



La Manga Club
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INDIAN TEST CRICKET LEGEND TO COACH AT LA MANGA CLUB

Legendary Indian wicketkeeper and batsman Farokh Engineer will be passing on his much-celebrated skills to a new generation of cricketers at La Manga Club, southern Spain, from April 25-27.

Engineer will be at the resort running a series of coaching sessions alongside Madrid Cricket Club's second Solidarity Twenty20 cricket tournament where the Spanish side will compete with the seven other teams from Spain, England and the Netherlands.

Now an umpire for the Indian Premier League, Engineer enjoyed a 15-year cricket career which saw him line up as wicket keeper for Lancashire and Mumbai as well as playing 46 tests for India. He also earned a reputation as a stylish and aggressive batsman.

Places on the coaching sessions are available for €20 per person for a one-hour session and all bookings must be made in advance. All proceeds will go to Engineer's charity for homeless children in Mumbai and the tournament's fundraising effort.

The tournament at La Manga Club has the full backing of Cricket España, which will use it as a showcase event to highlight the 'Spirit of Cricket' – an initiative designed to ensure that cricket is always played in a truly sportsmanlike manner – and also to mark the centenary of the ICC.

The staging of the tournament further cements La Manga Club's standing as the 'home of cricket in Spain', following the addition of two regulation club turf pitches and four full length nets at the venue.

County and international sides have chosen the resort for their training base on many occasions with the outstanding cricket facilities just part of the overall attraction of Europe's number-one sports and leisure resort.

La Manga Club also runs a series of popular 'In-Touch' junior cricket academies during school holiday periods.

For more information go to www.cricket.lamangaclub.com.

About La Manga Club

As a result of 37 years of continued investment, innovation and commitment to excellence, which have ensured that it has remained at the forefront of the sector, La Manga Club is widely recognised as Spain's flagship resort and as one of the finest in the world.

Evidence of this is provided by its numerous World Travel Award nominations and prizes, such as the World's Leading Sports Resort (top 5, 2006 and 2007), Spain's Leading Golf Resort (winner, 2006), Europe's Leading Golf Resort (winner, 2001, 2003 and 2005), and Europe's Leading Conference Hotel (winner, 2003). In addition, the hotel obtained the prestigious Q for Quality certification in 2002.

La Manga Club is a spectacular resort located in the Murcia region of south-east Spain. Set out over an area of some 560 hectares (approx. 1,400 acres), it offers visitors a five-star hotel, luxury vacation apartments and 450 hectares of sports facilities, highlights of which include its three 18-hole golf courses, 28 tennis courts and its eight-pitch professional football centre, which also offers facilities for cricket, rugby and Gaelic football.

The resort is also home to innumerable leisure facilities, such as the 2000m² Spa La Manga Club with its 13 luxurious treatment rooms, comprehensive fitness centre and 25m indoor swimming pool; meeting, banqueting and incentive facilities, and more than 20 restaurants and bars.

La Manga Club is located in a unique setting amid the rolling hills that separate the crystalline Mediterranean from the warm waters of the Mar Menor Sea in Murcia, southern Spain. Lying to the south of the Costa Blanca, this region is known as the Costa Cálida, or 'warm coast', thanks to its mild, year-round Mediterranean climate.