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Everything will turn out fine

We like this phrase, also Nina Ruge's motto, because it is so simple, yet, profound. It conveys to us the notion of sustaining hope in mankind, whenever life does not go quite according to plan, and advises us to learn to take it as it comes. No easy task, indeed, but a delightful way of approaching life somewhat more calmly, confidently and, perhaps, also a little more optimistically. A place in the sun should also, supposedly, soothe our lives, although, as we know, property ownership does not always make people their happiest. But it should, at the very least, bring us pleasure

and provide us with a house in which we feel at home, right? Only, we must also be ready to contribute our part and strive, perhaps even learn, to be a little happier and content with what we have. That does not just happen on its own. It is worthwhile being on one's guard. We know that many lead a very successful life in the south, and are content and very fortunate, although, that is not, always, entirely obvious. For that very reason, a little gratitude for all the good and beautiful things, that befall us, is beneficial. People who seem happy and content, are mostly those who allow themselves a little, mingle together in a considerate manner and are also

experienced in appreciating small things. When confidence and a positive attitude to life are in place, everything will turn out fine.

Our guiding principle

Meanwhile, the no less discerning wisdom imparted in our current advertisement, goes as follows: "It doesn't all depend on giving life more years, but the years more life". Having the desire for a greater quality of life and the idea of discovering new facets, is an exciting matter. We must make ourselves aware: Life is happening *now*, not at *some time or other* in the future. Anyone missing a little zest and enthusiasm for life, who can summon up some energy and wants to bring a bit more enthusiasm back into



his life, will find a multitude of possibilities on the northern Costa Blanca, perhaps even signs to reflect on his life completely. Allow yourself what you need to be happy, Kurt Tepperwein advises us in his book "Wake the genius that slumbers within you". We can only imagine that a good number of people have set out on the road in search of a home here in the south, in the hope of giving their lives a new impetus. The Dalai Lama tells us that it

is time to show more humanity, consideration and understanding for others and to remind ourselves of beautiful, age-old values. You know then that, inevitably, everything good comes back to you, sometimes even to excess. We can, therefore, take pleasure in good facts, small as much as large.

The holiday home is alive and well

No way has the classic, southern holiday home lost its appeal. On the contrary. Living and life in two locations is for many, now as before, the ultimate and is perceived as a special highlight, and, also, a great luxury by most people. Many people consider an opportune change of scenery to be beneficial, motivational and inspiring. Were that not the case, the Spanish property market would not have experienced the level of boom seen over recent decades. Anyone who believes that the end is drawing near is mistaken, as have many already before, who did not want to believe that things were continuing upwards. We are seeing that the contrast with life in Northern Europe is doing people good, here on the coast. But there are also those, living here almost all year round, who enjoy newly discovering their old hometown, just like the author of this newsletter and his wife, who are both natives of Hamburg and, now and again, like to spend a few weeks in the Hanseatic city, where they met as teenagers in 1948.

Your Garden of Eden

Is a dream garden not something wonderful? On the northern Costa Blanca you can fulfil such a wish. In four decades, we have seen it blossom differently, time and again. A blessing for mind and soul. Anyone who loves nature and the Mediterranean ambience will discover a new and fascinating world here, with an extremely lush vegetation, that stretches from Dénia in the north to Moraira, and far into the hinterland, to enthuse you. And whoever desires his own Garden of Eden, should pay heed in choosing a climatic zone in which the diversity of blossom splendour stays with him all year round. In this regard, one should be

aware that the northern Costa Blanca consists of a number of climatic zones, where gardens can flourish very differently. High on a hill, where you will discover predominantly rocky surfaces, and in winter, despite sunny, south-facing locations, it can also occasionally be windy, an impressive garden is, indeed, possible, but expensive to landscape, and you will, mostly, have to forego extensive lawns. In extremely dry areas, a garden will, obviously, grow and flourish to a lesser abundant state than in moist, tropical lowlands, in which orange groves are to be found, but where conditions are less favourable for people. Many people, therefore, for a number of reasons, do not necessarily want to live in regions where, in summer like winter, an extremely high level of humidity prevails and tropical gardens flourish best naturally.

Finding compromises

Again, it all comes down to reaching a compromise, between the two extremes of “tropical humidity in summer, shaded dampness in winter” and “extremely dry and hot in summer, windy in winter”. A refreshing breeze in summer and a wind-sheltered, southerly orientation in winter, are desirable conditions for a location that will do people and plants good, at the same time. Whoever desires an impressive garden, needs, in addition to a sunny and wind-sheltered location, a fertile surface

and an extensively laid-out irrigation system, to make sure that the garden develops. On construction of a well-thought out garden area an expert from one of the numerous landscape-gardening firms, that have, meanwhile, set



up extremely successfully here on the coast, should be consulted, because they know, what will blossom in your garden in which season, and where trees, plants and bushes should be most favourably positioned.