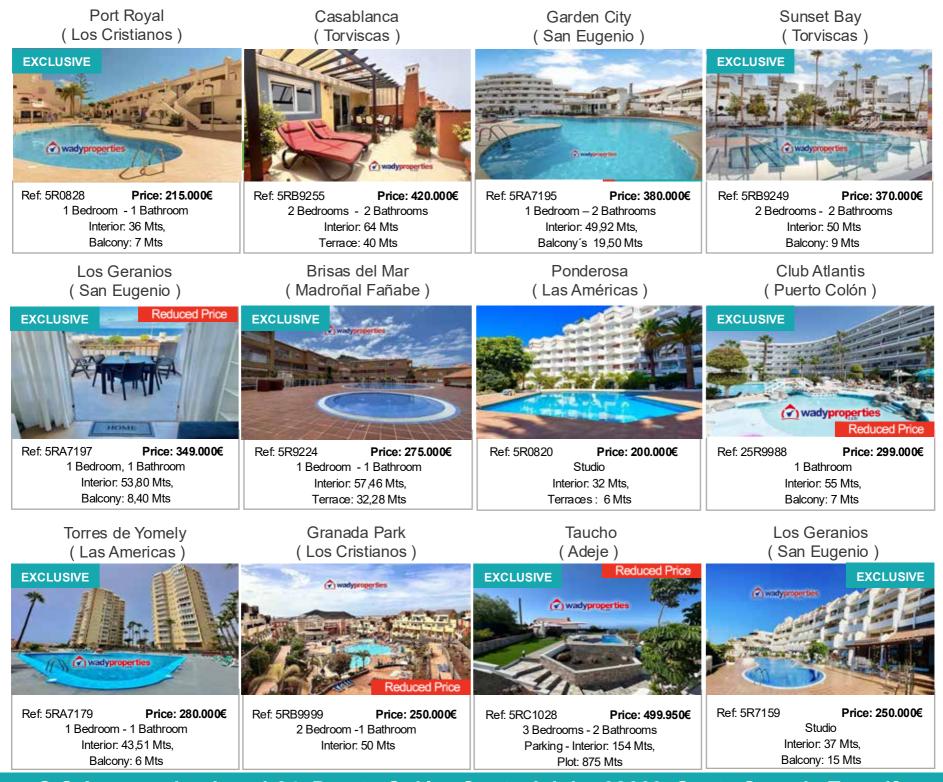
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# TENERIFE PRIME PROPERTY





Lovely fully furnished and equipped 3 bedroom apartment in popular seaside village a short drive from Los Cristianos and Las Americas.



Playa Paraiso, Res. Playa Paraiso V Spacious, modern 1 bed, 1 bath apartment in complex with pool close to new shopping centre. The property has a lounge/dining room, open plan kitchen, sunny terrace and secute, private parking.



Very nice, fully furnished, 2 bedroom apartment with nice views from sunny terrace in complex with pool.



Parque de La Reina, Teneguia Lovely 3.5 bed, 2 bath penthouse, fully furnished and recently refurbished. The property has a large lounge/dining area, brand new kitchen, utility room, office/3rd bed and huge 65sqm roof terrace with panoramic sea and mountain views. Community pool and parking.



Los Cristianos

Fully furnished and equipped 2 bedroom property in complex with pool. Close to sea front and all

Amazing, fully furnished. 3 bed, 2 bath detached villa with pool in quiet residential area close to all amenities and the sea front. The property has a lounge/diner, semi-independent kitchen and lots of outside space.



Stunning, fully furnished, 5 bed, 3 bath (master en suite) detached villa with heated pool on 2,000sqm plot. This spacious property has a huge terrace to the front which can accommodate up to 8 cars, and a private garden / terrace with lovely sea views to the rear with pool, BBQ/chill out area, jacuzzi and orchard (this significant area is eminently suitable for subdivision to create an excellent-sized plot suitable for the construction of a separate independent villa with pool, parking and lovely sea views.) There is a large lounge/ dining area, a fully equipped fitted kitchen and garage for 4 cars with direct access. Extras include aircon and central heating throughout, and solar panel heating for hot water and the pool. Eminently suited as an investment property (sleeps 14!) or family home.



Well-located fully furnished and equipped 1 bedroom apartment in complex with pool. Sunny terrace.



Stunning 4 bed, 2 bath villa (master en suite) with the ocean-front walkway on your doorstep. The property has a large lounge, dining room plus private outside dining area, and an amazing roof terrace with panoramic sea and mountain views.

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## **Property details**

## Interior: 49m2

- Terrace: 50m2
- Ground floor
- Very good/easy access from beach/street
- Modernised, immaculate apartment
- Can be transformed inside into a 2 bedroom !!

#### Characteristics

- 2,000 m2 of pools
- Heated and non-heated pools
- Sun all day
- Views of pool and tropical gardens
- Community Fees/mth: €250,=
- Annual Rates: €270,=



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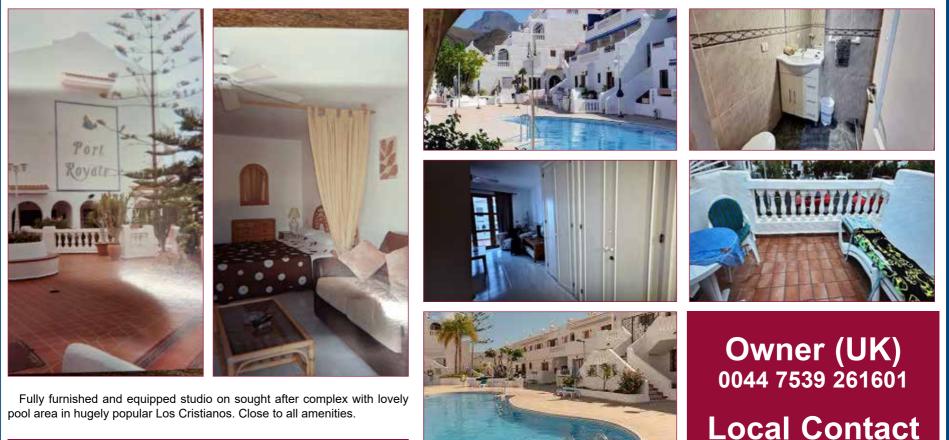




# **DIRECT FROM OWNER**

# Los Cristianos, Port Royale

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€195,000

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Residencial Paraiso 5 – PLAYA PARAISO - 225.000€



Modern and spacious, one bedroom apartment located next to the new shopping center in a well located quiet residential community. This quality construction offers one large bedroom with private balcony, bathroom, open plan fitted kitchen and lounge / dining room with terrace. This apartment comes with private secure parking and the community facilities include elevator, gardens and swimming pool. Rare opportunity.

Sueño Azul – CALLAO SALVAJE - 595.000€

Teneguia II, PARQUE DE LA REINA 289.000€



Refurbished three and a half bedroom Penthouse apartment with amazing 65m2 roof terrace. Featuring independent modern, brand new fitted kitchen, utility room, three double bedrooms, two bathrooms, and office/bedroom on the top floor that joins the newly tiled sunny roof terrace with sea and mountain view. The property is located in a community with swimming pool and gardens and comes with a private parking space, all accessible by lift. Available to view now!

## Private Villa, LA CALETA 1.595.000€



Amazing three bedroom private villa with pool. With direct road access this bungalow offers three bedrooms, two bathrooms, semi separate kitchen, and lounge / dining room. Plenty of outside space and additional storeroom. Ample street parking, in this quiet secure, residential area. Close to bars and restaurants and easy walking distance to the beach. An excellent opportunity to own this detached property that also has great letting potential.



A truly unbeatable location. This stunning villa is located in the perfect spot, right in the heart of La Caleta, with the ocean front walkway just on your door step. This spacious property offers four double bedrooms, the master en-suite. Bathroom, independent kitchen, utility room, dining room, large lounge leading to a private outside dining area with sea views. Amazing roof terrace with panoramic sea and mountain views. Front and back garden and direct access to the beautiful community swimming pool.

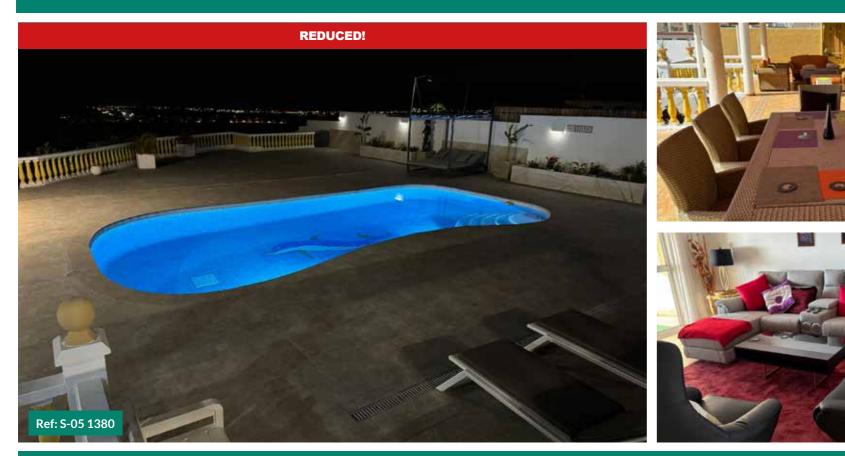
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# **TENERIFE** PRIME PROPERTY



# Oroteanda Baja. Luxury 5 bedroom villa with pool and parking on huge plot. Suitable for subdivision. Price €P.O.A.





Stunning, fully furnished and equipped, 5 bed, 3 bath (master en suite) detached villa with heated pool on 2,000sqm plot. This spacious property has a huge terrace to the front which can accommodate up to 8 cars, and a private garden/ terrace with lovely sea views to the rear with BBQ area, jacuzzi, orchard and various seating areas (this significant area is eminently suitable for subdivision to create an excellent-sized plot suitable for the construction of a separate independent villa with pool, parking and lovely sea views.)

There is a large lounge/ dining area, an open plan, fully equipped fitted kitchen and garage for 4 cars with direct access. One of the bedrooms is situated in such a way that it could easily be converted into a separate studio, or granny flat. Extras include aircon and central heating throughout, and solar panel heating for hot water and the pool.

This large Villa is very well situated in a small, very central village, located between the airport and the southern resorts of los Cristianos and Playa de las Américas. With nearby property very popular as exclusive holiday let's this property has fantastic potential as a letting investment. It's rare to find such a large property on a very large plot with sea views in such an excellent location. Call now, come see for yourself!





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# Costa del Silencio, Chayofita



Duplex style, North-facing, fully furnished 2 bed, 2 bath apartment in gated complex with 4 swimming pools. Recently refurbished, the property has an independent fully fitted kitchen, a small chill out area, and spacious living room. Although there is no outside space on the ground floor, the top floor features a very generous terrace with undisturbed views to Mt Teide. Ideal for lazy summer evenings sitting on the terrace and enjoying the peace and quiet. Clso to all amenities. Ready to move into.

€209,000

€178,000

Ref: CDS-C209

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## Costa del Silencio, Garanana



Fabulous 1 bed, 1 bath ground floor apartment. A large, welcoming terrace leads you to the main entrance with its spacious living room, semi open plan kitchen, storage area, utility room and spacious chill out area. This Turn-Key property makes it an ideal home if you wish to be centrally located, yet, in a quiet residential area with all local amenities and a short walk to Las Galletas. The property is part of a small building with only 6 other apartments, hence no hassle of community fees or regulations.

Costa Adeje, Fanabe village



Fully furnished, 4 bed, 3 bath (master en suite) townhouse close to the sea front and all amenities. The property is located more in the residential part of the resort with a big Supermarket on your doorstep. On 3 levels, the ground floor has a spacious lounge, open plan kitchen, and a small exterior area. On the 1st floor are 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, and further up, there is another small bedroom which could perhaps be used as an office or even a guest bedroom. Although the property does not have a garden, it makes up for this with a roof terrace with panoramic sea and mountain views. Extras include aircon and a closed 2-car garage and storeroom with direct internal access.

**Ref: F-A490** 

# Costa del Silencio, La Hacienda



Lovely 1 bed, 1 bath apartment in this much-desired complex with its beautiful pool area. A nice open plan fully fitted kitchen with a breakfast bar and a very bright living room that leads out to a nice sunny terrace. The apartment itself is southwest facing which means it has the sun on it all day, the terrace being a sun trap, the main gate is fitted with a slider door for car parking, yet providing with ample sitting and sun lounging area. Close to all amenities.

€229,000

€490,000

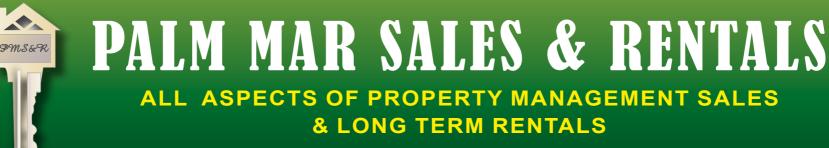
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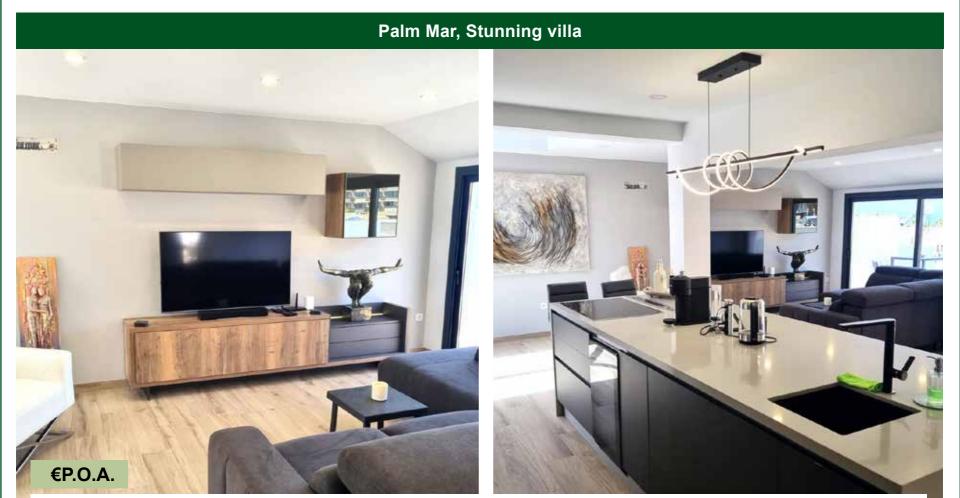




Stunningly presented house on small complex with pool. This immaculate, fully furnished house consists of a large lounge with a bright open feel, fully independent kitchen with built in appliances and patio doors to the garden. There are 2 double bedrooms, both with very nicely refurbished en suite bathrooms, and there are 2 terraces.

If you are looking for a modern, fully equipped property, this is ideal and is within easy access to all local services.

€499,000



Amazing, fully furnished villa recently completely and lovingly renovated using the highest quality materials and furnishings throughout. The property enjoys spectacular views over the village and out to sea, and the owners have also installed a private, heated pool that can be enjoyed all year round. There is an added bonus of a very large roof terrace (which could be developed to enlarge the property).



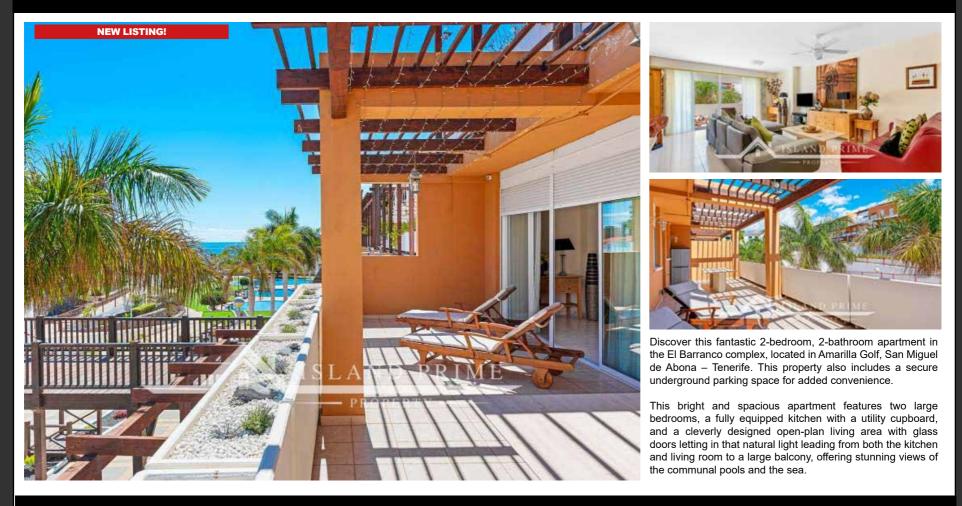
Up where the sky is bright... take a look at this homely, top floor, one bedroom apartment, with stunning roof terrace offering golf course and sea views. As you enter this lovingly maintained apartment, you immediately feel a sense of home and a relaxed environment. The property is sold furnished, ready to move into, and would be perfect for permanent living, or a holiday home in the Canary Islands sunshine. Ref: GOLF01846 **Price: €199,950** (approx. £169,500)

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## **2 BED APARTMENT IN AMARILLA GOLF**



€295,000

#### **3 BED VILLA IN GOLF DEL SUR**

# REF: DOSM02





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Globally, the concept is showing rapid growth, with savvy investors eager to acquire holiday properties from renowned brands like Wyndham and Ramada, ensuring that their property is meticulously managed and marketed to the highest standard.

This booming market is set to grow by 55% from 2022 to 2026.

# Why invest in a branded residence?

**Brand recognition and loyalty:** Investing in a branded residence means leveraging the reputation, experience and expertise of a globally recognised hotel brand. This attracts discerning buyers and renters who seek the quality and prestige associated with these names. The brand's extensive marketing reach further ensures high visibility and demand for your property.

**Unmatched standards and services:** From design to maintenance, branded residences boast superior standards. Owners and guests benefit from access to premium hotel facilities, such as concierge services, housekeeping, spas, gyms, and fine dining. This level of service enhances both lifestyle and convenience, making these properties highly desirable.

**Higher rental income:** Branded residences typically command a premium in both average daily rate and occupancy compared to non-branded properties. With a reported 30% premium on global branded residences, investors can expect higher rental yields and increased property value appreciation, making these homes a resilient choice in fluctuating markets.

# Branded residences in Tenerife

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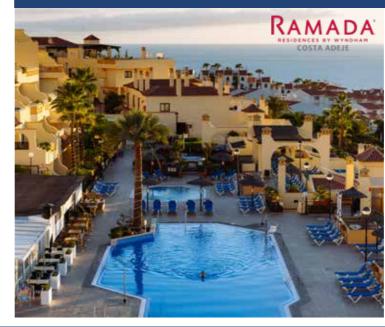
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**5% guaranteed rental returns** in year 1, with a shared revenue model in subsequent years.



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- Newly renovated
- Fully furnished, turnkey ready
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# LOS ABRIGOS, 2 bedroom penthouse





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Enjoy the peace and quiet of this popular coastal village, while only a short stroll to some of the best fish restaurants in the main promenade overlooking the harbour. The village also enjoys a wide variety of shops, chemists, a post office, doctors and dentists, and bars and restaurants.





# Newly renovated studios, 1 & 2 bedroom apartments





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Newly renovated 1 & 2 bedroom sea view apartments

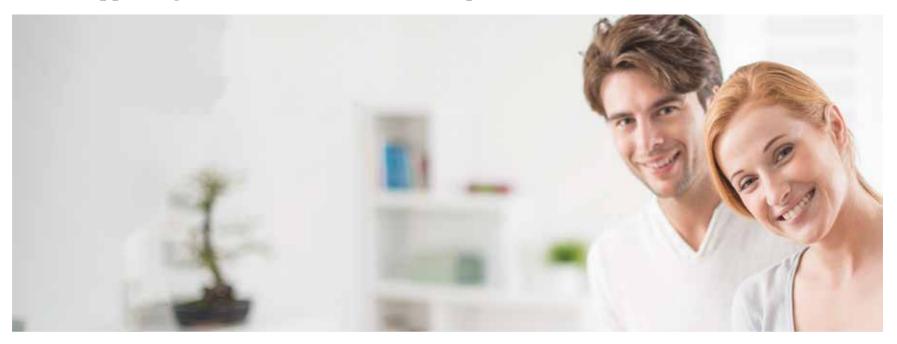
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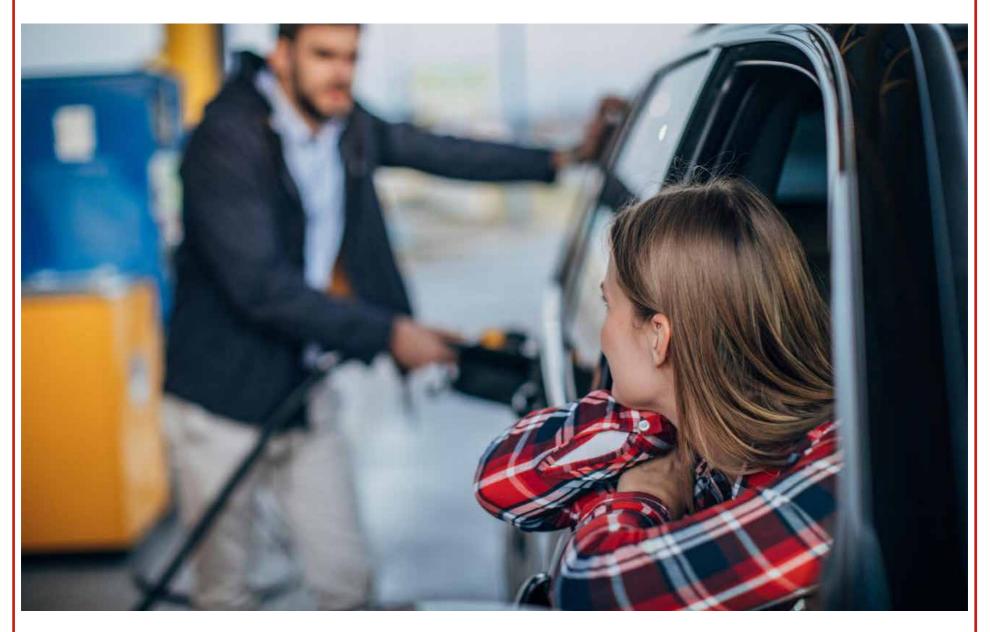






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2. **Check tyre pressures:** Underinflated tyres can increase fuel consumption by 2-4% and decrease safety.

3. **Carry only what you need:** Every extra 50 kg can raise fuel consumption by nearly 3%.

4. **Maintain a consistent speed:** Gradually accelerate and ease off the accelerator early when slowing down.

5. **Use higher gears:** Keep the engine relaxed by using higher gears at lower rpm to save fuel.

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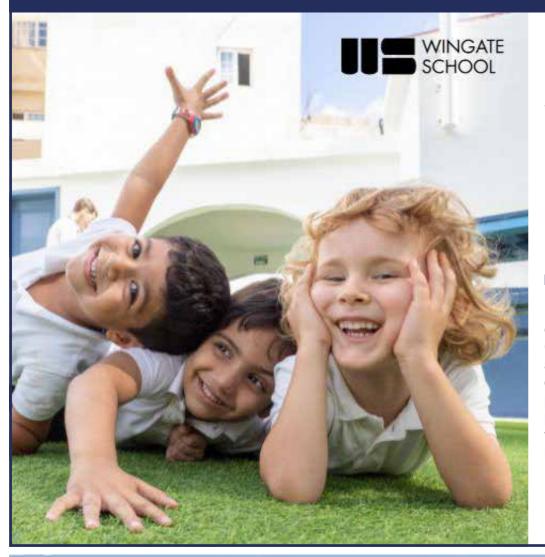
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# The pros and cons of buying a Spanish property

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Purchasing property in Spain with cash can be an attractive option for international buyers, offering a mortgage-free transaction with fewer restrictions.

However, while buying with cash has clear benefits, it also comes with potential drawbacks. Understanding these factors is crucial for making an informed decision.

#### The pros of buying with cash

One of the biggest advantages of buying property in Spain with cash is avoiding mortgagerelated costs. Without a loan, buyers eliminate interest payments, bank fees, and lengthy approval processes. This can speed

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negotiating position. Sellers are often more willing to accept lower offers from cash buyers due to the certainty and speed of the transaction. Additionally, without the need for mortgage approval, buyers avoid complications that could delay or derail the purchase. The cons of a cash purchase While a mortgage-

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allowing buyers to secure

their dream home faster.

A cash purchase also

strengthens a buyer's

up

free purchase can be advantageous, tying up a large amount of capital in a property may not always be the best financial decision. Cash buyers should consider whether locking up funds in real estate is the right choice or if diversifying investments would

provide better longterm returns. Another consideration is liquidity. Unlike stocks or savings, property isn't easilv converted into cash. If financial circumstances change, selling the property quickly may be challenging. Additionally, property purchases in Spain come with significant costs beyond the purchase price, including transfer tax (6–10% depending on the region), notary fees, land registry fees, and legal fees, which typically amount to 10-15% of the total cost.

#### Managing exchange rate risks

For international buyers, currency exchange fluctuations can have a major impact on the overall cost of a property purchase. Sending large sums via traditional banks often results in poor exchange rates and high transfer fees.

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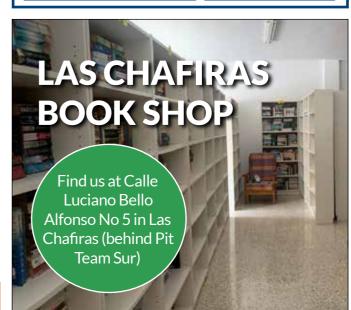
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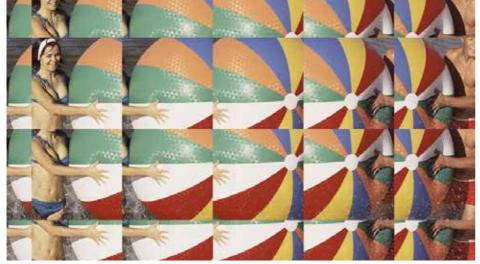
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# The bizarre quantum paradox of 'negative time'

By Richard Fisher, Journalist, author, lecturer and presenter, based in London



In the quantum world, our intuitive grasp of past, present and future may not apply.

Richard Fisher explores the discombobulating concepts of "negative time" and "retrocausality".

Tony Soprano is smoking a cigar, driving home. His journey begins in Manhattan, where he enters the Lincoln Tunnel, headed towards New Jersey. There's no traffic, so he passes through in a few minutes, emerging into the daylight.

So begins the familiar opening credits of The Sopranos TV show.

In the physical world of mafia bosses, one event follows another. So, if Tony strikes a match to light his cigar, this needs to happen before the tip ignites. Such causality appears to be fundamental to how we experience the Universe.

However, at the quantum level, temporal sequencing is not so clear or intuitive. In recent years, physicists have been exploring some seriously head-scratching behaviours at very small scales – some of which can be explained; some of which seem to throw our understanding of past, present and future into question.

To get a flavour, imagine The Sopranos opening credits featured an FBI helicopter watching Tony emerge from the Lincoln Tunnel - but they can't make sense of what they're seeing. From their perspective, the mafia boss leaves the tunnel before he enters. And when the confused FBI officers check their watches, he has spent a negative amount of time driving between Manhattan and New Jersey.

That of course is impossible. However, recently physicists were in the headlines for measuring a duration of "negative time". In quantum experiments, they sent light-pulses through the equivalent of a tunnel – but like Tony Soprano's puzzling drive, the pulses apparently spent less than zero time travelling through.

And that's not the only baffling example of temporal strangeness at very small scales – other theorists think it's conceivable that some particles could even change the past from the future, via an effect called "retrocausality". In the quantum world, it seems our familiar understanding of time quickly becomes, well, disordered.

#### A negative delay

This year will mark 100 years since the development of quantum mechanics, and the UN has designated 2025 as the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology. Over the past century, physicists have explored all sorts of unusual behaviours in the quantum world: entanglement, superposition, uncertainty and more.

One of the lesser-known examples is a puzzling way that light tunnels through barriers, such as clouds of atoms. In the 1990s, physicists fired photons through a barrier as a "wave packet" (a bundle of waves that describes both the particle and wave nature of light). Puzzlingly, the packet's peak apparently emerged before they entered – like a car leaving a tunnel before it drove in.

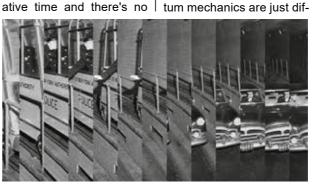
Earlier theory in the mid-20th Century had predicted the effect - now known as a "negative group delay" - but observing it experimentally was another thing, because it should be impossible. It suggested that light could travel faster than itself, which is nonsensical. Moreover, events in time were apparently occurring out of order. "We had to find a new way to reconcile that with our ideas of causality." says physicist Aephraim Steinberg of the University of Toronto. In the intervening years, Steinberg and his fellow physicists proposed what could be happening, without violating known physical laws. In short, they argued that the wave packet was not time-travelling but reorganising itself to give the appearance of effect coming before cause.

To understand, imagine a line of cars driving between New York and New Jersey, says Steinberg. We might picture them as 100 Tony Sopranos, each driving bumper-to-bumper. These represent photons in a wave packet.

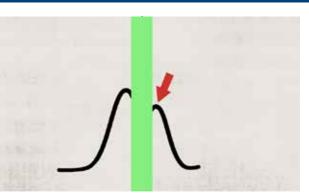
The line of Tonys depart Manhattan at 13.00. At around 13.30, the midpoint of this car-train enters the Lincoln Tunnel. This is the peak of a wave packet. You would expect this peak to emerge a few minutes later, right? However, the peak has already left the tunnel – at 13.25. Tony Soprano, apparent time-traveller.

What may actually be happening at the quantum level, inside the barrier, is that not all the photons are making it through, says Steinberg. In the car analogy, some Tonys are getting pulled over or turned back; in the experiment, they are absorbed or ejected by atoms within the barrier. When this happens, the forward tail of the wave packet reshapes itself into a new peak. It looks uncannily like the one entering.

Naturally, it's more complex than that - photons don't act like queuing cars because their position is undetermined. "The photons don't have any individual identity," says Stein-"That's why the berg. tunnel is purely an analogy, but it's meant to show that there's no contradiction with causality." So what appears to be a violation of physical laws is more like a reorganisation within the light-pulse. With this explanation, no particle is experiencing neg-



The unusual way time seems to work on the quantum level is one of many types of weirdness at the world's smallest scales



In this simplified diagram, a wave packet peak travelling from left to right emerges from a barrier apparently before it enters

faster-than-light travel. Mystery solved? Not quite.

#### A negative duration

More recent experiments from Steinberg's group have added a new twist and can't be explained (yet). Whereas physicists in the earlier work were observing an apparent negative delay – a pulse leaving a barrier before it entered – this time, a team led by physicist Daniela Angulo Murcillo calculated a negative duration.

Delay and duration sound like they should be the same: after all, if your flight has a delay, that's the same as the duration you spend waiting. But that doesn't appear to be the case at atomic scales. "It turns out quantum mechanics says there might be one process - one event - that's described by multiple time scales," says Steinberg. "So you might ask, 'when does [a photon] arrive?' You might ask, 'how long does it spend in the barrier?' You're not necessarily going to get the same answer."

A negative measurement of duration has added a new level of strangeness. In the car analogy, Tony Soprano is spending less than zero amount of time in the tunnel, and it can't be explained by the same wave packet reshuffling that explained the negative delay.

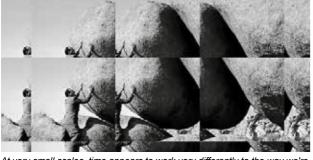
There's no clear correspondence to the world that we know: the physical world we experience. And so we're just left saying, 'Okay, well, I guess quantum mechanics are just different' – Josiah Sinclair "When the weirdness was explored in the 1990s, people made sense of it. But looking again, a little deeper, the mystery appears to be kind of irrepressible now. There's something here that is truly, seemingly paradoxical," says Josiah Sinclair, now at MIT, who worked with Steinberg and colleagues in recent years to explore this phenomenon.

It began with a seemingly simple question: how long do photons spend tunnelling through a barrier? Making this measurement is not as easy as setting a stopwatch. Unlike cars in a tunnel, photons have no fixed position or trajectory through space. "An incredibly fundamental and deep insight about the nature of photons is that they don't have the same reality," says Sinclair. "Their existence is fundamentally different to cars. We can't label and track them."

So, the physicists measured the spent time indirectly, by analysing the excitation of atoms within the barrier, as photons pass through or strike them. To return to the car-tunnel analogy, Sinclair says it's a bit like analysing passing vehicles using only their emissions. If you installed a carbon monoxide monitor inside the Lincoln Tunnel, you couldn't track individual cars but you could maybe figure out how long the passing vehicles spent in there

"The shocking thing is that when you design something that measures how long are the cars in the tunnel – this carbon monoxide monitor – it turns out that the monitor in this kind of quantum mechanical situation will read negative minutes," says Sinclair.

"We understand mathematically why it's happening, but we don't know how to talk about the physical Continued on page 32



At very small scales, time appears to work very differently to the way we're used to

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#### Continued from page 30 meaning of it," he continues. "There's no clear correspondence to the world that we know: the physical world we experience. And so we're just left saying, 'Okay, well, I guess quantum mechanics are just different'."

#### Retrocausality

If you think that is strange though, quantum mechanics has even more bewilderment in store. In recent years, some theorists have proposed that particles may be able to change the past from the future - socalled "retrocausality".

While this idea doesn't have the observational evidence of the quantum tunnel experiments, it's a prospect taken seriously by physicists. The reason is that such temporal weirdness would help to solve an apparent impossibility they have observed, dubbed "spooky action at a distance"

This spooky action happens when two particles "entangled", which are means they are strongly connected, regardless of how far apart they are physically. In principle, they could be at opposite sides of the Universe. but when scientists measure, say, the spin or polar-

isation of one entangled than light. particle, a corresponding property of its entangled partner becomes instantly

nos, it's a bit like if Tony had a twin brother who lived in California. If Tony orders veal at Vesuvio's restaurant in New Jersey, his brother's order at a Los Angeles restaurant instantly becomes yeal too (or perhaps fish; the property needn't be identical, but the key point is that the brother's meal is not determined until that moment). What makes it spooky

is that particles don't have these properties until they are measured; until then, they exist in multiple states simultaneously. In the Soprano twin analogy, there's no pre-planning about their meal choices; it's as if some influence is passing instantaneously between them as the waiter takes Tony's order, faster

The idea of 'retrocausation' involves effects happening before their causes

determined. To return to The Sopra-

"It's possible to show mathematically that those correlations are not explainable in terms of a common cause in the past," says physicist Emily Adlam at Chapman University in California. "It looks naively as though there's some kind of instantaneous signal going from one particle to the other telling this particle what measurement you performed, or vice versa. That's pretty weird. Physicists don't think that signals should be able to send faster than light."

One way to get round spooky-action-at-athe distance problem - also known as non-locality – is to invoke retrocausality. In this scenario, information does not need to pass instantaneously between the particles across space: it happens across time.

If true, it would mean that a measured particle

passes information into the past - to the moment it was entangled with its pair - and then forwards to the moment at which the measurement happens. Or in the Sopranos analogy, Tony's meal order in New Jersey goes back to when the two twins were in the womb, and then forwards to the California restaurant.

This is admittedly a counterintuitive concept to get your head around, and it seemingly replaces one impossibility with another - a cure that seems worse than the disease. And that's not to mention the fact that it would seem to open the door to paradoxes of time travel, where influencing the past alters the present. However, it wouldn't be the first time quantum mechanics has defied common sense.

In its defence, retrocausality's supporters have pointed out that it only seems unlikely because we - at the macroscopic scale - experience time in one direction. At very small scales, it's long been believed that the physical laws are time-symmetric (with some exceptions). And as for the apparent time-travel problem, that pen; instead, it stays in its quantum underdetermined state.

Still, if it's true, the Universe would have to work differently than we currently imagine, says Adlam. In one scenario, two timelines would essentially sit side-by-side. "When people mention retrocausality, what they seem to have in mind is a picture in which there's a forward evolution and a backwards evolution of the Universe. It's a picture with two separate and independent causal arrows," she savs. "That's a kind of 'dynamical' picture of retrocausality, where you have literal forwards and backwards processes happening in some combination."

Adlam, however, doubts this scenario. "It is not a very appealing way of thinking about retrocausality, because you can very easily get inconsistencies, contradictions and paradoxes." she savs.

Instead, she argues that retrocausality is more plausible if we live in what's known as a "block universe". This is a hypothetical (and philosophically controversial) model of existence, where all moments in time - past, present. and future - exist in a four-dimensional object.

every event that ever has or will happen, then it's easier to see how some hypothetical influence could pass between particles within it, says Adlam. To explain the spooky actions of entangled particles, information would not need to travel backward on some alternative retrocausal timeline. "There's no temporal flow," she says. "Time is just another dimension within the block, rather than being a material thing that moves."

If that is the case, we have arrived at what may be the most troubling implication of all about quantum mechanics and its weird temporal behaviour. If you accept the most fatalistic interpretation of the block universe, then, like Tony Soprano, we're all just characters in some cosmic TV series. We may experience life episodically, but our future is just as determined as our past. So, while you're currently in the middle of your story, here's a spoiler alert: your own finale - the moment where the scene cuts to black - may already be written.

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# Pathfinder 1: The airship that could usher in a new age

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Pathfinder 1, bank-rolled by a Google billionaire, is an attempt to revive the airship.

A century after terrifying disasters, is it a safeenough bet?

On 24 October 2024, a brief post was shared on the social media network LinkedIn. In it Google co-founder Sergey Brin's airship company LTA Research finally announced Pathfinder 1's first if brief untethered flight at Nasa's Moffett Field in California, part of the space agency's Ames Research Center. "This morning, Pathfinder 1 reached another milestone: untethered outdoor flight. This successful test | marks another important step in our journey, and we are excited to build on this achievement through our rigorous testing program." Airships are hard to hide. Despite the secrecy, one YouTuber filmed it from the road and uploaded it to the video-sharing site.

"Pathfinder 1 is a pretty amazing vehicle," says Alan Shrimpton, editor of the Airship Journal. "It is the first fully rigid airship, certainly of that size, for a very long time, and there was a great expectation that it would fly shortly after it began its outdoor testing programme.

"But Alan Weston [founder and former CEO of LTA Research] always said the biggest fault with rigid airships was that people in the past rushed their development and they were not going to make that same mistake. They were going to check it and check it again - and they did."

The understated tone in LTA's post belies the historic achievements of Brin's company so far. This was the first flight of the first airship built by the Google cofounder's company, the first time a classic rigid airship of this size had flown since the 1930s, and the first of a new generation of airships. The last giant rigid airship Graf Zeppelin flew for the final time on 20 August 1939, 12 days before World War Two started, and was scrapped the

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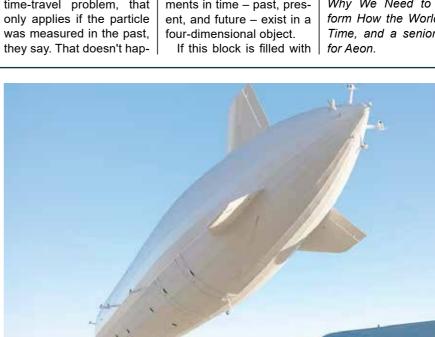
following year. Rigid airships have a complex metal framework that supports a huge envelope filled with enough hydrogen or helium to lift a sizeable number of passengers, or cargo such as disaster relief, for days at a time.

Hydrogen-filled airships are also symbols of the Golden Age of the airship. The era between the world wars when the promoters of the technology beguiled | the public with promises of scheduled commercial passenger services between destinations like Europe and North America, and North America and the Pacific, and in some cases delivered on these promises. The Graf Zeppelin flew "the first regularly scheduled, nonstop, intercontinental airline service in the history of the world" be-

tween Germany and South America, and was far faster than ocean liners that plied the route.

But the crash of the airship Hindenburg in 1937 - which killed 36 people including one person on the ground - showed the drawbacks of the flammable gas used as buovancy. The airship faded into ob-Continued on page 34

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#### Continued from page 32 scurity; just as conventional aircraft design surged ahead.

Eighty-six years later in November 2023, Pathfinder 1 emerged for the first time from the historic Hangar Two at Moffett Field to begin its outdoor flight-testing programme. But the largest aircraft in the world stayed stubbornly tethered to the ground to the frustration of many aviation enthusiasts. Its expected first flight just didn't happen.

But thanks to the Google co-founder's deep pockets, LTA Research appears to have the freedom to waitto-get-it-right that others have not always had.

They have used this freedom to, for example, find better materials than lightweight aluminum alloys like duralumin to construct the giant frame of a rigid airship from, and cotton-composite materials and even cow guts to make the envelope out of, and gain a much better understanding of aerodynamics involved in flying very large airships. And it seems like they have been able to cautiously flight test their creation, without the over confidence and pressure from investors that have been a problem in the past.

# Pathfinder 1 is not a historical replica

"People said that they could not do it and that it was impossible," says Janne Hietala, CEO of Kelluu Airships, whose 10 autonomous drones, each of which can be transported in a 12m (40ft) sea container, are currently "the world's largest" fleet of airships. "This is a brilliant, very bold attempt to do the hard work, the engineering that is required, to mass-manufacture big airships. I don't think they will build hundreds of those because of the difficulties in mass-manufacturing air-



Designers are having to use new techniques to solve some of the issues around rigid airships

ships of that size, but it's still possible."

Pathfinder 1 is not a historical replica. It is a proof-of-concept airship designed to see if a rigid design can be updated with new materials.

In particular, LTA Research wants to solve the thorny problem of how to mass produce aircraft of this size. It wants to build production models in Goodyear Airdock in Akron, Ohio, where the great US rigid airships of the 1930s were built.

"I've been down to Moffett Field to see Pathfinder 1 twice, and it is really an amazing thing to see in person," says John Geoghegan, author of When Giants Ruled the Sky. "It's very impressive to be able to see the learning they have made from the past even from the outside."

The fact that the giant rigid airship does not have tail fins in the traditional cross shape, but at an angle, is an example of such learning, because airships float up and down on a mooring mast and the bottom tail fin used to get damaged. Likewise, the airship's engines are no longer inline but staggered along its length to reduce the wind, drag and vibration that they used to cause. Like many other new designs, it uses helium as a lifting gas to prevent the infernos that doomed the Golden Age of the airship.

Helium is less flammable than hydrogen, but



Pathfinder 1 has tail fins at an angle because aerodynamic knowledge is much more refined than in the 1930s

there is a trade-off for this increased safety. It generates less lift than hydrogen, and it is in short supply. This makes it very expensive to fill the envelope of an airship with.

"There's a lot of baggage around airships, and a lot of people who have preset ideas about them, and so these guys are being incredibly careful and extremely cautious about the information they release," Geoghegan adds. "They do not want to do anything to contribute any more negative publicity. For the public always remember the airship disasters and not the successful flights."

Pathfinder 1's first untethered flight also has significance for the wider lighter-than-air community, which has for a long time had little more than glossy CGI graphics of large airships to show investors. That it has occurred at a time when high-profile airship companies such as Flving Whales "appear to be struggling to ... build a flagship production facility" is a good morale boost for the sector, says Shrimpton.

"Investors tell so many people going out to try to get funding for their lighterthan-air projects that yes, it's interesting, I can see the benefits of it, but show me one that is flying today... now they can."

Aviation is an industry desperately looking for a decarbonisation solution and airships are part of that solution – Diana Little

"It is fantastic that LTA Research is making so much progress using modern technology to solve these problems," says Diana Little, co-founder of airship startup Anumá Aerospace. "It reminds people about the capabilities of lighter-than-air flight.

"Aviation is an industry desperately looking for a decarbonisation solution and airships are part of that solution," Little adds.

The first flight of Pathfinder 1 has been at least 12 years in the making. Brin's interest in airships seems to have begun in 2012 around the same time as a modern semi-rigid Zeppelin NT (New Technology) airship began tourist flights from Moffett Field.

The following year he



Germany led the way in airship design in the 1920s and 30s, thanks to examples like the long-haul Graf Zeppelin

founded LTA Research Ltd and in 2017 his airship company began to lease space at Moffett Field and research began at the Akron Airdock. There they built a 12-engine, 50ft-long (15m) electric "baby airship" to test their technology.

No one had built aircraft like these giant rigid airships for decades. So, it took time for the engineers to learn how to do this, particularly with a focus on safety and not repeating the mistakes of the past. In the 1930s, the materials used to create the such rigid airship's framework and envelope which were simply not strong enough to deal with the stresses of flight.

The use of computerised controls, new and much stronger lightweight materials like carbon fibre and titanium to construct the complex skeleton of the rigid airship are just some of the ways the giant rigid airship has been brought into the 21st Century. So too are the use of flame-retardant synthetic materials for the envelope of the airship, sensors to monitor the helium and engines that can be rotated to provide vectored thrust.

The knowledge and

skills of the great engineers of the past had to be relearned by LTA - together with the latest research and technology - in order to design the airship and work out how to mass produce even larger craft in the future. Rather than expect their engineers to work at the top of unsteady 85ft-high (26m) ladders to build these ships like they did in the 1930s, LTA have designed a massice cradle-like structure that allows the workers to stay on the ground while the giant ships are slowly rotated in front of them. To do this they needed to find the skilled workers who

were willing to join a risky

project that may one day

make aviation history, and

are continuing to seek

In 2017 work started

at Moffett Field on LTA's

smallest airship Pathfind-

er 1, and planning began

in Akron on the Pathfind-

er 3, its successor which

is planned to be one-third-

larger. (There is no Path-

Interest in

airships is cyclical

- John Geoghegan

But a fully-fledged return

of large airships is not yet

a given. "I am crossing my

fingers," says Shrimpton,

"but if Pathfinder 1 suffered

a failure in flight everybody

would point to it and say,

them today.

finder 2.)

airship crashes – it is not safe,' which would provide an almost insurmountable hurdle for the whole passenger/cargo-carrying airship industry."

The same applies to other airship companies, such as Flying Whales, whose airship has not even been built yet. "They need to get over that same hurdle and prove to the public that they have a vehicle that is safe, like LTA Research is doing."

Geoghegan is more sanguine about it. "Interest in airships is cyclical," he says. "Every 10 or 15 years a company comes along that is working in the airship category and a couple more sprout up. Some get prototypes flying. But none of them ever pan out.

"So, there is a lot of skittishness among the investor community about building these things. It is in part about the technology, is it robust enough to work. Then, second, what is the business application? Is there a market that exists that would financially support airships on this scale?

"We keep hearing the same things trotted out. One is for tourism. One is for disaster relief. One is that it will be a green, non-polluting alternative to conventional aircraft, and the fourth one is specialised cargo.

"But I remain to be convinced that there's an economic case for these things."

The engineering challenges that LTA faces certainly remain significant.

"In the end, for LTA Research it is proof that their design worked, and a milestone for their staff, who worked tirelessly for three or four years to bring the design to fruition," says Shrimpton. But Pathfinder could have much wider implications if it successfully takes to the skies. "It is really important. It is something the whole airship industry needs – to be seen in the sky."



Pathfinder 1 will pave the way for an even bigger concept design called Pathfinder 3

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# Why your most attractive qualities can give your partner 'the ick'

By William Park, a popular psychology writer and editor for the BBC



The qualities that make us stand out the most, and the main reasons that people find us attractive, can be a blessing and a curse.

Sometimes our most appealing traits can become a reason for a breakup.

"The ick" was one of the more unusual words to be added to the Cambridge Dictionary in 2024. The phrase describes the feeling of suddenly seeing something about a partner in a new light, and finding it so unattractive it can't be unseen. Once you have the ick, it is unfortunately incurable

While the phrase might be intended in a lighthearted manner, it shows that there can be unattractive qualities about a partner that are not immediately obvious. In fact, we might have found those qualities really attractive earlier in the relationship. This is called "fatal attraction" when a person comes to dislike aspects of a partner that they were initially attracted to. "It doesn't mean fatal in the sense of deadly, but fatal as in the sense of prophetic," says Diane Felmlee, a social psychologist from Penn State University in the US.

"I like to think of it as having 'too much' of an attractive quality," she says. "Disenchantment with a | partner can occur even when people get what they want, and perhaps because they get what they want."

During her own research, Felmlee asks people for reasons they were first attracted to a partner, why they became dissatisfied and why past relationships ended. Most people listed various needs that were not being met by their ex-partner as a cause for a breakup. But Felmlee noticed some of those missed needs were related to reasons they were attracted to an ex-partner in the first place. Advertisement

"It is a different interpretation of the same quality," she says. "It's a negative way of looking at a positive trait. I have an example here of someone who said they were attracted to their partner because she was considerate. And then they complained that she said 'sorry' too much. Well. that sounds pretty considerate.'

Other examples identified by Felmlee include being attracted to someone with a high-powered job, only to find that they spend too long at work, or finding a partner funny, but then complaining that they don't take life seriously. Easygoing, laid-back partners became flaky or never on time. "Easygoing is great, as long as you're punctual," says Felmlee with a laugh.

Likewise, partners who are at first judged to be powerful or strong become controlling or overbearing after a breakup. People who are nice become pushovers. Successful people become workaholics.

Disenchantment with a partner can occur even when people get what they want, and perhaps because they get what they want -**Diane Felmlee** 

With fatal attraction, the stronger the initial attraction to a particular characteristic, the more likely it is to become a reason for a breakup. Why might it be that big positives end up being dealbreakers?

First, it could be that the things we first notice about new partners, or potential partners, are the extreme qualities that make them stand out. "We don't describe partners as 'kind of helpful', or 'a little hard working'," says Felmlee. "And the more extreme it is, the more likely people are to dislike those qualities later."

There might be an element of naivety too, adds Felmlee - our initial infatuation temporarily blinds us to the potential downsides of a very extreme characteristic. But after the initial excitement subsides. we become more aware of how those characteristics might have a negative effect.

This reevaluation can happen subtly over time. Fatal attraction might be a slow. dawning realisation rather than a drastic reversal in judgment as with the ick. Couples that have been together for between 10 and 21 years have the lowest levels of relationship adjustment, meaning that they find it harder between these ages to resolve conflicts, adjust to new challenges or change their expectations towards their partner.

It is important to reevaluate relationship satisfaction because it is a predictor for many aspects of life, according to Samantha Joel, a psychologist at Western University in Ontario, Canada. People in unhappy relationships have poorer physical health, higher blood pressure, are at higher risk of poor mental health and have worse work-life balance, among many other problems.

A simple measure of relationship satisfaction. called social exchange theory, can be made by comparing the rewards we receive from being with a partner such as how much fun we have, if they make us feel prized, their beauty or money, against the costs. such as conflicts. the potential to be hurt or financial investments. There are two ways that people use social exchange theory - firstly by comparing a current relationship to past ones. We will find a relationship less satisfying if it falls below the standard that we expect based on past experiences. The other comparison we might make is with other options available to us currently. We might reject potential



Despite the difficulties it can cause, fatal attraction doesn't necessarily mean the end of a relationship

Someone who enjoys organising surprises can also become frustratingly difficult to plan anything with

partners, even if we think the signs may be promising, if we feel we might have better odds with other people.

Those calculations will be different for everyone. Same-sex couples, for example, are likely to face higher relationship costs because of discrimination and homophobia. Depending on where you live, you might have fewer dating options available to you too.

It is probably a better bet to look for someone with similar extremes to us rather than average qualities - Diane Felmlee

So, are we better off being drawn to a middle-ofthe-road partner with fewer extremes? "I don't think so," says Felmlee. "It is probably a better bet to look for someone with similar extremes to us rather than average qualities."

Couples that are similar in some key traits are more likely to be successful. Looking at a pool of 79,000 British couples, the strongest indicator for relationship satisfaction is being a similar age. But other demographic factors, including education, and some other things like religious or political beliefs and substance use are also strong predictors for relationship success. There are also smaller but still significant correlations between bio-

logical factors like being a similar height and BMI. "We found particularly high correlations for things

like beliefs and values, educational attainment, and certainly substance use," says Tanya Horwitz, a doctoral student at the University of Colorado Boulder in the US. Similarity seems to be strengthening, but dissimilarity only seems to be a problem in certain circumstances. "A smaller minority showed any sign of a negative correlation," she says. One example which did seem to matter was that morning people really don't seem to be compatible with evening people, and vice versa.

Horwitz says that two very different people might still find themselves attracted to each other initially, but they are less likely to be successful long-term. The couples in her study were older, cohabiting, married or co-parenting. "These were generally people who are in quite serious or long-term relationships, and I think it really says more about what makes for a long-term union, than what makes for an initial attraction," she says.

Felmlee caveats that fatal attraction doesn't have to be terminal for a relationship. Partners who share similarly strong characteristics might do OK. "Studying fatal attraction, it's less common for people to complain about the similar qualities that they say they have in themselves,' she says.

One of her interviewees, an older man, said he was first attracted to his wife because of the strength of her character and her confidence. The downside. he said, is that she could sometimes be stubborn. "But they're still married," savs Felmlee. "So what's going on? He also showed an awareness of himself and admitted he could be stubborn too. That was reallv sweet."





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## India Has Arrived

By Ana Palacio, International Lawyer/Consultant



Despite its vast potential, India was long overlooked by the West, both economically and geopolitically.

No more: with a fundamental global realignment now underway, both the US and Europe regard India as vital to their strategic interests and priorities.

MADRID - Last month. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced that the first official foreign visit of the commission in her second term would be to India. On the same day, Marco Rubio held his first bilateral meeting as US Secretary of State with India's minister of external affairs, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day visit to Washington last week confirmed his country's rising international profile. The visit ended with the promise of what Modi called a US-India "mega partnership." As part of that partnership, he has committed to double trade with the US by 2030, increase oil and gas imports, and expand US military sales to India.

India is the world's most populous country, home to more than 1.4 billion people with a median age of 29.8 years, compared to 38.9 in the United States, 40.2 in China, and 44.5 in the European Union. This massive and relatively young population, together with a large and fast-growing information and communications technology (ICT) sector, is supporting an economic boom: India is now the fastest-growing major economy, with the International Monetary Fund forecasting a 6.5% increase in GDP this year. India is expected to overtake Japan and Germany to become the world's third-largest economy by 2030.Despite its vast potential, India has long been overlooked by the West, both economically and geopolitically. But a fundamental global realignment is now underway. America's "unipolar moment" has given way to an era of great-power competition that, unlike during the Cold War, features demands by emerging and developing economies for a more inclusive and representative multilateral system. In this multipolar age, both the US and Europe see India - a neutral foreign-policy actor and dynamic emerging economy - as vital to the future of their strategic priorities.

A founder of the Non-Aligned Movement, India has plenty of experience navigating precarious moments in world affairs. During the Cold War, it skilfully balanced its policies toward the US and the Soviet Union. When it engaged with the Soviet Union – from which it received considerable military assistance – it calibrated its approach to offset US support of Pakistan, without taking sides in the great-power competition.

India has since maintained this pragmatic balancing act, adapting its foreign policy to a shifting geopolitical landscape. Today, that means recognizing its potential to shape global affairs, including by playing a leading role in building an efficient, realistic, and inclusive multilateralism.

This is reflected in Modi's pursuit of a more assertive. internationalist foreign policy. Beyond building new partnerships and strengthening old ones, Modi has sought to increase India's influence in traditional and emerging multilateral fora. In 2023 alone, India held the presidency of both the G20 and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (a Chinese creation, comprising nine Middle Eastern and Asian countries).

At a time of escalating global turmoil, there is an urgent need for incisive, informed analysis of the issues and questions driving the news – just what PS has always provided.

Moreover, India plays a leading role in the BRICS, which, in addition to Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, now includes Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates. India's approach to the BRICS is characteristically nuanced: whereas Russia and, to a significant extent, China see themselves as disruptors of the existing order, India views itself as a reformer. This enables it to maintain strategic flexibility as it advances its economic and diplomatic interests.

India's relationship with China is complicated by other factors. While the countries work together in some fora, they are also locked in protracted territorial disputes and a competition for leadership in the so-called Global South. And India's growing global clout - including its appeal to Western powers - stems in large part from its ability to act as a counterweight to China. The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor was designed as an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative, and reflects India's centrality to global supply chains.

India is also indispensable to the Quad alliance with Australia, Japan, and the US – a grouping that is officially focused on maritime security and economic cooperation, though its members clearly seek to provide a buffer against China in the Indo-Pacific region. It is thanks to India – a rising "Southern" power – that the Quad is not viewed as just another Western vehicle.

Modi has sought to bolster India's Southern cre-

dentials, including by highlighting its status as the "mother of democracy." By framing democracy as intrinsic to Indian civilization, rather than a colonial legacy, he has aligned India with the "middle powers" that are now seeking to redefine global governance on their own terms.

To be sure, India has experienced a decisive shift since Modi became prime minister in 2014. He has moved India away from the secular and pluralistic values that had flourished after independence, in favor of an assertive Hindu nationalism. So many international indices have downgraded India's democratic status that he is now seeking to create his own.

But Modi – the second leader of independent India (after Jawaharlal Nehru) to be elected to three consecutive terms – remains a dominant force in Indian politics, as recent regional election results affirmed. And at a time of rapid geopolitical change, he is committed to leveraging his position, and India's profound strengths, to turn India into a global player.

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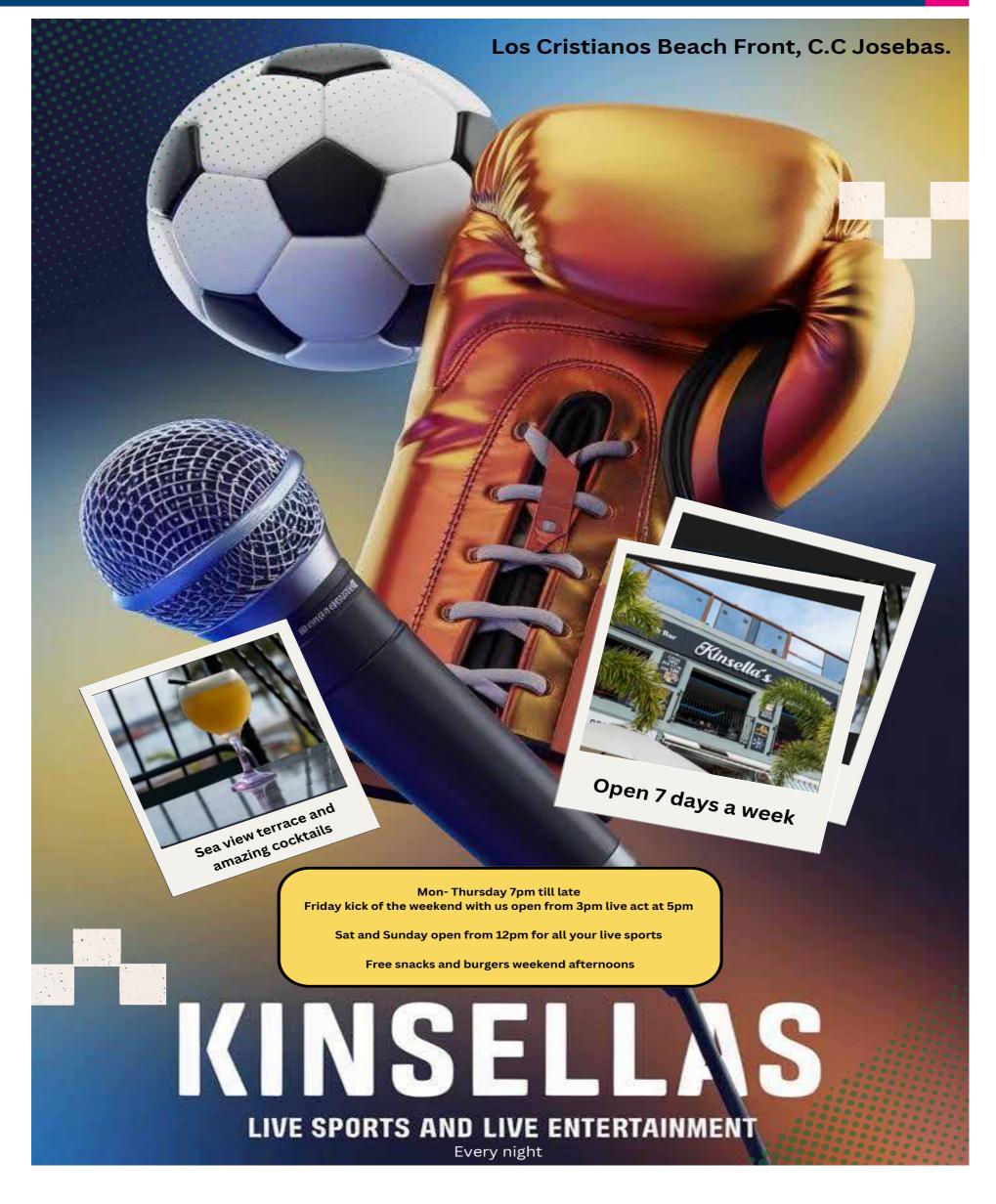
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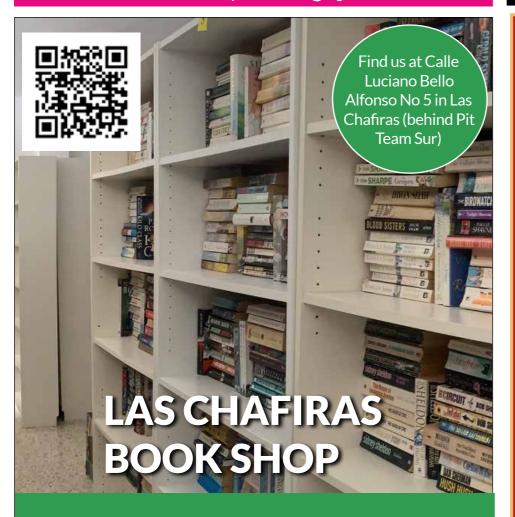
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Spacious pool bar and restaurant in Callao Salvaje, now available at a low price due to closure. Fully equipped with a kitchen, bar, stage, and large seating areas. Located in large complex but open to public. Monthly rent: 1,500€ Ref.: 2868 Price: 18,000€

#### **Freehold Resturant for Sale**



Established Restaurant Freehold is available in La Camella, with 25+ years of success. The 250m<sup>2</sup> premises feature a full kitchen and a 50m<sup>2</sup> terrace, accommodating 100 guests. Great potential for continued operation Price: 550,000€ Ref.: 2865

#### **Popular Italian Restaurant**



This is a thriving and profitable Italian Restaurant for sale in Buzanada, with five years of success and a loyal client base. The 100m² indoor space and 35m² terrace accommodate up to 80 guests. The monthly rent is: 1,000€ Ref.: 2852 Price: 145.000€





For sale Mechanical Workshop operating successfully since 1978. The 180m² premises feature a fully equipped garage with two bridge elevators, and an office. Conveniently located with a large free parking area. Monthly rent of just €1,000 garage Ref.: 2838 Price: 80,000€

#### **Restaurant in Los Cristianos**



This Restaurant is in a prime seafront location near the beach of Los Cristianos. The 100m<sup>2</sup> restaurant includes a 20m<sup>2</sup> fully equipped kitchen and 30 indoor seats, plus a 25m<sup>2</sup> sea view terrace with 15 seats. Monthly rent: 2,750€ Price: 55,000€ Ref.: 2746

**Bistro in Los Gigantes** 



A successful Charming Bistro with a strong client base, located in the heart of Los Gigantes, operating for over 10 years. The 90m<sup>2</sup> premises include a cozy indoor dining area, a community terrace, and storage. Monthly rent: 1,500€ Ref.: 2855 Price: 165,000€



Commercial space in Puerto Colón, directly facing the harbour with high tourist footfall. The 85m<sup>2</sup> indoor space plus a 20m<sup>2</sup> terrace is ideal for a bar/café, with licenses already approved for quick operation. Monthly rent: 3,100€ Price: 30,000€ Ref.: 2881

#### Prime Bar At Playa Las Vistas



Succesful bar in Los Cristianos directly on Playa Las Vistas with stunning sea views. The 150m<sup>2</sup> indoor space and 200m<sup>2</sup> terrace offer seating for 80 guests, featuring a fully equipped kitchen and ample storage. Monthly rent: 9,500€ Price: 440,000€ Ref.: 2878

#### Prime Bar/Restaurant Space



This property in Aqua Mall includes two combined units with a 200m<sup>2</sup> terrace. Fully pre-installed for a bar, café, or restaurant, it features renovated restrooms, a kitchen extraction, and new electricity. Monthly rent: 5,500€ Ref.: 2876 Price: 20.000€

### **Cafe For Sale In Fanabe**



This charming cafe in Playa de Fañabe is featuring 67m<sup>2</sup> indoor space, a 30m<sup>2</sup> terrace, and a 20m<sup>2</sup> internal terrace in a commercial center. With a monthly rent of just €870, it offers excellent value and growth potential. Price from: 60,000€ Ref.: 2842

**Bargain In Las Americas** 



Get a bargain with this stylish, newly refurbished bistro in the heart of Las Americas, featuring a modern interior and a spacious  $60m^2$  terrace. Currently closed, it comes with the license, nventory and ready to open. Monthly rent: 1,500€. Price: 16,000€ Ref.: 2869

**Prestigious Freehold Restaurant** 



Rare opportunity to acquire the freehold of a top-rated and successful restaurant in Costa Adeje. Comprised of three combined locals, with a stylish interior, a 60m<sup>2</sup> terrace with seating for 50 guests, and a fully equipped kitchen. Ref.: 2877 Price: 720,000€



Price: 400,000€

