

## Town Houses in Spain

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Many buyers opt for an older town house purchase, which can be a cheaper way to own plenty of living space, often full of character. It's important to note however that some properties are also full of wood boring insects and damp. A complete renovation will normally be costly and hence reflected in the asking price, but some faked up examples may look OK on the surface, while hiding a multitude of sins.

- Always check exposed beams for signs of insect attack (often small holes of 1mm diameter and/or
- If ceilings have been boarded over be cautious! most Spanish and north European owners prefer exposed
- Check other timber elements such as windows and doors for attack, if they have been replaced past inf
- Check lower walls and attic level ceilings for damp and staining. Most original roofs leak, and despite the

A full survey will involve many other checks including a damp meter inspection. If you have any doubts, Information provided by [Mark Paddon's Sic Home Building Systems](http://www.markpaddon.com) free 17 page buyer's guide. Free initial advice is available by phone or by email. Email address is being protected from spam bots, y Copyright Mark Paddon 2008

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