

8 WAYS TO make a MILLION in SPAIN

1 Build a golf course

A time-honoured route to enormous wealth, this involves finding a plot of worthless scrubland, miles from anywhere, that suffers desperate water shortages. Using grasses developed in the Australian outback and a marketing consultant from Saatchi & Saatchi, you can quickly extort massive profits from selling 'retirement in paradise'. 18 holes are never needed, as one swing of a golf club in 45 degrees of heat will be enough to satisfy the hardest player.

2 Write a book of fiction as a 'Spanish' author

The Spanish have only one book of fiction after 1,000 years of civilisation. They are now fed up with Cervantes' *Don Quijote de la Mancha* and the door is wide open for another bestseller. Consider a road story about driving a silver-coloured Seat round the wind turbine sites of Spain whilst pretending to be Fernando Alonso.

3 Construct ten adosados (semi-detached houses)

To make serious money, these must be absolutely identical to thousands of others and extraordinarily ugly. Always first knock down some properties of historical importance before starting to build. Wherever possible, ensure the kitchen is on the top floor, the stairs are endless and the *al fresco* area is an un-shaded roof terrace equivalent to a frying pan.

4 Start a rental company for cranes

No part of the beautiful Spanish landscape will now ever be truly complete without 'the national bird of Spain' rising above it. When construction stops communities will club together to have their very own crane towering permanently over their properties. Steel yourself for the initial capital costs, but then enjoy the rising rental returns and the kudos of bringing high art to the masses.

5 Invent a cure for sangría-induced hangovers

It is *de rigueur* for any foreigner coming to Spain to get totally smashed on sangría every night for two solid weeks. However, the hangovers are so severe that they preclude drinking more sangría until late midday. This wastes time. Earn a fortune by inventing a solution that will allow drinking to re-commence at first light. You will garner the eternal thanks of tourists and the sangría industry alike.

6 Claim publicly that the Moors controlled Spain for 800 years

Be prepared to lose all your court cases in Spain, as the Spanish will deny that the Moors existed. Take your case to the European Courts and win a million in emotional distress as the truth is proven. However, be prepared to leave Spain shortly thereafter.

7 Design a watch that always gains a day

Guaranteed to make you a million, this will sell in untold numbers to anyone, Spanish or British, who intends to employ a builder. Given as a present at the start of any construction work, it will always show *mañana* as today and yesterday as the day before. A wonderful device, it will enhance a builder's performance beyond measure.

8 Set up a psychiatric service for weather forecasters

Bored and suicidal, weather forecasters in Spain need help. They will pay excellent money to anyone prepared to listen to them talking about cyclones, anti-cyclones and varied advancing weather fronts. Be prepared for some highs and lows before you make your windfall.

