

*City Guide*

# MARBELLA

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As one of Spain's major tourist centres, Marbella has more than just sandy beaches and sangria to offer – it's the high-quality service and premium facilities that keep visitors coming back year after year.

Puerto Banús is the large-scale marina located to the southwest of Marbella and is home to an exclusive leisure area.

Further inland, Marbella has more than its fair share of championship golf courses and driving ranges, framed by a stunning backdrop of sea and mountains.

The historic part of Marbella town, shelters lovely corners of typically Andalusian flavour. The landscape is punctuated by whitewashed houses and orange trees line the streets and squares, making an ideal setting for sampling some of the local cuisine.



# ACCOMMODATION

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## FINCA CORTESIN

CARRETERA CASARES, S/N, 29690 CASARES, MÁLAGA

The hotel's fresh yet grand design is inspired by traditional Andalusian architecture. Its high ceilings create a bright and luxuriously spacious feel and on-site facilities have all bases covered; from fine-dining at Italian restaurant, Don Giovanni, to restorative yoga practices at the Arani Yoga Center. There's little wonder it was named 'Best non-urban Hotel in Spain' by Condé Nast Traveller.

## VILLA PADIERNA PALACE HOTEL

URBANIZACIÓN LOS FLAMINGOS GOLF, CARRETERA DE CÁDIZ,  
29679 MARBELLA, MÁLAGA

The Villa Padierna Palace Hotel offers a world of personalised attention in an exclusive setting. Surrounded by golf courses and just a stone's throw from the beach, the hotel's privileged setting makes it an ideal spot to rest and unwind. Each of the property's 129 rooms, suites and villas are uniquely designed and original pieces of art are seen throughout, alongside antiques from the owner's private collection – The Arvi Foundation.

## HOTEL PUENTE ROMANO

BULEVAR PRÍNCIPE ALFONSO VON HOHENLOHE, S/N, 29602 MARBELLA

Málaga Hotel Puente Romano is more than a world-renowned luxury resort. It's an exclusive getaway tucked between the lush subtropical gardens of the Mediterranean and the glistening blue sky of the Costa del Sol. Guests come here to relax, refresh and rejuvenate in spacious rooms enhanced by Andalusian architecture. The perfect clement weather makes for days filled with world-class tennis, golf, water sports, horseback riding, and lazing by the poolside.

## DON CARLOS LEISURE RESORT & SPA

AVENIDA ZURITA, S/N, 29604 MARBELLA, MÁLAGA

This is an exclusive five-star hotel in the heart of the Costa del Sol, and only 11 kilometres from Marbella centre. Surrounded by 40,000 sq m of tropical gardens, and on the best beach in the area, guests have a full range of services and facilities at their disposal: four swimming pools, five restaurants and bars, a spa, a children's club, Nikki Beach, and the Tennis & Sports Club.

## MARBELLA CLUB

AVENIDA BULEVAR PRÍNCIPE ALFONSO DE HOHENLOHE, S/N,  
29602 MARBELLA

A beachfront boutique resort on the Mediterranean with the character of a classic whitewashed Andalusian village, the Marbella Club sits amid botanical gardens, which flourish year-round thanks to Southern Spain's generous climate. All 35 guestrooms and 80 suites are set in the jasmine-scented gardens, which have been tended to by the Crown Prince of Spain himself.



# RESTAURANTS

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## RESTAURANT DANI GARCÍA

BULEVAR PRÍNCIPE ALFONSO VON HOHENLOHE, S/N, 29602 MARBELLA

Celebrated Spanish chef, Dani García's three Michelin-starred restaurant is sought after for its refreshing and innovative approach to fine dining. The food philosophy here draws on "thinking local and cooking globally", with each dish presented bursting in flavour, vibrancy and creativity. Expect exceptional service and mind-bending takes on traditional Spanish recipes.

## MESSINA RESTAURANTE

AVENIDA SEVERO OCHOA 12, 29603 MARBELLA

Michelin-starred Messina is perfectly located in the heart of Marbella's main hub next to the Amare Hotel. With an ever-changing menu, chef and founder Mauricio Giovanini, focuses on local ingredients including fresh seafood and products from Andalusia, which are all showcased beautifully.

## RESTAURANTE EL LAGO MARBELLA

URBANIZACIÓN ELVIRIA HILLS, AVDA. LAS CUMBRES, S/N,  
29600 MARBELLA, MÁLAGA

At just 33, head chef Juan José Carmona displays impressive technique in his simple yet elegant interpretations of Andalusian Cuisine. From Iberian pork served in a stew of locally grown vegetables to red mullet loin with flame roasted celeriac, each dish is served with Michelin-star quality.

## RESTAURANTE SKINA

CALLE ADUAR, 12, 29601 MARBELLA, MÁLAGA

This Michelin-starred restaurant in Marbella's old quarter may be small in size but it pulls no punches when it comes to delivering interesting and bold dishes. The contemporary design, featuring an impressive glass-fronted wine cellar, provides an exquisite and cosy setting for traditional yet wholly-inventive Andalusian cuisine.

## NOBU

PRINCIPE ALFONZO VON HOHENLOHE, S/N, 29602 MARBELLA, MÁLAGA

You always know to expect cutting-edge food from the master of fusion himself, Japanese chef Nobu Matsuhisa. Nobu opened here in 2018 and diners are treated to the very best alfresco experience overlooking La Plaza. Inside, the spectacular dining room is lit by lanterns and peppered with washi paper art. Expect exquisite, minimalist works of Asian culinary art on the plate.

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# NIGHTLIFE

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## OLIVIA VALERE

CARRETERA DE ISTÁN, KM 0.8, 29600 MARBELLA, MÁLAGA

With a capacity for more than 1,000 revellers, Olivia Valere hosts a disco that has become the place to meet and dance the night away. For this reason, you may find you get a bit of a grilling at the door as the staff aim to keep the riff raff out. Stay cool and polite and you should get in without any trouble.

## PANGEA

TERRAZA EDIFICIO CLUB DE MAR PUERTO BANÚS MUELLE DE HONOR,  
S/N, 29660 MARBELLA, MÁLAGA

Pangea makes clubbing under the stars a real feature of Marbella life during the summer months, and the cream of the cosmopolitan jet-set crowd descend to experience it. Over the years, the club has kept guests entertained with its stylish roof terrace, as well as great music from international DJs and exacting service.

## FINCA BESAYA

URBANIZACION RIO VERDE ALTO, S/N, 29600 MARBELLA

This venue transforms from a restaurant into a cocktail bar as the sun goes down. Finca Besaya's location is beautiful, set away from Marbella's tourist traps, making it something of a hidden gem in this classily restored Andalusian mansion, halfway between Marbella and Puerto Banús.

## LA SUITE

BULEVAR PRÍNCIPE ALFONSO DE HOHENLOHE, K177,  
29602 MARBELLA

Styled like a New York City loft, La Suite plays with minimalist designs that mix fluidly with the property's impressive Roman heritage. Open at midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, you'll be rubbing shoulders with Marbella's most fashionable crowd.

## LA SALA PUERTO BANÚS

CALLE JUAN BELMONTE, S/N, 29600 MARBELLA

La Sala is widely considered as the place to be seen in Puerto Banús. Encompassing an exclusive social and dining experience, the venue has multiple areas where you can eat, drink and relax with friends. There's live music and DJs throughout the week to keep things fresh.





# RETAIL

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## LOUIS VUITTON PUERTO BANÚS

CALLE MUELLE RIBERA, CASA N, 29660 MARBELLA, MÁLAGA

The world-famous luxury fashion and accessories brand is not out of place in Marbella's upscale shopping district; the holiday clientele in the town includes some of the biggest Hollywood stars on the planet, as well as the millionaire entrepreneurs and business magnates who come here to get away from it all. Treat yourself to a classic Louis Vuitton bag or some luggage pieces to fit right in with the crowd.

## GUCCI

MUELLE RIBERA, 15, 16, 29660 MARBELLA, MÁLAGA

The Italian luxury brand has a selection of clothing for men and women along with perfumes and impeccable accessories. A good place for picking up some last-minute sunglasses or casual chic linen-wear for the evenings.

## EL CORTE INGLÉS

RAMÓN ARECES, S/N. PUERTO BANÚS, 29660 MARBELLA

This is one of the best-known department stores in Spain, with branches all over the country. Marbella's address has six spacious floors filled with everything from restaurants and bars, haberdashers, florists, shoe repair workshops, sports material, chemists and opticians, to jewellers, pet products, electronic goods and luxury fashion and goods. Heaven for a bit of retail therapy when you're taking a break from the sun.

## MARBELLA OLD TOWN

If you want authentic family-run shops dotted around pretty, narrow streets and beautiful squares, Marbella Old Town Open Shopping Centre is where you need to be. You can really get to know and support the local products and artisans too, which is the greatest part about being on holiday. You have plenty of choice. There are over 400 businesses in the district, selling everything from olive oil to pottery goods.

## D. OLIVA

NUEVA, 9, 29601 MARBELLA, MÁLAGA

Continuing the local theme, D. Oliva only stocks the very finest produce from the region and the owner David personally selects his wine from local vineyards. Alongside this, you'll find an incredible choice of Spanish olive oil, which you can sample with fresh pan de pueblo in the shop. We recommend you book a wine and food pairing for a full experience.

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## MARBELLA OLD TOWN

This historic part of town sparkles in the sun with its attractive white architecture. It's a maze of pretty houses and the cobbled streets are kept immaculately clean. There are plenty of high-end boutiques, and good restaurants to discover as well as the central Plaza de los Naranjos, which is surrounded by tapas bars making it the perfect spot to spend an afternoon.

## PLAZA DE LOS NARANJOS (ORANGE SQUARE)

Plaza de los Naranjos in the centre of Marbella is easily one of the most beautiful plazas on the Costa del Sol. It is also steeped in religious history. Constructed by King Ferdinand at the end of the 15th century, the plaza is dominated by the City Hall whose façade boasts intricate wrought iron balconies. On the square you can also visit the Casa del Corregidor, and the Ermita de Santiago (Hermitage of St. James), which predates the plaza.

## CHURCH OF NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ENCARNACIÓN

Founded by the Catholic kings when they seized the city from the Moors at the end of the 15th century, the church was remodelled in 1617. During the Spanish Civil War, the church suffered major damage but today it stands as a stunning testament to the centuries of religious upheaval that make this region so fascinating to discover.

## ALAMEDA PARK

Located just a few steps south of the old town, this park feels more like a private garden. Below the canopy of tropical foliage, marble-paved walkways, fountains and benches offer a sanctuary from the afternoon sun. People come here to relax and have a coffee on the benches that are clad with 'azulejos', the classic Andalusian hand-painted tiles that depict the city's history. The park is surrounded on two sides by a striking balustrade, which only adds to the sense of elegance.

## MUSEO DEL GRABADO ESPAÑOL CONTEMPORÁNEO (MUSEUM OF SPANISH CONTEMPORARY ENGRAVING)

CALLE HOSPITAL BAZÁN, S/N, 29601 MARBELLA, MÁLAGA

This museum is tucked down an alley in the oldest part of Marbella and it's the only museum to devote any space to engravings in the whole of Spain. The building is a 16th-century, Moorish-style palace built for the naval commander Alonso de Bazán, which he bequeathed to the city as a hospital for the poor. The collections include some 4,000 engravings, etchings, aquatints, xylographs, lithographs and other pieces of graphic design by some of Spain's most vaunted artists.



# BEACH CLUBS

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## **PUROBEACH MARBELLA S**

CARRETERA CADIZ, ESTEPONA MÁLAGA

A beautiful beach with 100 sunbeds that looks out onto spectacular views of Gibraltar Rock and on a clear day, the Atlas Mountains of Morocco.

## **NIKKI BEACH**

PLAYA HOTEL DON CARLOS, CARRETERA DE CÁDIZ, MARBELLA

Opened in 2003, Nikki Beach is located on one of the finest white sandy beaches in the region. The beach club includes a swimming pool with VIP loungers on a raised deck, a large open-air restaurant, a centrally located bar, a lifestyle boutique and an exclusive terrace with spectacular views of the Mediterranean Sea.

## **OCEAN CLUB MARBELLA**

AVENIDA DE LOLA FLORES S/N, MARBELLA

This incredible beach club is at the top of Europe's hottest beach and summer destinations. With its panoramic white washed profile, million-dollar yacht-like decking, and a crystal-clear infinity pool, it's easy to see why it attracts the jet-set crowd.

## **TROCADERO ARENA**

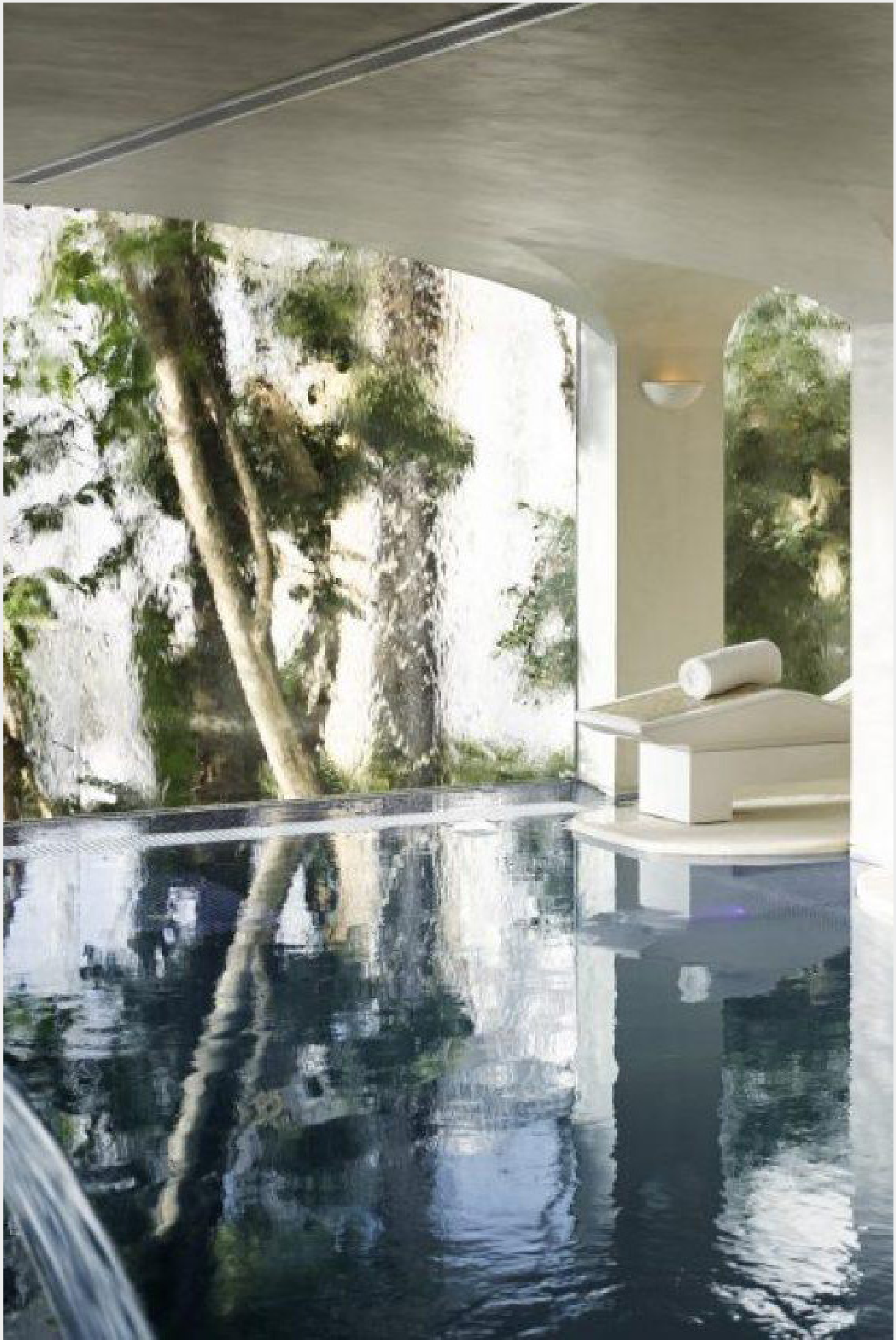
PLAYA DE RÍO REAL, CARRETERA N340, MARBELLA

The restaurant, open all year-round, is at the entrance to Marbella town. The Lounge Area is a place to chill during the day, turning into a party venue at night when resident DJs spin the latest dance tunes.

## **SALA BEACH**

URBANIZACIÓN VILLA MARINA, MARBELLA

An exclusive seafront restaurant and beach club located near Puerto Banus Marina and Marbella.



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## MARBELLA CLUB THALASSO SPA

BULEVAR PRINCIPE ALFONSO VON HOHENLOHE, 29600 MARBELLA

The spa focuses on Thalassotherapy (the use of seawater, sea products, and shore climate in treatments). There's also a seawater pool, hammam steam baths and wood-burning Finnish sauna. Treatments are carried out with products by Thalion, Babor and Comfort Zone and the intensive body treatments are recommended; they include body wraps and tailored massages. Enjoy views over the Mediterranean from the seawater indoor pool.

## SIX SENSES SPA AT PUENTE ROMANO BEACH RESORT

BULEVAR PRINCIPE ALFONSO VON HOHENLOHE, S/N, 29602  
MARBELLA, MÁLAGA

Choose from facials, massages, hammam, manicures and pedicures, and make the most of the hydrotherapy pool, cold plunge pool, experience showers, herbal steam room and sauna. Products come courtesy of QMS Medicosmetics and Subtle Energies and people love the Vitamin C and Papaya Enzyme Peel 50-minute Facial for refreshed skin and reducing fine lines. The Signature Senses Facial by QMS Medicosmetics was developed exclusively for Puente Romano Six Senses Spa.

## FINCA CORTESIN SPA

CALLE CASARES, 2, 29690 CASARES, MÁLAGA

This spa enjoys a huge area bathed in natural light. There are heated saltwater pools, saunas, Turkish baths, showers, a relaxation lounge, a Japanese bath, and a -12° snow cabin. Products come courtesy of Biologique Recherche, Tata Harper and Hand Made Beauty. The Thai massages are a favourite thanks to the attentive team who will supply you with reading material, tea and discreet pampering. This is the ideal place if you really need to get away from it all. Even rock superstars come here; Axl Rose has been known to spend weeks here.

## KEMPINSKI SPA AT HOTEL BAHIA

KEMPINSKI HOTEL BAHIA, CARRETERA DE CADIZ,  
29680 ESTEPONA, MÁLAGA

A playground for the spa freak with indoor relaxation pool, Finnish sauna, steam room, ice fountain, heated benches and a relaxation area. There is also a spa menu for men who frequently get overlooked. A favourite is the Niance Men Revitalise facial. Products come courtesy of Niance and Natura Bisse and the Quartz Sand bath spa table (the only one in Spain) is well worth a try. If you want a quick spa circuit and treatment, this Marbella spa is very accessible.

## VILLA PADIERNA THERMAE SPA

URBANIZACIÓN LOS FLAMINGOS GOLF, CARRETERA DE CADIZ,  
29679 MARBELLA

This one is perfectly located close to the hotel's Los Flamingos Villas, in a Romanesque-inspired spa facility. There are four steam rooms (one with sea salt, one Greek sauna, and two Finnish saunas), a swimming pool, flotarium and a Laconium, as well as a treatment room with oxygen bubbles. The facials are particularly excellent, and products come courtesy Piroche Cosmétiques, Carita, Micropuncture Lab©. The Roman plunge pool is a real centrepiece.

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# Essential Information

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(GMT+1)

## Electricity

The standard electrical voltage in Spain is 230 V and 50Hz. You will need an electrical converter for your 110-volt appliances and electrical equipment. The majority of electrical equipment take a round, two-pin plug.