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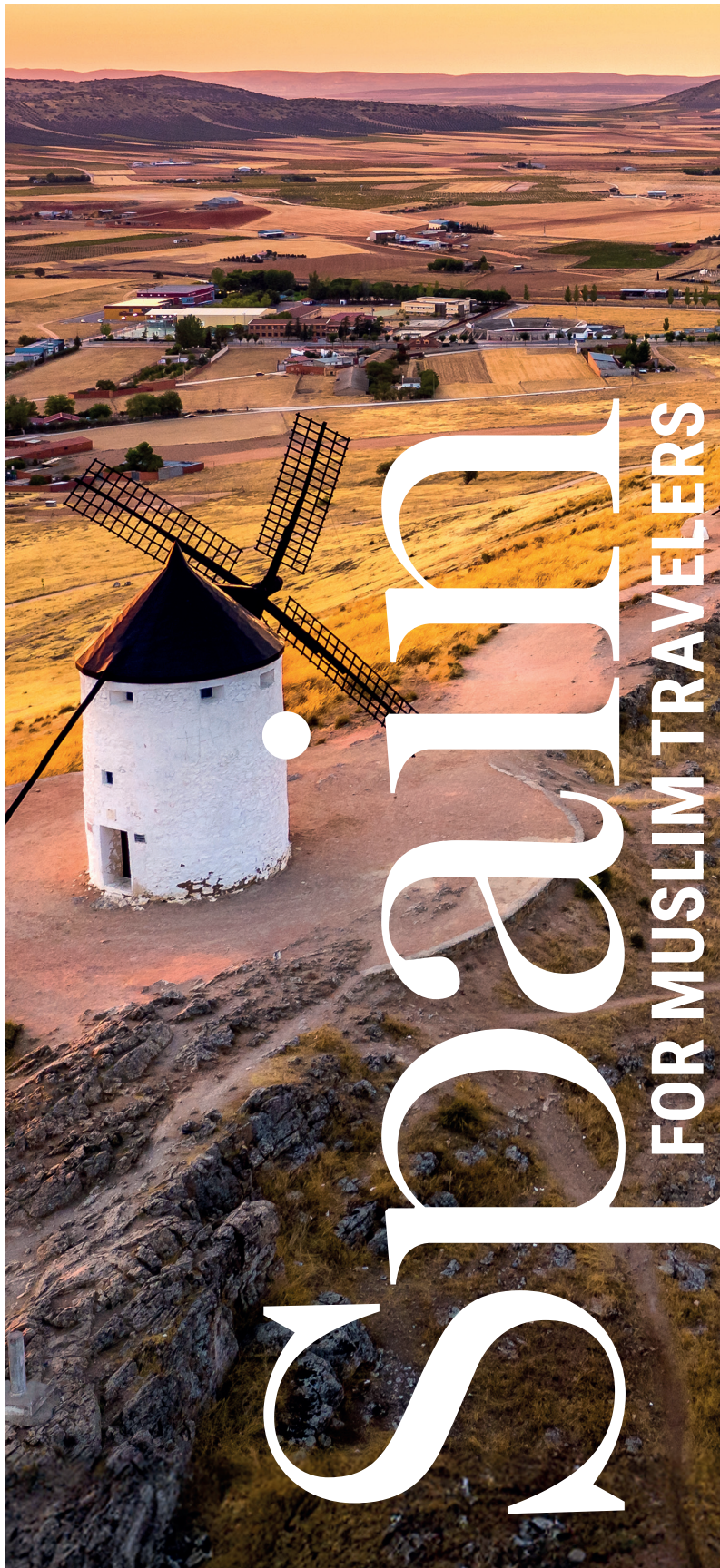
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SPAIN

LIVING LEGACY OF AL-ANDALUS



CHRONOLOGY

711

The Berber general **Tariq ibn Ziyad** leaves Tangier in command of about 11,000 men and lands in Gibraltar.

756

Abd al-Rahman I proclaims himself as an independent emir of Baghdad in Cordoba. The construction of the Great Mosque begins in 786.

929-1031

CALIPHATE OF CORDOBA. The period of greatest splendor. The construction of Medina Azahara begins in 936.

1031-1085

TAIFA KINGDOMS. The caliphate breaks down into 30 political units called taifas, which confront each other and the advancing Christian kingdoms.

1086-1147

ALMORAVIDS. Coming from North Africa, they cross the Strait, defeat the Christians, and reunify Al-Andalus.

1147-1212

ALMOHADS. They also arrive from North Africa and replace the Almoravids. In 1163, they make Seville the capital of Al-Andalus. They are defeated by the Christians in 1212.

1238-1492

The Kingdom of Granada became the last Muslim territory on the peninsula, ruled by the Nasrid dynasty. The construction of the Alhambra begins in 1237. The Catholic Monarchs, Isabella and Ferdinand, put an end to the Nasrid Kingdom in 1492.



The Maqsura Dome in the Great Mosque of Cordoba

Art, Architecture & Engineering

During Islamic rule in Spain, art, architecture and engineering flourished, with advances in water management and irrigation that transformed agriculture. Cities developed sophisticated urban planning alongside palaces, fortresses and mosques of striking beauty. The one in Cordoba (above) is the finest example. **MORE INFO:** experienciaandalusi.com



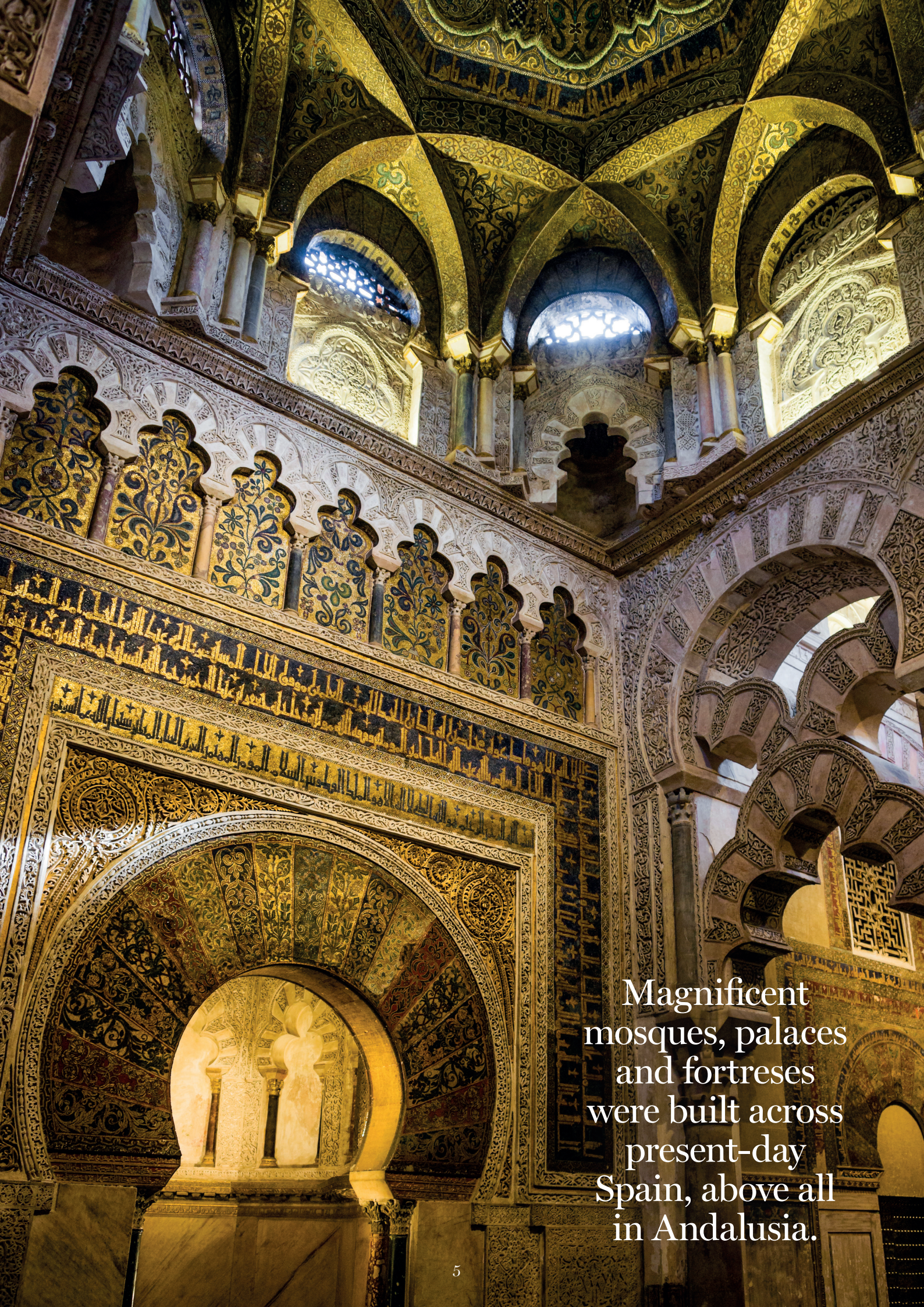
Streets & Old Medinas

The urban layout of many Andalusí medinas is still visible in Spanish towns and cities today, especially those of Islamic origin including Madrid, Almería, Cuenca, Badajoz, Albarraçín (above), etc.



Gastronomy and more

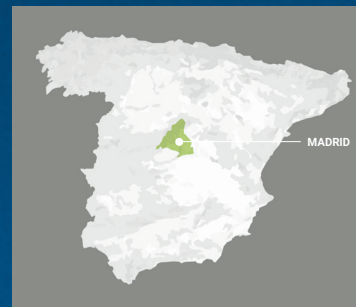
In Al-Andalus, new crops (such as rice) and culinary techniques transformed local cuisine, a legacy still enjoyed today. Andalusí influence also shaped language, crafts, music and everyday life.



Magnificent
mosques, palaces
and fortresses
were built across
present-day
Spain, above all
in Andalusia.

Madrid

& BEYOND



THE CAPITAL OF SPAIN OFFERS A SPECIAL CONNECTION FOR MUSLIM TRAVELERS: it is the only Western capital with Islamic origins. Beyond exploring its traces, Madrid has many other attractions: impressive architecture and museums, a rich history, fine restaurants (with many halal options), great shopping... And perhaps best of all, an atmosphere like no other.

PLACES TO PRAY

CENTRO CULTURAL ISLÁMICO DE MADRID (Madrid Islamic Cultural Center)

📍 Salvador de Madariaga, 7. ☎ +34 913 262 6 10.

This mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre is the largest in Spain. Next to the M-30 road — hence its popular name, the “M-30 Mosque” — it was inaugurated in 1992. It is a six-storey building whose interior is inspired by the Alhambra.

MEZQUITA CENTRAL DE MADRID (Madrid Central Mosque - Abu Bakr al Siddiq)

📍 Anastasio Herrero, 5-7. ☎ +34 915 714 040.

It was inaugurated in 1988, becoming the first mosque in the capital since the time of Al-Andalus. It is located in the Estrecho district. The mosque opens 10 minutes before each of the five daily prayers and closes 10 minutes after they end.

 **HOW TO GET THERE**

 **HOW TO MOVE AROUND**

 **TOURIST MAP**

 **TOURIST APP**



Alcalá Street and Gran Vía at night, with the landmark Metrópolis Building.



Madrid attractions you can't miss

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MORE ISLAMIC HERITAGE, TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND LOCAL EXPERIENCES TO ENJOY IN MADRID.



TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY



The Islamic Wall

 Founded around 865 by Emir Muhammad I and then named Mayrit in Arabic, the city's first wall was built under Muslim rule (two more later by the Christian rulers). Remains can be found in several places. The most important one — shown above— is located next to the Cathedral and close to the Royal Palace, in a park dedicated to the Cordoban emir.



The Moorish Quarters

"Morería" is the name of the area that once housed the first Muslim settlement that gave birth to Madrid, and later the Mudejar and Morisco communities. The original Old Morería, near the Almudena Cathedral, later expanded into what became known as the New Morería, near the Plaza Mayor square.



Old & New Mudejar

After the end of Al-Andalus, Islamic art did not disappear from the Iberian Peninsula. It remained highly valued and blended with new styles. This gave rise to Mudejar art, which became fashionable again in the early 20th century and was reinterpreted in landmarks such as Madrid's bullring.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



Royal Palace

With its 3,418 rooms, it is the largest palace in Western Europe. It was built in the 18th century on the same site as the former Islamic fortress.



Plaza Mayor

This large square of medieval origin is one of the most beautiful open spaces in Spain. Always lively, you can enjoy the atmosphere from one of its terraces.



Retiro Park

Over 15,000 trees, a beautiful boating lake, a glass palace and more monuments besides: El Retiro is an elegant green escape in the heart of Madrid.

EXPERIENCES

CALAMARI SANDWICH

You can't miss this icon of local cuisine — and it's perfectly halal: squid rings coated in flour and fried in olive oil, served in a bread roll.



GRAN VÍA

Madrid's most famous street is a showcase of striking buildings, a shopping paradise and a constant spectacle of people passing by. Well worth walking from end to end.



Muslim-friendly hotels in Madrid

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MORE HOTELS AND ACCOMMODATIONS WITH MUSLIM-FRIENDLY SERVICES IN MADRID 



The Palace ★★★★★

📍 Plaza de las Cortes, 7



Recently restored, this historic luxury hotel blends over a century of heritage with contemporary elegance. Set in the heart of Madrid's cultural district, close to the main museums, it offers refined rooms and beautiful views, making it a memorable base for exploring the capital.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)



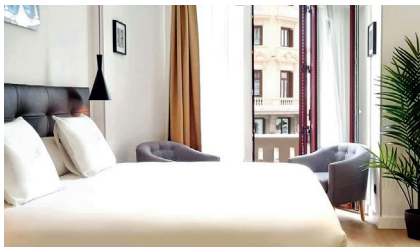
Riu Plaza España ★★★★★

📍 Gran Vía, 84

Rising in the historic Edificio España, this 27-storey hotel offers 585 modern rooms and a wide range of facilities, but its true highlight is its prime location on Madrid's liveliest avenue, crowned by a Sky Bar with breathtaking views.

FEATURES: Halal food available if requested in advance / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.riu.com



Woohoo Rooms ★★★

📍 Gran Vía, 44

Besides this location, all Woohoo properties in Madrid offer a well-equipped stay in the heart of the city, with modern amenities and family rooms for up to four guests.

FEATURES: Halal food available near the hotel / No alcohol is served anywhere in the property

woohoo-group.com



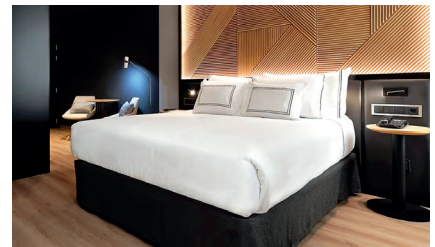
Intercontinental ★★★★★

📍 Paseo de la Castellana, 49

Set on Madrid's main avenue, this landmark hotel brings together over 65 years of history with refined luxury, offering an elegant atmosphere and 302 stylish rooms and suites.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

madrid.intercontinental.com



Melia Avd. América ★★★★★

📍 Juan Ignacio Luca de Tena, 36

This renovated hotel enjoys a strategic location near the IFEMA exhibition centre, the Congress Palace, and the airport. Its rooms are spacious and very well equipped.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.melia.com

SHOPPING

EL RASTRO

Madrid's 400-year-old Sunday market offers nearly 1,000 stalls and a lively atmosphere.

DEPARTMENT STORES

The iconic brand El Corte Inglés has seven major locations across the capital.

CHIC OUTLET

Las Rozas Village is an open-air shopping village just 23 kilometres away. Major brands with discounts.

LUXURY PICKS

The most exclusive brands can be found in the Salamanca district and at Galería Canalejas, near Sol.



Where to enjoy halal food in Madrid

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MORE RESTAURANTS & OTHER RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHMENTS WITH HALAL FOOD.



Garuda Madrid *(Indonesian)*

📍 Avenida de Brasil, 30 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €-€€

Following in the footsteps of its successful predecessor, Sabor Nusantara, this is one of the very few Indonesian restaurants in Madrid and undoubtedly stands out. Alongside its delicious Indonesian cuisine, it offers a bright and spacious dining room with large windows in a prime location, close to Real Madrid's stadium. **(Capacity for 120 diners)**

Solidere *(Middle Eastern)*

📍 Libertad, 13

ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €€



This restaurant is a reference for Lebanese cuisine in Madrid. Guests praise its delicious dishes made with top-quality ingredients and a delicate fusion of tradition and avant-garde, as well as its warm, contemporary décor and attentive table service. In addition to this central location, less than a five-minute walk from Gran Vía, it has a second venue on Alfonso XIII Street. **(Capacity for 56 diners)**



Al-Mounia *(Moroccan)*

📍 Recoletos, 5 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY | €€€

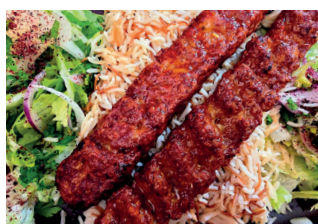
A long-standing reference for Moroccan cuisine in Madrid, this restaurant offers an immersive experience that goes beyond food. Traditional home-style recipes are prepared with top-quality ingredients and care, and served in an impressive setting crafted by Moroccan artisans, with mosaics, arches and carved ceilings. **(Capacity for 90 diners)** restaurantealmounia.es



Bangalore Modern Indian Cuisine *(Indian)*

📍 Diego de León, 63 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €€ - €€€

This modern Indian restaurant in Madrid's Salamanca district offers creative takes on classic recipes in a stylish, cosmopolitan setting. It is a more upmarket option, though a good-value set menu is available on weekdays. It is part of the Khazuria group, which also runs other stylish Indian restaurants. **(Capacity for 65 diners)** losmejoresrestaurantesindios.com



Steak Grill Halal *(Middle Eastern)*

📍 Atocha, 117 | NO ALCOHOL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €€

This restaurant specialises in barbecue meats and Turkish dishes, while also offering a selection of other Middle Eastern plates. One of its main advantages is its strategic central location on Atocha Street, close to the train station of the same name and the city's "Art Triangle", the main museum area. **(Capacity for 50 diners)**

€: 12-20 euros/each | €€: 20-30 euros/each | €€€: 30-50 euros/each | €€€€: 50- 200 euros/each

NO ALCOHOL ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY

Best day trips from Madrid

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MORE INTERESTING DAY TRIPS AROUND THE SURROUNDING REGION AND BEYOND



Aranjuez

DISTANCE FROM MADRID: 🚗 55 min | 🚆 38 min



This small town in the Madrid region, on the Tagus River, was declared a Royal Site in the 16th century, and later, in the 17th and 18th centuries, it reached its height as a palace town. For its delightful blend of architecture, gardens, and nature, UNESCO listed it as a World Heritage Cultural Landscape in 2001.

DON'T MISS: The Royal Palace, and especially its Porcelain Room / The Parterre Garden, in the English-style, with sculptural fountains / The Prince's Garden, in the French-style.



Segovia

DISTANCE FROM MADRID: 🚗 76 min | 🚆 27 min / 95 min

This Castilian city is above all “the city of the Aqueduct”, one of Spain’s most impressive Roman engineering works: 167 granite arches without mortar, standing for 2,000 years. Once the impact of seeing this striking Aqueduct fades, Segovia’s other treasures await you. This is a World Heritage city.

DON'T MISS: The breathtaking Roman Aqueduct / The Alcázar, a fairytale castle with Roman and Islamic roots / The 16th-century Cathedral / The network of streets within the city walls.

www.turismodesegovia.com



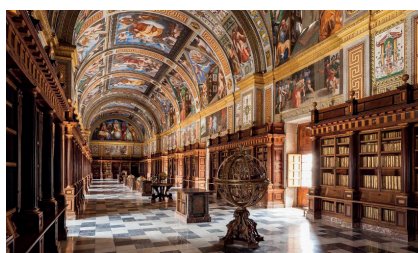
Alcalá de Henares

DISTANCE: 🚗 50 min | 🚆 40 min

This town in the Madrid region is where Miguel de Cervantes, author of Don Quixote, was born. You can visit his birthplace and a charming square with a statue in his honour. But what truly defines Alcalá de Henares, and why it is World Heritage, is that it was designed to host one of Europe’s oldest universities.

DON'T MISS: Cervantes Square, with lovely rose gardens and a statue of the writer, in the heart of Alcalá / The always lively Calle Mayor, Spain’s longest arcaded street.

www.turismoalcala.es



El Escorial

DISTANCE: 🚗 60 min | 🚆 68 min

This name refers both to a charming town in the mountains north of Madrid and to the famous 16th-century Royal Monastery located there. Listed as World Heritage by UNESCO, it was conceived by King Philip II as a symbol of the Spanish Empire’s power, combining palace, basilica, royal pantheon, monastery, school, and library (above).

DON'T MISS: Its privileged mountain setting, which gives this Royal Monastery great landscape value / Its austere lines, which express an architecture rich in symbolism.

www.patrimoniacional.es



Ávila

DISTANCE: 🚗 86 min | 🚆 90 min

Like Segovia, this small city belongs to the region of Castile and León and is also a World Heritage city. Its defining feature is its imposing medieval wall, with nine gates. In fact, Ávila is one of the best-preserved walled enclosures in Europe. Its quiet streets breathe history. Day trips from Madrid often include it, usually combined with Segovia.

DON'T MISS: The wall, that can be walked along for 1,700 metres, offering panoramic views of the Cathedral and countryside, and the surrounding medieval cityscape below.

www.avilaturismo.com



Madrid and its region are home to several royal gardens of outstanding beauty.

The Prince's Garden, at the Royal Palace of Aranjuez.

Barcelona

& CATALONIA REGION



A CAPTIVATING BLEND OF MODERNITY AND TRADITION, its Mediterranean spirit and the unique architecture of Gaudí have made the capital of Catalonia an irresistible city, the most visited in Spain. Beyond Barcelona, Catalonia's four provinces offer great attractions: medieval villages, lake-dotted mountains, a rugged and beautiful coastline, rich history, and world-renowned cuisine.

PLACES TO PRAY

CENTRO CULTURAL ISLÁMICO CATALÁN (Catalan Islamic Cultural Center of Barcelona)

📍Rafael Capdevila, 1-3. ☎️+34 932 478 727

Considered Barcelona's main mosque, the masjid itself is called Imam Muhammad Ben Ahmed Al-Cortovi, after an Al-Andalus scholar. Its spacious design, with arches, tilework and an Andalus-style fountain, creates a welcoming atmosphere.

MEZQUITA TARIQ BIN ZIYAD (Tariq Bin Ziyad Mosque)

📍San Rafael, 10 ☎️+34 934 419 149

Located in the Raval, close to Las Ramblas, this is one of Barcelona's most centrally placed mosques. It mainly serves the local Muslim community, but it is a small and often crowded space, with simple facilities and no prayer area for women.

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Wide panoramic view of Barcelona from Park Güell.



Barcelona attractions you can't miss

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TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY



Casa Vicens

 The first major work of Antoni Gaudí in Barcelona, Casa Vicens, was built in the 1880s in an orientalising style close to Neo-Mudejar. Its former smoking room features an Islamic-style muqarnas ceiling of plaster stalactites shaped like palm leaves and date clusters – something that can be seen as an influence of Islamic art on Gaudí's early work.



Tiles & Mosaics

One of Gaudí's most distinctive techniques is 'trencadís', which uses broken ceramic and mosaic pieces. A key source of inspiration lies in Islamic mosaics, especially those of the Alhambra. In Park Güell (above) you will find some of the finest examples of 'trencadís'. parkguell.barcelona



New Mudejar

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Barcelona brought the Mudejar style – rooted in the Islamic art of Al-Andalus – back into fashion, alongside elements from Caliphal, Almohad, and Nasrid architecture. The Arc de Triomf (above) is one of the most striking Neo-Mudejar examples you can see in the city.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



Gaudí Highlights

Barcelona owes much of its appeal to the architect. In addition to the works mentioned above, the Sagrada Família, Casa Milà and Casa Batlló are must-sees.



Gothic District

Barcelona's oldest quarter is now a lively maze of narrow streets and hidden squares, where medieval charm meets later landmarks and everyday city life.



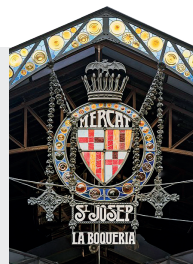
By the Sea

At Port Vell (Old) and the Olympic Port you will find marinas, seaside dining, shopping, museums and boat trips, with the lively Barceloneta quarter just nearby.

EXPERIENCES

LA BOQUERÍA MARKET

On La Rambla stands Barcelona's oldest market, named the world's best by CNN for its fresh produce, tastings and striking setting.



MONTJUÏC CABLE CAR

It offers spectacular views over the city and the sea as it climbs to the top of Montjuïc hill, linking the waterfront with gardens, museums and one of Barcelona's best viewpoints.



Muslim-friendly hotels in Barcelona

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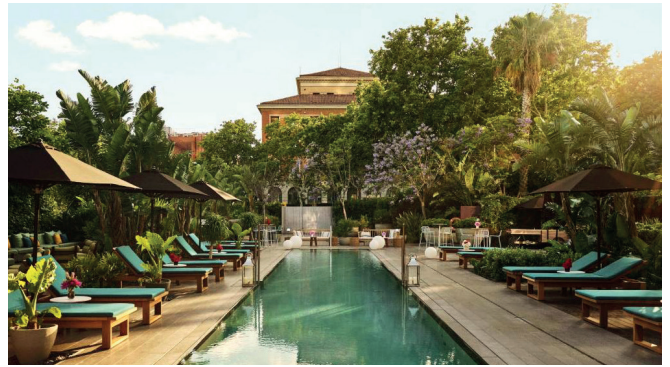
Mandarin Oriental Barcelona ★★★★★

📍 Passeig de Gràcia, 38



Set on the elegant Passeig de Gràcia, this hotel enjoys a prime location among top shops and attractions. It features refined contemporary design, 120 stylish rooms and suites, a strong dining offer (also halal) and highly personalised services with many exclusive touches.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)



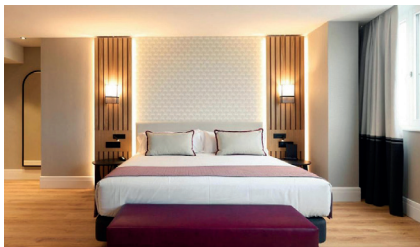
Grand Hyatt Barcelona ★★★★★

📍 Plaza de Pio XII, 4

Located in the distinguished Pedralbes district, this landmark hotel combines over 50 years of history with a strong focus on contemporary design and sustainability. It stands out for its high-end dining concepts and an extensive wellness area.

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www.hyatt.com



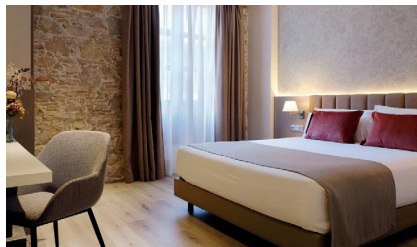
Catalonia Ramblas ★★★★★

📍 Carrer de Pelai, 28

Part of one of Spain's most welcoming hotel groups, it enjoys a great location near Plaça de Catalunya and Las Ramblas. It is set in a historic building with rooftop and wellness area.

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www.cataloniahotels.com



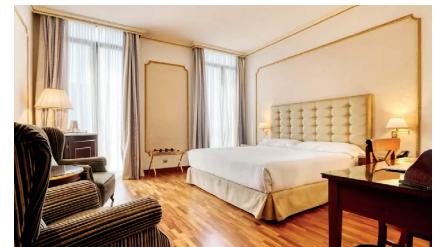
Musik Boutique ★★★

📍 Sant Pere Més Baix, 62

It reflects the city's character with an 18th-century façade and modern interiors. It offers 23 personalised, well-equipped rooms, a cosy base from which to explore the city.

FEATURES: Halal food is available if requested in advance / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.musikboutiquehotel.com



Roger de Llúria ★★★★★

📍 Roger de Llúria, 28

At Barcelona's elegant Eixample, it occupies a neoclassical building from 1899 and is within walking distance of Plaça de Catalunya and Casa Batlló. Many comfort features.

FEATURES: Halal food is available if requested in advance / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.rogerdelluria.com

SHOPPING

MAIN AREAS

There are three main ones: Passeig de Gràcia (luxury), Portal de l'Àngel (popular), and El Born (creative).

DEPARTMENT STORES

El Corte Inglés has two main locations in Barcelona: Plaça de Catalunya and Avinguda Diagonal.

CHIC OUTLET

La Roca Village is an open-air shopping village 38 kilometres away. Major brands with discounts.

'PANOT' MOTIFS

The city's four-petal pavement tiles are now a cultural symbol and popular souvenir motif. (bdebarcelona.cat)



Where to enjoy halal food in Barcelona

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MORE RESTAURANTS & OTHER RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHMENTS WITH HALAL FOOD.



Café Arabia *(Middle Eastern - Moroccan)*

Escudellers, 25 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €€-€€€

Popular with Arab visitors to Barcelona, this café-restaurant offers a broad Middle Eastern and Moroccan menu alongside charcoal-grilled meats and a few mediterranean and international dishes. Its central location near Las Ramblas and live Arabic music on weekend nights add to its appeal. **(Capacity for 55 diners)** www.cafearabiabarcelona.com

Haveli *(Pakistani)*

Carrer de Cabanes, 32

NO ALCOHOL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €€



Specialising in Mughlai cuisine, this restaurant brings together flavours from the Indian subcontinent, Central Asia and Persia. The menu features classics such as biryani, kebabs and rich slow-cooked dishes, served in a spacious, bright and comfortable setting. One of the few alcohol-free restaurants in the city, it offers excellent quality at very reasonable prices. **(Capacity for 150 diners)**



Malaysia *(Southeast Asian)*

Aribau, 174 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €€

A long-established reference for Malaysian cuisine in Spain, this restaurant serves authentic Malaysian and Indonesian specialities such as nasi goreng and rendang, all prepared with halal ingredients. A comfortable, welcoming spot and one of Barcelona's standout choices for Southeast Asian flavours. **(Capacity for 90 diners)** www.restaurantemalaysia.com



Rangoli *(Indian)*

P. Joan de Borbo, 78 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €€

Highly regarded by locals, this Indian restaurant stands out for its refined cuisine, combining traditional recipes with contemporary touches. It offers a pleasant terrace, a stylish interior and attentive service, led by a chef with over a decade of experience in top restaurants in India and the UK. **(Capacity for 50 diners)** www.rangolibarcelona.com



Al Rouche *(Middle Eastern - Moroccan)*

Moll d'Espanya, 5 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY | €€

Located at the Maremagnum shopping center, this spacious restaurant enjoys harbour views and a relaxed oriental atmosphere. The menu focuses on Middle Eastern and Moroccan dishes, alongside Mediterranean options such as grilled fish and paella, with charcoal-grilled meats as another highlight. **(Capacity for 250 diners)** alroucherestaurantcafe.shop

€: 12-20 euros/each | €€: 20-30 euros/each | €€€: 30-50 euros/each | €€€€: 50- 200 euros/each

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Catalonia Region Essentials

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MORE INTERESTING PLACES TO EXPLORE AND ENJOY IN THE CATALONIA REGION




Costa Brava

DISTANCE FROM BARCELONA: 🚗 60 min | 🚆 90 min



Girona's 214-kilometre coastline forms Catalonia's northernmost and wildest shore, with a landscape of small coves framed by rocky cliffs. A place of great beauty, long favoured by painters and other artists, dotted with charming seaside towns such as Cadaqués and Tossa de Mar. Don't miss its delicious seafood cuisine.

DON'T MISS: Cadaqués, famous for its whitewashed houses and cobbled streets / Tossa de Mar, with its castle and medieval old town / Cap Creus Natural Park with its wind-sculpted rocks.



Catalan Pyrenees

DISTANCE FROM BARCELONA: 🚗 3 hrs | 🚆 60 min

This mountain range is one of Catalonia's most appealing regions, stretching across the provinces of Lleida and Girona. It offers captivating valleys, high-mountain scenery with peaks over 3,000 metres, lakes, medieval villages rich in Romanesque art, and endless options for gentle walks or mountain sports.

DON'T MISS: Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici National Park, famous for its lakes (estany) / The Romanesque churches of the Vall de Boi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site / The Vall d'Arán.

www.visitpirineus.com



La Garrotxa

DISTANCE: 🚗 120 min

With around 40 volcanic cones and more than 20 lava flows, La Garrotxa, in the province of Girona, offers the finest example of volcanic landscape in the Iberian Peninsula. Nature lovers will find an unforgettable setting of trails, volcanoes, rich forests and villages such as Besalú, Santa Pau and Castellfollit de la Roca.

DON'T MISS: Santa Margarida, the most emblematic volcano / Castellfollit de la Roca village, perched on ancient volcanic remains / Croscat volcano, whose interior can be visited.

<https://en.turismegarrotxa.com/home/>



PortAventura World

DISTANCE: 🚗 80 min | 🚆 90 min

If you enjoy theme parks, this is a must on your list. Located in Tarragona, it is a vast leisure complex made up of two theme parks – Spain's most visited amusement park, PortAventura, and Ferrari Land – as well as a water park, a golf course and several themed hotels. A great place for families, whether you stay there, nearby, or visit on a day trip from Barcelona.

DON'T MISS: Roller coasters such as Shambhala and Dragon Khan, among the most iconic in Europe.

www.portaventuraworld.com



Montserrat Rack Train

DISTANCE: 🚗 40 min | 🚆 60 min

One of the most scenic and enjoyable ways to reach Montserrat. The small train climbs through dramatic landscapes of rock formations and forests, offering beautiful views as it approaches the famous monastery, one of Catalonia's most important spiritual and cultural landmarks. The journey becomes part of the visit.

GETTING THERE: The journey takes around 15 minutes and starts at Monistrol de Montserrat station. You can reach it either by car or by suburban train from Barcelona, on the R5 line.

www.turistren.cat



La Garrotxa's
40 dormant
volcanoes form a
unique landscape
on the Iberian
Peninsula.

Castelfollit de la Roca, perched on
a volcanic cliff in La Garrotxa.



Andalusia Region

THE SOUTHERNMOST REGION OF PENINSULAR SPAIN is often regarded as the MOST CAPTIVATING. It is home to cities of amazing beauty

Andalusia is not just a region, it's a world in itself. A place where history, landscape and culture are felt in a particularly intense way. It is often seen as the emotional and cultural heart of Spain, shaped over centuries by the legacy of Al-Andalus. Here, grand cities and intimate villages coexist with mountain ranges, fertile plains, endless olive groves and sun-washed coastlines.

The greatest Islamic monuments in the Western world stand in Andalusia, alongside white villages perched on hillsides, streets lined with orange trees and flowers, lively plazas, traditional crafts, a delicious cuisine and much more.

In the following pages, you'll find all the essential information you need for a dream journey through the region's must-see destinations: the three great Islamic capitals of the past — **Córdoba, Seville and Granada** — as well as **Málaga and the Costa del Sol**. As you travel through them, you'll discover that Andalusia is not just a place you visit, but a part of your own history — a land where key chapters of Islamic civilisation once unfolded, and whose legacy is still part of your cultural roots today.

View of the town of Ronda, inland on the Costa del Sol (Malaga province).

Cordoba



QURTUBA WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT CITY OF AL-ANDALUS, the capital of the Umayyad Caliphate. In those days it became the most cultured, sophisticated and splendid city in Europe and, alongside Baghdad, the main center of knowledge of the Islamic world. Qurtuba remains alive in the streets, buildings and culture of present-day Cordoba, an essential destination for Muslims around the world.



PLACES TO PRAY

MEZQUITA DE LOS ANDALUCES (The Andalusians Mosque)

📍 Calleja de la Hoguera, 3 📞 +34 603 188 712

Recently restored, it's located in a 12th-century building where there may have been a mosque. This small prayer space, unique in the historic center, is not an active mosque during all prayer hours. If it is closed, an adjacent musallah can be found at Petra Tearoom.

MEZQUITA AL-MORABITO (Al-Morabito Mosque)

📍 Jardines de Colón. 📞 +34 606 222 276

Built in 1940, this small mosque stands as one of the first modern ones in Spain. From 1950 to the early 1990s, it served as a specialized library on Islam, but in 1992 it fully resumed its function as a mosque. It is located in a lovely park.



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Sunrise in Medina Azahara archeological site (Cordoba).

Cordoba attractions you can't miss

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TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY



Mosque-Cathedral

 Behold the crown jewel of Islamic monuments in the Western world, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In its time it was the second largest mosque on the planet. This architectural masterpiece was later partially converted into a cathedral, but its impressive mihrab, the maqsurah dome and the so-called 'forest of columns' still leave visitors breathless.



Medina Azahara

It was a splendid city built by Abd al-Rahman III in 929, showcasing the power and independence of the Umayyad Caliphate. Its destruction within just 70 years symbolized the end of that era. Located 8 km from Cordoba, it holds UNESCO World Heritage status.

[More info here](#)



Wall & Gates

The Romans were the first to fortify and protect the city of Cordoba with a wall. Later, the Arabs rebuilt and strengthened it. Cordoba was then known as "The City of the Seven Doors". Only three gates remain today. The Puerta de Almodóvar, dating back to the Al-Andalus period, is the best preserved.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



Flower 'Patios'

Another treasure that makes Cordoba one of the world's top cities with UNESCO-listed heritage. Don't miss the enchanting patios on San Basilio Street.



The Roman Bridge

Indeed, the Romans built this vital bridge, the only one the city had until 1953. However, it had weak foundations, and the Muslims prevented its collapse.



The Alcazar

What is it about this place that all the rulers have decided to build their fortified palaces here? The Romans, the Caliphs, and finally the Christian monarchs.

EXPERIENCES

ABOUT THE HORSES

The origin of the Spanish horse lies in the Royal Stables of Cordoba. You can experience their beauty while strolling in a carriage or attending a mesmerizing equestrian show.



ORANGE BLOSSOM

Visiting Cordoba is an unforgettable experience year-round, but it is truly enchanting when immersed in the captivating scent of orange blossom. These flowers bloom in early April.



Muslim-friendly hotels in Cordoba

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Palacio del Bailío ★★★★★

📍 Ramírez de las Casas Deza, 10



This luxury hotel is, in fact, a 16th-century palace that preserves Roman remnants of a villa and baths within its walls. The mix of history and modernity defines the Palacio del Bailío hotel, offering an exceptional experience that combines culture and well-being.

FEATURES: Halal food available if requested in advance / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)



Eurostars Palace ★★★★★

📍 Paseo de la Victoria, No number

An eye-catching hotel with avant-garde design and high-quality facilities and services located right where the modern and the historic Cordoba meet, ideal for exploring the city on foot. Its 162 rooms offer panoramic views.

FEATURES: Halal food available if requested in advance / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)
www.eurostarshotels.co.uk/eurostars-palace.html



La Ermita Suites

📍 Plaza de Abades, 8

The first and only hotel classified as a monument in Cordoba operates with a Muslim-friendly approach. It offers six suite-style rooms just a few meters from the Grand Mosque. Discreet luxury.

FEATURES: Halal food available if requested in advance / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

laermitasuites.com



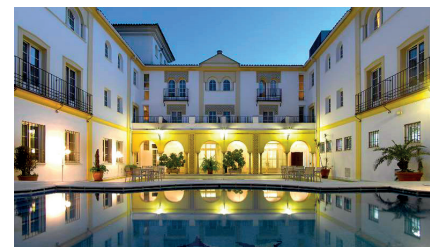
Maimónides ★★★

📍 Torrijos, 4

Situated less than 100 meters from the Mosque-Cathedral. Many of its bright and spacious rooms offer excellent views of the monument. An ideal choice for experiencing the heritage.

FEATURES: Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.eurostarshotels.com



Maciá Alfaros ★★★★★

📍 Alfaros, 18

This hotel, located just a 10-minute walk from the Mosque -Cathedral offers 144 stylish and comfortable rooms decorated with Al-Andalus-inspired details.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.maciaalfaros.com

SHOPPING

OLIVE OIL

The best specialty shop in the city is 'La Oleoteca de Córdoba' (Angel de Saavedra, 8). They offer tastings.

SABOR A ESPAÑA

Pine nuts, almonds, honey... You will love the delights of this gourmet shop located in Cardenal Herrero, 22.

HANDICRAFT

In the Zoco ('Souk') Municipal (Judíos, s/n), you will find various artisans with their own workshops.

JEWELRY

Handmade filigree jewelry inspired by Al-Andalus is the specialty of 'Plata Cordobesa' (San Basilio, 20).



Where to enjoy halal food in Cordoba

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MORE RESTAURANTS & OTHER RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHMENTS WITH HALAL FOOD.



Bocaíto Andalusí (Moroccan – Middle Eastern)

📍 Mercado Victoria | NO ALCOHOL TAKE-AWAY | €

Situated in the beautiful Mercado Victoria (Victoria Gastronomic Market), this is not just a food stall but a top-rated establishment for Arab cuisine in Cordoba. With a wide variety, high quality, fresh ingredients, and intense flavors, it offers an exceptional dining experience.

(Capacity for 90 diners) www.facebook.com/bocaitoandalusi

Umaueyon (Middle Eastern)

📍 Céspedes, 8

NO ALCOHOL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €€



Located in a beautiful traditional house just 180 metres from the Great Mosque, this is one of the city's most ambitious culinary options. It offers Middle Eastern and some Moroccan dishes prepared with high-quality, fresh ingredients. Another plus of Umaueyon is its long opening hours, with brunch served from 10:00, and a great, relaxed atmosphere throughout the day. (Capacity for 60 diners)

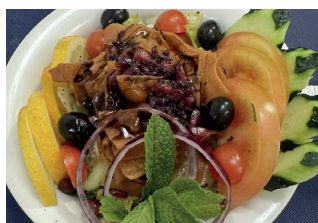


La Pescadoteca (Seafood)

📍 Mercado Victoria | NO ALCOHOL TAKE-AWAY | €

Cordoba is not by the sea, but the fish and shellfish that can be enjoyed here are fresh and exquisitely prepared. This is another of the stalls at Mercado Victoria. Unlike what usually happens in most of the eateries of this type in Spain, here you will find exclusively seafood.

(Capacity for 90 diners) www.facebook.com/lapescadoteca



Damasco (Middle Eastern)

📍 Romero, 4 | ALCOHOL SERVED | €€

One of the leading references for Arab cuisine in Córdoba, offering traditional recipes from the Eastern Mediterranean. Run by a family of cooks who arrived from Damascus in 2015, it has at times ranked among the city's highest-rated restaurants across all cuisines. Its secret lies in fresh, daily-cooked ingredients. (Capacity for 28 diners)



Petra (Moroccan – Middle Eastern)

📍 Calleja de la Hoguera, 3 | NO ALCOHOL | €-€€

Prime location near the Mosque-Cathedral, tucked away in a charming alley, right next to the Mosque of the Andalusians. While it serves dishes from Arab gastronomy, its standout feature is the mouthwatering paella, upon request for groups of 10 people or more. Its charming patio and the cozy ambiance will captivate you. (Capacity for 80 diners)

€: 12-20 euros/each | €€: 20-30 euros/each | €€€: 30-50 euros/each | €€€€: 50-200 euros/each

NO ALCOHOL ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY

Granada



THIS IS, ABOVE ALL, THE CITY OF THE ALHAMBRA. The iconic monument, one of the most visited in the world, is part of the essence of Granada. Here you will not only find one of the largest Islamic heritages in Europe but also a wide range of halal and Muslim-friendly services. However, Granada has many other charms to offer, including its snowy landscapes and romantic atmosphere.



PLACES TO PRAY

MEZQUITA MAYOR DE GRANADA (Mosque of Granada)

📍 Plaza de San Nicolás, s/n. ☎ +34 958 202 526.

The main mosque of Granada has an emblematic location: in the upper Albaicín, the historic Muslim quarter, with stunning views of the Alhambra and very close to the Mirador de San Nicolás. Its opening in 2003 marked a significant milestone in the city.

MEZQUITA AT-TAQWA (At-Taqwa Mosque or Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Mosque)

📍 Placeta del Correo Viejo, 4. ☎ +34 603 371 836.

It was the first mosque to open in Granada after the end of the Muslim rule in the 15th century. It is in the heart of the city, in the lower part of the Albaicín, near Elvira Street and Gran Vía. It also houses the Foundation for Islamic Culture and Religious Tolerance.

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In the image, dusk in the Alhambra, in Granada.

Granada attractions you can't miss

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TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY



The Alhambra

 The Patio de los Leones is one of the Alhambra's most emblematic spaces, but this stunning monument holds endless treasures: palaces and gardens that play harmoniously with light, water, and symmetry; ceilings describing Paradise; walls that can be read like a book; an ingenious anti-seismic system, and much more. It will steal your breath away.



The Generalife

The Nasrid kings dedicated these charming gardens, which also boast their own palace, as a summer retreat and relaxation area. Although it is part of the Alhambra complex, it can be visited independently. A good option if tickets for a full visit to the Alhambra are sold out.



Albaicín

In this picturesque neighborhood with white, steep streets lies Granada's origin and its Muslim essence. It once housed over 30 mosques. Later it became a refuge for many Moriscos. Today it is a World Heritage Site full of beautiful 'cármenes' (houses with garden) and scenic viewpoints. [More info here](#)

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



Mirador de San Nicolás

A former US president claimed it has the world's most beautiful sunset. The panoramas of the Alhambra from this viewpoint in the Albaicín are stunning.



The Cathedral

Like other Andalusian cathedrals, it replaced the main mosque. In Renaissance style, it holds the tombs of the Catholic Kings, Isabella and Ferdinand.



Darro Street

There is consensus that this is the nicest street in Granada, a romantic promenade along the Darro River, lined with Renaissance palaces and fine shops.

EXPERIENCES

SNOWY MOUNTAINS

Maybe snowboarding isn't your thing, but you'll love the sight of the Alhambra against the backdrop of snowy mountains. Usually, from Dec. to Feb.



CHURROS WITH CHOCOLATE

This is one of the most typical breakfasts and snacks in Andalusia and all of Spain. Don't miss out on trying churros with chocolate in Granada, as they are very famous.



Muslim-friendly hotels in Granada

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Alhambra Palace ★★★★★

📍 Plaza Arquitecto García de Paredes, 1

It has a history of over 100 years as the most emblematic hotel in Granada. It offers a unique experience: staying just a 5-minute walk from the Alhambra, in a refined hotel inspired by the Nasrid palace. The views are stunning.

FEATURES: Halal food is available if requested in advance / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.h-alhambrapalace.es



Porcel Sábica ★★★★★

📍 Pedro Antonio de Alarcón, 10

Located in the center of Granada, close to the historic and commercial area. The rooms at Porcel Sabica have recently been renovated with various comfortable details and many of them featuring a theme inspired by the Alhambra.

FEATURES: Halal food is available if requested in advance / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.hotelporcelsabica.com



Reina Cristina ★★★

📍 Tablas, 4

With 58 classically decorated rooms, this cozy hotel is in the heart of Granada's historic center. In fact, some rooms provide views of the Cathedral. They have quadruple rooms available.

FEATURES: Halal food is available if requested in advance / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.hotelreinacristina.com



Luna de Granada ★★★★★

📍 Plz. del Guitarrista Manuel Cano, 2

This hotel, with 366 rooms, is a pioneer in providing Muslim-friendly services in Spain. Many family rooms. Located just 10 minutes from the historic center.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.delunahotels.com



Catalonia Granada ★★★★★

📍 Avenida de Madrid, 10

Catalonia is one of the largest hotel chains in Spain. This establishment offers excellent facilities and modern, comfortable rooms. It's one of the highest-rated hotels in the city.

FEATURES: Halal food is available if requested in advance / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.cataloniahotels.com

SHOPPING

GASTRONOMY

In Granada you can enjoy several halal pastry shops. One of the most prominent is 'Ziríes' (C. del Darro, 7).

'TARACEA'

Artisan inlay in wood and other materials. Notable mention: 'Laguna Taracea' (Real de la Alhambra, 30).

CERAMICS

One of the most common crafts in Granada is ceramics. They even have their own style: the Nasrid.

ALHAMBRA MOTIFS

On many products, such as elegant silk scarves like this one from 'Hamzah' (hamzah.es)



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Arrayanes (Moroccan)

📍 Cuesta de Marañas, 4 | NO ALCOHOL TAKE-AWAY | €€

Located in the lower Albaicín, this restaurant offers a delightful blend of Moroccan culinary diversity and dishes inspired by Al-Andalus. Indulge in their selection of pastelas, tajines, cous-cous, traditional soups, excellent pastries... Arrayanes is one of the most renowned halal restaurants in Granada. **(Capacity for 60 diners)** restaurantarrayanesgranada.com

La Turquesa (Turkish)

📍 Plaza de Villamena, 2

ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY | €€



One of the few Turkish restaurants in Granada, it stands out for its excellent cuisine under chef Ümit, the soul of the kitchen. Authentic flavours range from meze and grilled köfte to fresh salads, fish dishes, homemade desserts and more, all served in a modern yet cosy setting. It's a favourite among food lovers seeking a memorable and refined Turkish dining experience. **(Capacity for 32 diners)**



Muglia (Indian)

📍 Joaquín Costa, 4 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €€

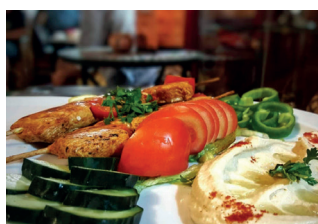
This is one of the few eateries specialized in halal Indian cuisine that you will find in Granada. The restaurant has two branches, but the closest to the historic center is Muglia 2, next to the Cathedral. The menu is very extensive, you will find it difficult to choose. Tasteful dishes. **(Capacity for 38 diners)** restaurantemuglia.com



Mister Noodles (Southeast Asian)

📍 Emperatriz Eugenia, 9 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €

This noodle bar offers fresh, nutritious, and tasty food cooked before your eyes and served in a matter of minutes. Enjoy delicious, healthy meals with an Asian flavor at an affordable price. Mister Noodles chain has multiple locations in Andalusia, including the one in Granada, with Indonesian cooks. **(Capacity for 60 diners)** misternoodles.com/granada



La Puerta de Syria (Middle Eastern)

📍 Elvira, 56 | NO ALCOHOL TAKE-AWAY | €

On Elvira Street, parallel to the central Gran Vía, you will find numerous restaurants and bars, including few halal options. This small, modest eatery specializes in Syrian cuisine and offers truly tasty dishes at very good price. La Puerta de Syria is one of the best choices in the area. **(Capacity for 20 diners)**

€: 12-20 euros/each | €€: 20-30 euros/each | €€€: 30-50 euros/each | €€€€: 50- 200 euros/each

NO ALCOHOL ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY

Seville



SEVILLE, THE CAPITAL OF ANDALUSIA, WAS ONCE THE CAPITAL OF AL-ANDALUS. Known then as Isbiliyah, a part of its legacy has now become the city's main icons: the Torre del Oro and the Giralda. But Seville offers much more: Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque treasures, palaces, a river full of history, vibrant streets, scent of jasmine, tapas, flamenco... A captivating blend of beauty and emotions.



PLACES TO PRAY

FUNDACIÓN MEZQUITA DE SEVILLA (Mosque of Seville Foundation)

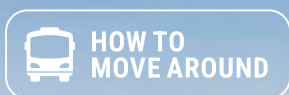
📍 Plaza Ponce de León, 9 📞 +34 954 022 979.

Over the years, Seville's Muslims have had different centers in the city. The Seville Mosque Foundation, established in 2005 with a space for prayer in the city center, promotes the construction of a central mosque and Islamic Cultural Center in Seville.

MEZQUITA AL-HIDAYA (Al-Hidaya Mosque)

📍 Los Romeros, 26 📧 info@mezquitahidaya.com

In 2003, it became the first mosque to open permanently in Seville. It is not a coincidence that Mezquita Al-Hidaya chose the Macarena district, where many immigrants, including Muslims, live. Al-Hidaya is the greatest mosque in the city.



Sunset at the Torre del Oro and the Guadalquivir River.

Seville attractions you can't miss

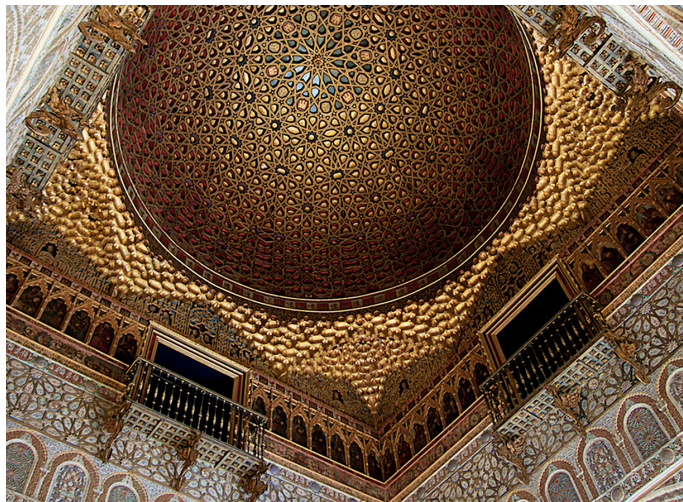
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TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY



Real Alcázar



The wooden dome symbolizing the Universe (above, in the image) is one of the jewels of this fortified palace, which was initially built by Muslim governors and later by King Don Pedro. However, this Christian monarch sought the expertise of Muslim builders and drew inspiration from the Alhambra. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Torre del Oro

Built in 1221 alongside the Guadalquivir River, this iconic tower was crucial in the defensive system of Almohad Seville. Its mission was to protect the port from the entry of unwanted ships and invaders. It was covered with materials (lime and straw) that created golden reflections. 'Oro' means gold.



The Giralda

This emblematic tower is another of the symbols of Seville. When it was built, in 1184, it was the minaret of the Grand Mosque and stood as the tallest one in the world (97.5 meters). Today, it is the Cathedral's bell tower, and its imposing silhouette still dominates the city's skyline.

[For tickets, click here](#)

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



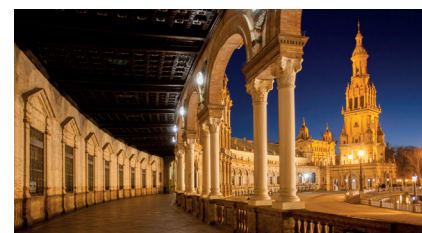
The Cathedral

It stands on the site once occupied by the Great Mosque, preserving its minaret, ablution courtyard, and one of its doors. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Las Setas de Sevilla

Welcome to the world's largest wooden structure. Just take a look to understand why it's called 'setas' (mushrooms). setasdesevilla.com



Plaza de España

One of the most majestic squares in Spain. Tiled benches representing each Spanish province, fountains, Venetian canals... Absolutely spectacular.

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FRIED FISH

Fresh and delicious, it is one of the city's emblems. Try it like the locals by visiting one of the popular fry shops, where it is sold by weight and served in paper cones.




GUADALQUIVIR CRUISE


The Guadalquivir is the only navigable river in Spain. Taking a pleasant cruise is a fantastic way to enjoy the city. One hour from € 15 on cruerosensevilla.com



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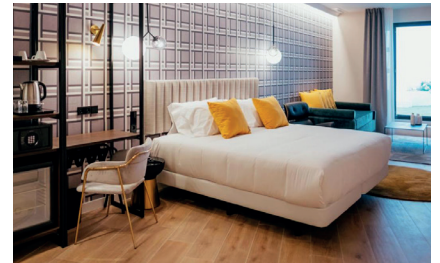



Alfonso XIII ★★★★★

📍 San Fernando, 2

Heritage and history come together in this emblematic hotel, commissioned by King Alfonso XIII in 1928 to be Europe's most luxurious. It boasts 126 rooms and 22 suites. Prime location, 5-minute walk to the Cathedral.

FEATURES: Halal food is available if requested in advance / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)



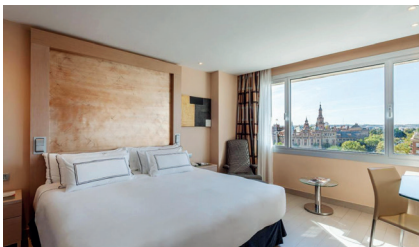
Hotel Cetina ★★★★★

📍 Puente y Pellón, 22

This boutique hotel, featuring 37 rooms, is perfectly situated for exploring Seville on foot. It showcases a distinct personality with its stylish and contemporary decor, offering individually designed rooms.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.cetinahotels.com/cetina-sevilla



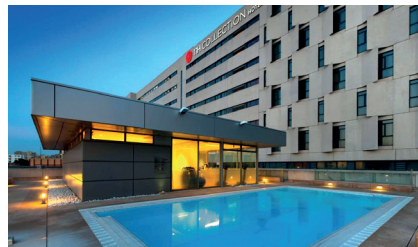
Meliá Sevilla ★★★★★

📍 Dr. Pedro de Castro, 1

Facing the iconic Plaza de España and Parque de María Luisa, this modern design hotel with 365 rooms is part of the prestigious Meliá chain. It offers family rooms and an outdoor pool.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.melia.com



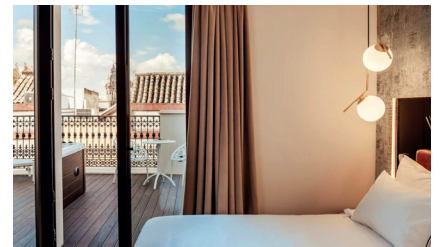
NH Collection ★★★★★

📍 Av. Diego Martínez Barrio, 8

This hotel is located in the financial and business district of Seville, close to one of the main commercial areas. The 252 rooms are spacious, modern and functional.

FEATURES: Halal food available if requested in advance / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.nh-collection.com



Unuk ★★★★★

📍 Ortiz de Zúñiga, 8

One of the newest and most avant-garde hotels in the city, located in a central and tranquil area known as Seville's Soho. It has 34 modern rooms and cutting-edge technologies.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms

unukhotel.com

SHOPPING

OUTLETS

In the outskirts of Seville you will find some of them, such as 'El Corte Inglés Outlet' and 'Sevilla Fashion Outlet'.

MALLS

Seville boasts several shopping centers: 'Lagoh', 'Torre Sevilla', 'Los Arcos', 'Nervión Plaza'...

ARTISAN FANS

Fans are typical in Andalusia. You will see a wide variety of colorful fans at 'Airearte' (<https://abanicosairearte.es>)

CERAMICS

Seville has a great ceramic tradition, mainly in Triana neighborhood. There you will find great workshops.



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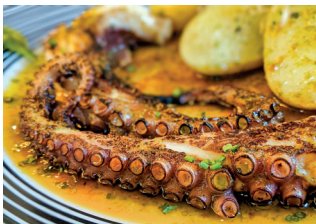
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Taj Mahal *(Indian)*

📍 Juan Antonio Cavestany, 12 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €-€€

Discover the finest selection of Indian cuisine in Seville, blending authenticity and innovation. Indulge in 100% halal meats, as well as vegetarian and vegan dishes. Alongside a great gastronomic offering, you will enjoy a spacious restaurant with large windows, a delightful ambiance, and a terrace. **(Capacity for 90-120 diners)** tajmahalsevilla.com



Tanto Monta *(Middle Eastern – Spanish -Mediterranean)*

📍 Reyes Católicos, 11 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €-€€

Currently, Tanto Monta is the only restaurant in Seville where you can savor halal 'tapas' and Spanish dishes. Don't miss their mouthwatering grilled meats, including the impressive beef entrecote and succulent lamb chops. They also offer a variety of Middle Eastern delicacies. Modern and cozy. **(Capacity for 45 diners)** tantomontarestaurante.com



Al Medina *(Moroccan)*

📍 San Roque, 13 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY | €-€€

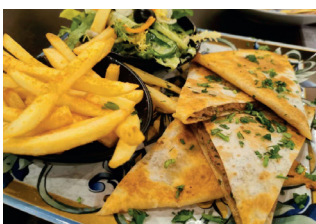
Moroccan cuisine takes the spotlight at Al Medina. Indulge in mouthwatering pastas, flavorful lamb, beef, and chicken tajines, a variety of couscous, and assorted skewers. It is located in the historic center. They offer a convenient daily menu for lunch, available from Tuesday to Friday. **(Capacity for 50 diners)** restaurantalmedina.com



Rincón de Beirut *(Middle Eastern)*

📍 San Fernando, 21 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €€

The hallmarks of this basic restaurant with a great terrace and an excellent location: the classic dishes of Middle Eastern cuisine made with fresh quality ingredients and homemade flavor. On the terrace you will enjoy not only the food but the great street atmosphere. **(Capacity for 80 diners)** restauranteelrincondebeirut.com



Al Wadi *(Middle Eastern)*

📍 Jimios, 25-32 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY | €€

It is among the top 50 restaurants in Seville, according to TripAdvisor. Al Wadi showcases the best of Middle Eastern cuisine, including cold and hot starters, salads, and 16 main dishes such as lamb kabsah, chicken biryani, ouzji, and mansaf. They also offer 12 barbecue specialties and desserts. Close to the Cathedral. **(Capacity for 45 diners)** alwadi.es



Mr Noodles *(Southeast Asian)*

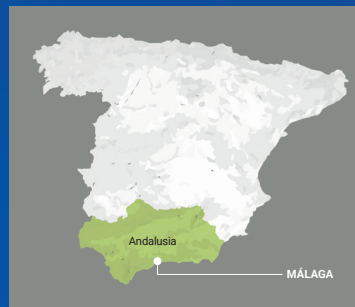
📍 San Francisco Javier, 4 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €

In Seville, an establishment of this chain couldn't be missing. This noodle bar serves fresh, nutritious, and flavorful dishes cooked right before your eyes and served in minutes. Enjoy delicious, healthy meals with a Thai twist at an affordable price. All meats are halal and there is no pork in the eatery. **(Capacity for 62 diners)** mistemnoodles.com

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Malaga



THIS IS CURRENTLY ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS IN SPAIN, known for its vibrant and emerging city scene. Its recent transformation into one of Europe's art capitals has played a significant role, along with its traditional attributes: warm hospitality, natural beauty, and a unique quality of light. During Al-Andalus period, Malaga was also a prominent cultural center and a crucial port.



PLACES TO PRAY

MEZQUITA AL-ANDALUS / MEZQUITA DE MÁLAGA (Al-Andalus Mosque or Mosque of Malaga)

📍 Ingeniero de la Torre Acosta, 3 📞 +34 952 286 670.

It features three prayer rooms, accommodating 500 people. One of them boasts a replica of the mihrab from the Great Mosque of Cordoba. Inspired by the architecture of Al-Andalus, the building also serves as an Islamic Cultural Center.



Panoramic view of Malaga's port at dusk.



Malaga attractions you can't miss

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TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY



Alcazaba

 This hilltop fortress-palace is one of the largest remaining military structures from Al-Andalus era and an iconic landmark in Malaga. Built in 1040, it blends defensive functionality with the elegance of an Arab palace. You will enjoy the views over the city and the marina and the gardens with marvelous alleys of jasmine and bougainvillea.



Castillo de Gibralfaro

Originally used by the Phoenicians and Romans, this site was turned into a fortress by Nasrid King Yusuf I in 1340 to house troops protecting the Alcazaba. Its name derives from the Arabic 'Jabal-Faruk,' meaning 'the light mountain,' due to a lighthouse that once stood at its top.



Atarazanas

The main market of Malaga was built in the 19th century on the site of the former Nasrid shipyards. The original Muslim arch was preserved as the main entrance, and a neo-Arabic iron structure was added. It is an excellent place to wander around and appreciate the local products.

[More info here](#)

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



The Marina

The revamped harbour of Malaga is a vibrant place not to be missed. Explore the bustling Muelle Uno, a commercial and leisure hub within the marina.



Roman Theater

Built in the time of Augustus, it served as a theater until the 3rd century and continues to do so today. It provides one of the most iconic images of Malaga.



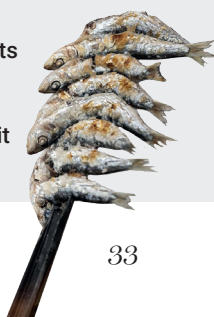
The Museums

They have catapulted Malaga as one of Spain's most sought-after destinations. With about 40, the Picasso Museum and Centre Pompidou shine brightest.

EXPERIENCES

THE 'ESPETOS'

One of the most popular delights in Malaga: six or eight fresh sardines seasoned with salt, skewered, and cooked over a pit of coals. Mouthwatering!




MARQUÉS DE LARIOS STREET

Leave the marquis behind and just call it Larios St. Immerse yourself and stroll along the most famous and vibrant street in Malaga. Elegant and an excellent shopping window.



Muslim-friendly hotels in Malaga

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Gran Hotel Miramar GL ★★★★★

📍 Paseo de Reding, 22-24

Housed in a 1926 palace, this hotel offers great views of Malaga bay. It boasts 190 elegant rooms and suites decorated in various styles –Arabic, Mediterranean, classic, modernist...– blending contemporary design with cutting-edge amenities. Top luxury experience.

FEATURES: Halal food avail. if requested in advance / Alcohol-free rooms (on req)



Málaga Centro ★★★★★

📍 Mármoles, 6

The rooms at Sallés Málaga Centro hotel, recently renovated, offer a comfortable and bright ambiance that combines classic coziness with modern and nautical decor. Situated in the historic center.

FEATURES: Halal food available if requested in advance and near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.hotelmalagacentro.com



Casual de Mar ★★★★★

📍 Avenida de la Aurora, 9

It features 46 themed rooms inspired by the sea. Casual del Mar is perfect for families, with quadruple rooms available. Located just a 10-minute walk from the historic center.

FEATURES: Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.casualhoteles.com



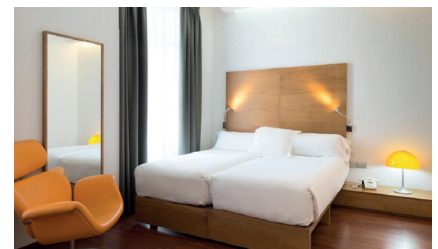
Catalonia Málaga ★★★★★

📍 Pacífico, 44

Next to the promenade, it blends the modernity of an urban hotel with the charm of a beachfront resort. It is a newly constructed establishment with avant-garde style.

FEATURES: Halal food available if requested in advance / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.cataloniahotels.com



Petit Palace Plaza ★★★★★

📍 Nicasio Calle, 3

Adjacent to Calle Larios, Malaga’s most renowned street, this boutique hotel welcomes guests with its spacious rooms, accommodating up to 5 people.

FEATURES: Halal food available if requested in advance and near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.petitpalaceplazamalaga.com

SHOPPING

STREET MARKETS

Fashion, ceramics, arts and crafts... Every first Sunday of each month in Plaza de la Merced.

FASHION OUTLET

On the outskirts of Malaga city, a 20-minute drive away, you’ll find the ‘McArthurGlen Designer Outlet’.

DEPARTMENT STORE

‘El Corte Inglés’, the most emblematic brand of this type in Spain, is also present in Malaga.

GOURMET PRODUCTS

Oil, honey, raisins... Exquisite flavors also to take as a gift for your loved ones.



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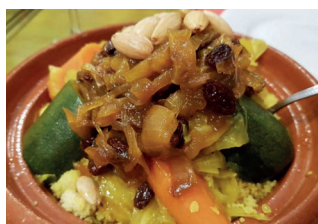
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Palacio Nazarí *(Middle Eastern – Moroccan)*

📍 Méndez Núñez, 7 | **NO ALCOHOL** **TAKE-AWAY** | €-€€

This establishment combines a tearoom and restaurant under one roof. With two locations to choose from, Palacio Nazarí offers a diverse selection of teas, coffees, and refreshing juices. Indulge in their assortment of homemade pastries and some classic Moroccan and Middle Eastern dishes. **(Capacity for 90 diners)** teteriapalacionazari.com



Azafrán *(Moroccan)*

📍 Fernando Camino, 22 | **ALCOHOL SERVED** **TAKE-AWAY** **DELIVERY** | €-€€

Off the beaten path, near the Malagueta beach, Azafrán offers delightful Moroccan cuisine with generous portions and affordable prices. Here you will find flavorful briwats, pastelas, cous-cous, and tantalizing tajines. The menu is extensive and diverse, showcasing the rich traditions of Moroccan gastronomy. **(Capacity for 60 diners)** marroquiazafran.com



Padthaiwok Teatinos *(Southeast Asian)*

📍 Andrómeda, 13 | **ALCOHOL SERVED** **TAKE-AWAY** **DELIVERY** | €

If you have a penchant for noodles, fried rice and Thai and other Asian flavours, this chain is an excellent choice. It offers Halal-certified chicken and veal and a completely pork-free dining experience. With two locations in Málaga, this branch on Andromeda Street is near the University. **(Capacity for 40 + 28 diners)** [More info here](#)



Al Yamal *(Moroccan)*

📍 Blasco de Garay, 7 | **ALCOHOL SERVED** **TAKE-AWAY** | €€

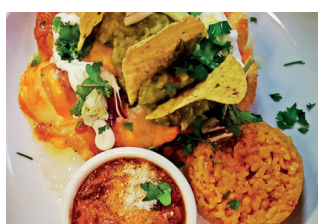
Opened in 1983, this became the first Arab restaurant in Malaga, a small slice of Morocco in the heart of the Costa del Sol's capital: from the décor to the menu, which brings together Maghrebi and Andalusí flavours. In other words, its signature dishes are couscous, tagines, and pastela, set in a relaxed atmosphere. **(Capacity for 30 diners)** restaurantealyamal.com



Estambul Grill *(Turkish)*

📍 Alameda Principal, 8 | **ALCOHOL SERVED** **TAKE-AWAY** **DELIVERY** | €

This basic restaurant hides a delightful surprise with its generous grill and tasty Turkish specialties. Located on one of Malaga's main streets, it offers authentic Turkish dishes like lahmacun, chicken or lamb 'guvec,' grilled meat skewers and a wide range of grilled fish, pizzas, pasta, and salads. **(Capacity for 50 + 30 diners)** restauranteestambulgrill.com



The Great India Halal *(Indian – Pakistani)*

📍 Plaza de la Solidaridad, 9 | **ALCOHOL SERVED** **TAKE-AWAY** **DELIVERY** | €-€€

This restaurant offers an extensive menu featuring the traditional dishes of Indian and Pakistani cuisine, all served with a smile in a simple yet comfortable setting. What guests praise most is the rich, authentic flavor of every dish. Conveniently located near the bus and train stations. **(Capacity for 50 diners)** thegreatindia.es

€: 12-20 euros/each | €€: 20-30 euros/each | €€€: 30-50 euros/each | €€€€: 50- 200 euros/each

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Costa del Sol



PLACES TO PRAY

NOT IN VAIN THIS IS THE BIRTHPLACE OF TOURISM IN SPAIN. Renowned destinations such as Marbella or Torremolinos belong to this region. Here you can find luxurious resorts, picturesque villages, quality beaches, amusement parks, a diverse halal and Muslim-friendly offering, and the legacy of Al-Andalus everywhere.

MEZQUITA REY ABDULAZIZ (MARBELLA) (King AbdulAziz Mosque)

📍 Urb. Lomas de Marbella, 18 ☎ +34 952 824 222.

It is situated in Marbella's renowned 'Golden Mile', one of Costa del Sol's most prestigious areas. This tranquil and nice masjid opened in 1981 thanks to funds contributed by the Saudi royal family. Its style beautifully combines Arab and Andalusian elements.

MEZQUITA CENTRAL DE FUENGIROLA (Central Mosque of Fuengirola)

📍 Av.Santa Amalia, 10 (Fuengirola) ☎ +34 952 473 916.

Also known as the Islamic Cultural Center Sohail, it is located in Fuengirola. It was the second mosque built in the Costa del Sol, following Marbella's and preceding the one in Malaga city. It is one of the largest and most active mosques in the region.

 HOW TO GET THERE

 HOW TO MOVE AROUND

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Yachts and sports boats in one of the marinas in Marbella.


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TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY



Ronda Village

 This town located in the interior of Costa del Sol, in the province of Malaga, is a popular destination in southern Spain. With a rich history spanning different civilizations, it was in the Muslim period that it flourished the most. Its ancient medina stands out as one of Andalusia's best-preserved. It is also recognized for its breathtaking location atop a gorge.



Axarquía Region

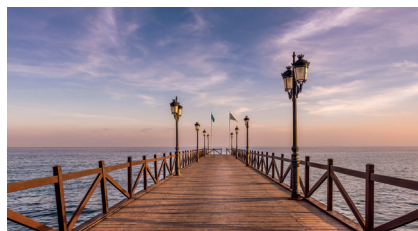
The easternmost region of the Costa del Sol is a true jewel of Islamic heritage, one of the last to pass into Christian hands. Don't miss its minarets, the alcazaba of its main town — Vélez-Málaga (above) — and the distinctive layout of many of its 31 villages. [Further info here](#)

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



Old Towns

Marbella, Estepona, Mijas... On Costa del Sol you will find charming old towns with a maze of white, cobble streets full of flowers and captivating corners.



The Promenades

The beautiful and lively promenades are another major attraction of this region. The one shown in the photo is a popular pier in Marbella. [Further info here](#)



Puerto Banús

This is the most renowned yacht marina in Marbella and Spain's best. Luxurious cars, upscale shops, fine dining, and constant entertainment.

EXPERIENCES

DOLPHINS SIGHTSEEING

This area is rich in cetaceans. Spotting dolphins is relatively easy when venturing further away from the coast. A few companies provide this incredible experience.




SHOPPING AT THE DOCK


You may be used to enjoying shopping around the world, but few places are as exceptional as the luxurious atmosphere of Puerto Banús yacht marina in Marbella.



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Don Pepe Gran Meliá ★★★★★

📍 Vía Hotel Don Pepe, No number (Marbella)

Right on the seafront and just a few minutes' walk from Marbella's city center, Don Pepe Gran Meliá offers 194 magnificent rooms and suites, providing a luxurious experience with premium services. Five dining venues, a spa, outdoor and indoor pools, and more.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)



Molo Luxury ★★★★★

📍 Urb. Las Lolás (Marbella)

A luxury guesthouse that provides privacy and optimal comfort. It showcases 7 luxury suites and rooms, each with its unique design, fostering a sense of relaxation, intimacy, and a homely atmosphere.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.mololuxurysuites.com



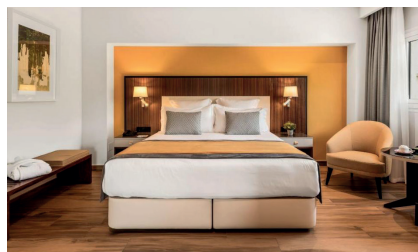
Costa del Sol ★★★

📍 Pº del Colorado, 29 (Torremolinos)

This luxurious boutique hotel boasts 36 exceptionally comfortable rooms equipped with automation systems, as well as amenities such as swimming pool, gym, and jacuzzi.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.costadelsohotelboutique.com



Alanda Marbella ★★★★★

📍 B. Príncipe Alfonso Hohenlohe, n/n

Located just a 5-minute walk from the beach in Marbella's most luxurious area, it offers recently renovated rooms and suites in a modern style. Next to the King AbdulAziz Mosque.

FEATURES: All food in the property is always halal / No alcohol is served anywhere in the property

alandamarbellahotel.com



Crown Resorts ★★★

📍 Monte Paraíso, 2 (Mijas Costa)

Crown Resorts Club offers apartments that can accommodate up to 6 people. Most of the apartments feature a fan and a balcony, and all of them have a fully equipped kitchen.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.crownresorts.com

SHOPPING

STREET MARKETS

You will find them in most of the towns on Costa del Sol. Five only in Marbella.

EL CORTE INGLÉS

Fashion, jewelry, cosmetics... The widest selection of international and Spanish brands under one roof.

MALLS

'La Cañada Shopping' in Marbella and 'Miramar' in Fuengirola are the two main ones.

SPANISH LUXURY

Loewe, one of the main Spanish luxury brands, cannot be missing in Marbella. Exquisite bags.



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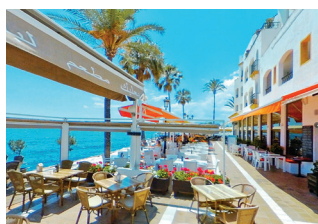
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Mezza Notte Fuengirola *(Middle Eastern, Mediterranean, Italian)*

📍 Pº Marítimo Rey de España, 10 | **ALCOHOL SERVED** **TAKE-AWAY** | €€

This restaurant offers a varied menu that brings together Lebanese specialities, flavourful grilled dishes, and Italian classics such as pasta and pizza. The selection is rounded out with fish and grilled options inspired by Spanish and Mediterranean cuisine, all served in a privileged setting on Fuengirola's seafront. **(Capacity for 40 diners)** mezza-notte.es



Baalbak Marbella *(Middle Eastern)*

📍 Conjunto Benabolá, 15 | **ALCOHOL SERVED** **TAKE-AWAY** **DELIVERY** | €€-€€€

Delight in the award-winning Baalbak restaurant, offering tasty Middle Eastern cuisine. From kebabs to highly elaborate dishes, their Lebanese specialties are made daily with fresh ingredients. What sets Baalbak apart is its prime location—a seaside terrace in one of the most stylish spots on Costa del Sol. **(Capacity for 200 diners)** baalbakmarbella.com



Masala Indian Restaurants *(Indian)*

📍 Multiple branches | **ALCOHOL SERVED** **TAKE-AWAY** **DELIVERY** | €€-€€€

The Masala chain, synonymous with high-quality Indian cuisine, boasts five restaurants on the Costa del Sol (Marbella, Estepona, Elviria, Cala de Mijas and Nueva Andalucía). They offer a diverse range of authentic Indian dishes, from classic curries to unique creations prepared by experienced chefs. **(Capacity for 250 diners)** masalamarbella.com



Pad Thai Wok *(Southeast Asian)*

📍 Multiple branches | **ALCOHOL SERVED** **TAKE-AWAY** **DELIVERY** | €

The origin of this Thai cuisine chain is precisely in Costa del Sol. They have six establishments in the region, located in Fuengirola (2), Marbella (2), Mijas, and Arroyo de la Miel. If you enjoy noodles, fried rice, and the flavors of Thai and Asian cuisine, this is an excellent choice for you. **(Capacity for 15-20 diners)** padthaiwok.com



Spice Grill Torremolinos *(Indian, Mexican)*

📍 Bulto, 18 | **ALCOHOL SERVED** **TAKE-AWAY** **DELIVERY** | €€

The menu brings together an unusual yet appealing mix of flavours: traditional Indian favourites – from tandoori specialities to a wide range of curries – alongside Mexican staples such as burritos, fajitas, quesadillas, enchiladas and barbecue ribs, with fish and seafood options rounding out the menu. **(Capacity for 48 diners)** spicegrillrestaurant.com



Al-Sham Marbella *(Middle Eastern)*

📍 Ricardo Soriano,40 | **NO ALCOHOL** **TAKE-AWAY** **DELIVERY** | €

It's not easy to come across alcohol-free eateries in Spain, which is why Al-Sham stands out. They offer a variety of street food classics from the Middle East (Syria and Lebanon) at affordable prices. Although their two locations in Marbella have limited seating, take-away and delivery options are also available. **(Capacity for 50 diners)** [Further info here](#)

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Valencia

& VALENCIA REGION



WELCOME TO ONE OF THE BEST MEDITERRANEAN DESTINATIONS! Valencia and the Valencia Region, including Alicante and Castellón, form a marvellous stretch of coast with fine beaches, a diverse natural landscape and layers of history, blessed with an enviable way of life. It was once Balansiya, one of the great Muslim realms of Al-Andalus, whose traces remain subtle yet omnipresent.

PLACES TO PRAY

GRAN MEZQUITA DE VALENCIA (Grand Mosque of Valencia)

📍 Palància, 5 📞 +34 680 475 091

The largest mosque in the Valencian Community, it opened in 1994 and has grown steadily ever since. Alongside its main prayer hall, expanded in 2004, the complex includes a school, a library and a conference hall with regular talks and activities.



View of Valencia, with the Serranos Towers in the foreground.



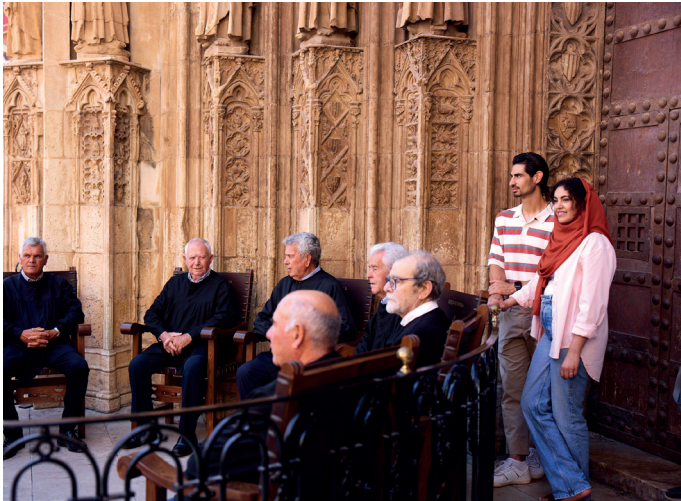
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TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY



The Water Tribunal

 Every Thursday, next to Valencia Cathedral, representatives of the eight irrigation communities gather in public to settle water disputes. This ritual belongs to the Water Tribunal, Europe's oldest surviving court of justice, created in the Islamic Valencia under the Caliph Al-Hakam II and recognised by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage.



The Lonja

Built in the 15th century, when Valencia was a major Mediterranean power, La Lonja is a UNESCO-listed masterpiece of civil Gothic architecture. It once functioned as the city's silk and trade exchange, in a tradition linked to Al-Andalus, when silk production was introduced from the East by the Arabs.



Arab wall & gates

Fragments of the Islamic wall can still be seen inside several buildings in Valencia's old town. The Tossal Gallery (above) is the best place to visit, preserving an underground section of the wall and a defensive tower. Nearby, the Portal de la Valldigna marks the former gate into the Muslim quarter after the Christian conquest.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



City of Arts and Sciences

This futuristic complex brings together some of Valencia's most iconic buildings. You can explore them or simply enjoy a walk among its pools and walkways.



Mercat Central

This modernist market is one of Valencia's most photogenic buildings. It stands on the site of the former souk of Islamic Balansiya. A lively and atmospheric visit.



Oceanographic

Europe's largest aquarium takes you through underwater tunnels and seven marine worlds, home to sea creatures including sharks and beluga whales.

EXPERIENCES

REFRESHING HORCHATA

Made from 'chufas', a small local tuber introduced during the time of Al-Andalus, it is one of the must-try treats here. Enjoy it with 'fartons'.



AUTHENTIC PAELLA

Valencia is the birthplace of paella, Spain's most famous dish. You will also find many other rice-based dishes here —by the way, another legacy of Al-Andalus.



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Hospes Palau de la Mar ★★★★★

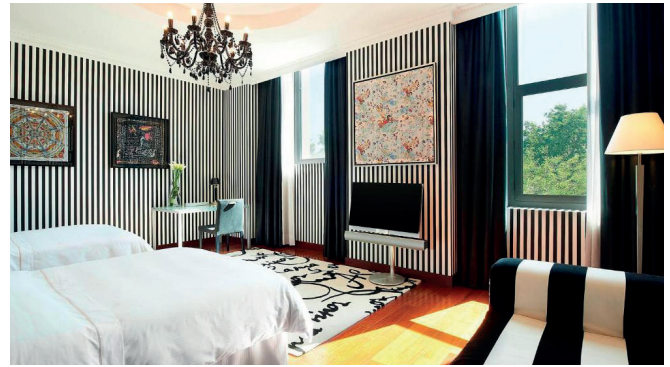
📍 Avenida Navarro Reverter, 14



Set in a refurbished 19th-century mansion near Valencia's historic centre, this elegant boutique hotel blends period charm with modern comfort.

With around 66 elegant rooms, it offers a spa and wellness area and a restaurant serving local cuisine.

FEATURES: Halal food is available if requested in advance / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)



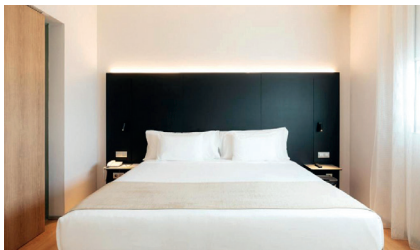
The Westin Valencia ★★★★★

📍 Amadeo de Saboya, 16

Located in a modernist building near the historic centre, this hotel offers 135 Art Deco style rooms and a spa with pool and wellness facilities. It combines a central location with a calm atmosphere and attentive service.

FEATURES: Halal food is available if requested in advance / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.marriott.com



Barceló Valencia ★★★★★

📍 Avenida Francia, 11

This contemporary hotel offers modern and bright rooms and notably spacious interiors, along with facilities such as a gym and a pool. It is located near the City of Arts and Sciences.

FEATURES: Halal food is available if requested in advance and near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request).

www.barcelo.com



Primus Valencia ★★★★★

📍 Menorca, 22

It combines contemporary design with comfortable, well-appointed rooms. It is located near Valencia's main shopping streets and within easy reach of the historic centre.

FEATURES: Halal food is available if requested in advance and near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request).

www.primusvalencia.com



Arena Zone ★★★

📍 Antonio Ferrandis, 18

Comfortable rooms and practical facilities designed for both short stays and longer visits. With a friendly, relaxed atmosphere and very convenient services.

FEATURES: Halal food is available if requested in advance and near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request).

www.arenazonehotel.com

SHOPPING

PLAZA REDONDA

Lined with small shops selling crafts, ceramics, food and souvenirs. Some businesses are historic.

MAIN AREAS

Neighbourhoods such as Ruzafa and El Carmen, and streets like Colón, Poeta Querol, Jorge Juan and La Paz.

SILK

The Silk Museum shop offers many exclusive handcrafted items made of natural Valencian silk.

CERAMICS

It has its roots in Al-Andalus, when new techniques were introduced. Manises is a renowned centre.



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Taj Mahal (Pakistani)

📍 Doctor Manuel Candela, 20 | **ALCOHOL SERVED** **TAKE-AWAY** **DELIVERY** | €€

A pioneer of Pakistani and Indian cuisine in Valencia, this long-standing restaurant remains a local favourite. It features a spacious, modern dining room and an adjoining shop selling spices and international products. Its weekday lunch menu and tasting options offer excellent value.

(Capacity for 180 diners) restauranteindiotajmahal.es

Balansiya (Moroccan - Mediterranean)

📍 Paseo de las Facultades, 3

NO ALCOHOL **TAKE-AWAY** | €€



This restaurant takes its name from Islamic Valencia and was the first to reclaim and highlight the city's Andalusí heritage as part of its cuisine. It serves mainly Moroccan dishes, along with Mediterranean and Middle Eastern flavours, in a warm and traditional setting. Good cooking and attentive, friendly service complete the experience. On Fridays, it only serves dinner. (Capacity for 65 diners)



Aljuzama (Moroccan - Middle Eastern)

📍 Plaza Xúquer, 10 | **NO ALCOHOL** **TAKE-AWAY** | €€

This friendly, good-value restaurant focuses on Maghreb cuisine, with a few Middle Eastern dishes as well. Couscous and tagines are highlights, followed by excellent homemade pastries, carefully prepared food and a variety of traditional teas. A cosy and welcoming place; booking is recommended. (Capacity for 60 diners) www.aljuzama.com



Beirut Ruzafa (Middle Eastern)

📍 Mossèn Femenia, 12 | **ALCOHOL SERVED** **TAKE-AWAY** **DELIVERY** | € - €€

A modern Lebanese eatery that combines fresh design with traditional references and good-quality food at reasonable prices. Its success has led the family behind it to open several locations in Valencia, including this one in the lively Ruzafa district, as well as Beirut Aragón and Beirut Alameda. (Capacity for 70 diners) beirutrestaurantes.com



Kathmandu Cánovas (Indian)

📍 Salamanca, 18 | **ALCOHOL SERVED** **TAKE-AWAY** **DELIVERY** | €€

Elegant Indian and Nepalese restaurant offering very good dishes made with fresh ingredients. The menu is extensive and the atmosphere calm and welcoming. It belongs to a chain that opened its first venue in Moraira and now has other locations across the region, including Albir, Denia, Jávea and Benidorm. (Capacity for 50 diners) kathmanducanovas.com

€: 12-20 euros/each | €€: 20-30 euros/each | €€€: 30-50 euros/each | €€€€: 50- 200 euros/each

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Costa del Azahar

DISTANCE FROM VALENCIA: 🚗 55 min | 🚆 50 min



This is the northern part of the Valencian Region, in the province of Castellón, where long beaches meet historic towns and a varied natural interior.

Named after the orange blossom, it includes well-known places such as Peñíscola (above), Benicàssim, Benicarló, Oropesa del Mar, Alcossebre and Castellón de la Plana.

DON'T MISS: The historic centre of Castellón de la Plana, the provincial capital and the main city on this coast / Peñíscola, so outstanding that it deserves a section of its own (see below).



Alicante

DISTANCE FROM VALENCIA: 🚗 120 min | 🚆 140 min

Alicante (Alacant in Valencian) is the second major city of Valencia Region and the main urban and tourist centre of its southern coast. Bright and welcoming, it is watched over by its hilltop castle and known for its excellent beaches, relaxed atmosphere, appealing food (also halal) and layers of history.

DON'T MISS: The Santa Bárbara Castle, of Islamic origin, overlooking the city with spectacular views / The Explanada de España, an iconic palm-lined promenade.

[Click here for further info](#)



Al-Andalus Castles

DISTANCE: 🚗 52 min

With more than 250 castles spread across its three provinces, the Valencian Region is one of Spain's richest areas for fortresses, many of them of Islamic origin. From Villena and Xàtiva to Morella, Sagunto and Alcalá de Xivert (above), these castles are among the region's most striking historic and scenic attractions.

DON'T MISS: Cullera Castle, the closest one to the city of Valencia (with distances shown above) / More complete information about the castle route in the region can be found below.

www.comunitatvalenciana.com



Peñíscola

DISTANCE: 🚗 96 min | 🚆 190 min

One of the leading destinations not only in Castellón but in the whole Valencia Region, this town is crowned by a dramatic castle rising above the sea on a rocky headland, with sweeping views of the Mediterranean. Beyond the old town, the modern resort combines beaches with a beautiful natural setting that invites leisurely walks.

DON'T MISS: The photogenic castle, rich in history (once the refuge of a rebel pope) and a filming location for 'Game of Thrones' / A walk along one of the trails in the nearby Sierra de Irta Natural Park.

peniscola.es



Costa Blanca

DISTANCE: 🚗 85 min

This long stretch of Mediterranean coast (160 km) is the shoreline of the province of Alicante (Alacant) and one of Spain's main holiday destinations. It is a land of contrasts, from modern resorts like Benidorm to charming towns such as Xàbia (Jávea), Altea or Denia, with beaches, mountains, castles and traces of Al-Andalus.

DON'T MISS: Benidorm, the most popular town and a favourite with many families thanks to its excellent theme parks / Altea, often considered the most charming town in the area.

www.costablanca.org

Mediterranean light and colours are among the Valencia Region's greatest attractions.

The town of Villajoyosa, in Alicante, on the heart of the Costa Blanca.



Toledo

& CASTILLA-LA MANCHA



SET IN THE HEART OF SPAIN, TOLEDO AND ITS REGION, Castilla-La Mancha, offer some of the country's richest and most captivating cultural settings. You may be surprised by how deeply the legacy of Al-Andalus is still present here — in Toledo, once Tulaytula, and across the region, in World Heritage cities like Cuenca, historic towns, castles, palaces, mosques... A heritage waiting to be discovered.

PLACES TO PRAY

MEZQUITA ATTAUBA (Attauba Mosque)

📍 Poeta Antonio Machado, s/n. ☎ +34 667 092 379

This 360 m² mosque is the largest in Toledo and in the whole of Castilla-La Mancha, a region with around thirty mosques. It is located in the residential district of Santa María de Benquerencia, about 15 minutes by car from the historic centre.



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Panoramic view of Toledo at sunset, framed by the Tagus.

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TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY



Bab Al-Mardum Mosque



Also known as Cristo de la Luz Mosque, this small jewel is one of Toledo's most important Islamic monuments and its oldest surviving building (10th-11th c.). Its well preserved prayer hall reflects the art of the Umayyad Caliphate, while its later transformation into a church added a Mudejar apse, creating a unique continuity between Andalusí and Christian traditions.



Bridges & Gates

The Tagus River shaped Toledo's natural defenses, along with its bridges and gates. Of the current eight bridges, only two are historic: Alcántara, rebuilt by the Muslims on a Roman site, and San Martín, a 13th-century Mudéjar bridge. The city also preserves nine of its original gates.



Tornerías Mosque

One of the best-preserved monumental mosques in Spain and one of the last in use in Christian Castile, until 1502. Built on two levels, it combined shops below with a prayer hall above. The structure reflects the layout of Andalusí mosques in Toledo. It houses a crafts centre.

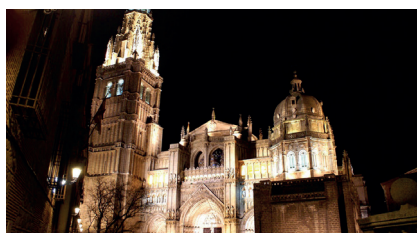
Mezquitadetornerias.es

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



The Alcazar Fortress

This massive fortress crowns Toledo on a site long linked to power since Roman and Umayyad times. The present building dates from the 16th century.



The Cathedral

Spain's second largest cathedral is a masterpiece of Gothic architecture built over the former Main Mosque. Its structure blends strong French Gothic influence.



Taller del Moro Museum

A 14th-century palace following Andalusí architectural traditions: richly decorated halls featuring plasterwork, inscriptions and more. It houses a small museum.

EXPERIENCES

TOLEDO FROM THE AIR

A hot-air balloon flight reveals Toledo's medieval layout and its imposing setting above the Tagus River. A unique way to appreciate the city.



ZOCODOVER SQUARE

Once the animal market of Islamic Tulaytela, this square has long been the heart of Toledo. Today it is a lively meeting place with shops, terraces and a vibrant atmosphere.



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La Hacienda del Cardenal ★★★★★

📍 Paseo de Recaredo, 24



Set in a former palace once owned by a cardinal, this small historic hotel offers 27 charming rooms, some with private terraces, in a beautifully restored setting. Located beside the city wall, it also features lovely gardens and two inviting swimming pools.

FEATURES: Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)



Palacio de Buenavista ★★★★★

📍 Calle de los Concilios, 1

A modern hotel built around the 16th-century Buenavista Palace, blending historic charm with contemporary design. It has 109 spacious rooms, elegant gardens, an outdoor pool and extensive spa facilities. Located just a few minutes' drive from Toledo's historic centre.

FEATURES: Alcohol-free rooms (on request).

www.eurostarshotels.com



Alfonso VI ★★★★★

📍 Cuesta de los Capuchinos, 2

This well-located hotel near Toledo's historic centre, offers 83 classically styled rooms with a warm, traditional feel, including some family rooms for up to four guests.

FEATURES: Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request) / Family rooms

www.sercotel.com



Abad Toledo ★★★

📍 Real del Arrabal, 1

Set in the historic centre near the Bāb al-Mardūm Mosque, it offers bright, spacious rooms and apartments for up to six guests. Its style blends modern design with rustic touches.

FEATURES: Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request) / Family rooms

www.hotelabad.com



Parador de Toledo ★★★★★

📍 Cerro del Emperador, s/n

This emblematic Parador (a historic hotel run by the Spanish state, often in a remarkable building or setting) stands out for its sweeping views over Toledo. Its spacious interiors combine comfort with traditional details.

FEATURES: Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.parador.es/parador-de-toledo

SHOPPING

'MAZAPÁN'

Toledo's most famous sweet, made simply from almonds and sugar. This marzipan has Arabic roots.

SAFFRON

Saffron from La Mancha Region is famous for its high quality and aroma. This is a great place to buy it.

LEATHER CRAFT

Toledo stands out for its traditional leatherwork, such as bags and belts, a tradition with roots in Al-Andalus.

DAMASCENING

The traditional art of inlaying gold or silver into darkened steel. It is one of main Toledo's signature crafts.



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La Casa de Damasco (Middle Eastern)

📍 Sierpe, 5 | NO ALCOHOL ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €

One of the first Arab restaurants to open in Toledo, this small spot has built a loyal following thanks to its simple yet successful menu. Best known for its kebabs and shawarmas, it also offers mixed plates and Arab-style pizzas. Family-run and very central, it stands out for its warmth and excellent value for money. **(Capacity for 28 diners)** lacasadedamasco.com

Arabian touch (Middle Eastern)

📍 Navarro Ledesma, 1
NO ALCOHOL TAKE-AWAY | €€



Considered both the best Arab restaurant and the best halal restaurant in Toledo, it specialises in Syrian-Lebanese, Egyptian, Moroccan and Mediterranean cuisine, made with quality ingredients. The experience is enhanced by an exceptional setting: a palace-house in the heart of the historic centre, attentive service and carefully prepared dishes. **(Capacity for 54 diners)**



Lubnan (Middle Eastern)

📍 Sierpe, 11 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY | €€

This small restaurant on an equally small street in Toledo's historic centre is a recent addition to the city's halal scene, but it has quickly become a success. Guests praise its delicious Syrian-Lebanese cuisine, with traditional recipes, and the attentive service of the staff. It also works as a teahouse. **(Capacity for 48 diners)**



Marrakech (Moroccan)

📍 Cordoneras, 3 | NO ALCOHOL TAKE-AWAY | € - €€

A modest restaurant near the Cathedral and Plaza de Zocodover, serving classic Moroccan dishes such as couscous and tagines, along with Middle Eastern favourites like hummus and falafel. Generous portions and good value. One of its advantages is its long opening hours. **(Capacity for 40 diners)** restaurantemarrakech.metro.rest



Beykebab (Turkish)

📍 Luz de Tajo Shopping, 56 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €

Located in the Luz del Tajo shopping centre, this Turkish eatery serves meze, kebabs, dürüm and lahmacun in a fast and casual style. Good value, daily menus, and a convenient option in modern Toledo. It was the first location of this Turkish food chain in Spain, now also present in Madrid and Ibiza. **(Capacity for 20 diners)** www.beykebab.es

€: 12-20 euros/each | €€: 20-30 euros/each | €€€: 30-50 euros/each | €€€€: 50-200 euros/each

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Al-Andalus routes

DISTANCE FROM TOLEDO: 🚗 0 min



Castilla-La Mancha brings together many of the traces of Al-Andalus, from medinas and castles to walls, palaces, mosques, baths and water systems, set within striking landscapes. You can explore it through ten themed routes (see link above) covering the region's five provinces: Albacete, Ciudad Real, Cuenca, Guadalajara and Toledo.

DON'T MISS: The Islamic Tulaytula (Toledo), featured in three of these routes or serving as their starting point / Surprising rural landscapes such as Chinchilla de Montearagón (shown above).

Cuenca

DISTANCE FROM TOLEDO: 🚗 1 h 50 min

A World Heritage city set dramatically between two river gorges, less than two hours from Madrid. Its Islamic past as Kūnka still shows through traces such as parts of the walls and surviving Andalusí traditions in crafts and gastronomy. Full of charm, history and remarkable urban scenery.

DON'T MISS: The iconic Hanging Houses, perched over the Huécar gorge and Cuenca's most famous landmark / Spectacular views from its viewpoints, five of them especially outstanding

visitcuenca.es/en



Almagro

DISTANCE: 🚗 1 h 40 min

This is a charming historic town in the province of Ciudad Real, best known for its perfectly preserved Corral de Comedias, a unique 17th-century theatre still in use. Its beautiful main square and literary atmosphere appeal to many visitors. Its famous pickled aubergines are a local speciality with roots in Al-Andalus.

DON'T MISS: The spectacular main square, with columned arcades and its distinctive green-painted glazed galleries / The Corral de Comedias, unchanged since the 17th century.

www.almagro.es/turismo



Windmills

DISTANCE: 🚗 45 min

Castilla-La Mancha is the land where Cervantes set the adventures of Don Quixote. Here, the famous knight mistook the region's windmills for threatening giants and charged at them. That scene made these beautiful windmills world-famous. Today they are an icon of the region and an essential visit.

DON'T MISS: The windmills near Consuegra, in the province of Toledo, aligned along Calderico Hill (shown above) / Those known as Sancho, Rucio, Espartero and Bolero.

www.consuegra.es



Lavender fields

DISTANCE: 🚗 1h 40 min

In early summer (from late June to early July), the lavender fields of Castilla-La Mancha burst into bloom, creating vast purple landscapes. Brihuega, in the province of Guadalajara, is the best-known destination, with rolling hills covered in lavender that offer a striking natural spectacle well worth seeing.

DON'T MISS: Brihuega, a beautiful medieval town with much more to discover beyond the lavender fields. / Its castle, originally a 10th-century Arab Alcazaba (fortress).

turismobrihuega.com

The Hanging Houses of Cuenca seem to defy both gravity and imagination.

One of the Hanging Houses perched over the Huécar gorge, Cuenca.



Zaragoza

& ARAGON



FOR MORE THAN FOUR CENTURIES, ARAGON WAS THE NORTHERN EDGE OF AL-ANDALUS, with Zaragoza as one of its great cities. That legacy lives on not only in the Aljafería Palace and UNESCO-listed Mudejar monuments, but also in urban life, landscapes, cuisine and beyond. Aragon offers much more: a unique blend of history, culture and striking nature that will captivate you.

PLACES TO PRAY

MEZQUITA KHALED IBN AL WALID (Khaled Ibn Al Walid Mosque)

📍 Don Pío Ballesteros, 12

Located in the Oliver district, this is a prayer space serving the local Muslim community, not a traditional mosque with distinctive architecture – a model followed by the dozen or so prayer spaces found in Zaragoza today.



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The Basilica of El Pilar next to the River Ebro in Zaragoza.

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Aljafería Palace

 This 11th-century palace is the finest surviving monument of Islamic Spain outside Andalusia. Built as a fortified residence for the Muslim rulers of Zaragoza, it preserves exceptional Islamic elements such as the interlaced arches of its courtyard and the octagonal prayer hall with its mihrab. Later Mudejar additions complete this UNESCO-listed masterpiece.



Seo's wall

Built on the site of Islamic Zaragoza's Great Mosque, this was the city's first cathedral. It brings together several styles, but it is its Mudejar elements, above all the Parroquieta wall, that earned the UNESCO status. Some scholars believe that part of its geometric decoration may belong to the original mosque.



San Pablo's Tower & Others

One of the finest Mudejar church towers in Zaragoza (UNESCO-listed). Although traditionally classified as Mudejar, some experts believe it may originally have been an Islamic tower – a view especially associated with San Pablo's tower (above), but also applied to other towers in Zaragoza and Aragón.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



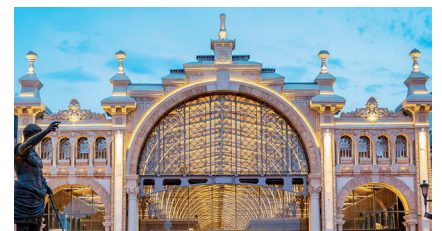
El Pilar

This basilica-cathedral is one of Spain's most important Marian shrines. Rising on the banks of the Ebro River, it remains a powerful symbol of Zaragoza's identity.



Alfonso I Street

An essential part of any visit. Don't miss this lively pedestrian avenue linking El Pilar with the historic centre, lined with shops, cafés and elegant façades.



Central Market

One of the city's liveliest and most authentic places, near the Roman Forum. Its modernist setting and busy stalls reflect everyday life and local flavours.

EXPERIENCES

GUIRLACHE

Sweet lovers should not miss this Aragonese treat with roots in Al-Andalus, made from almonds and caramelised sugar.



EBRO RIVER

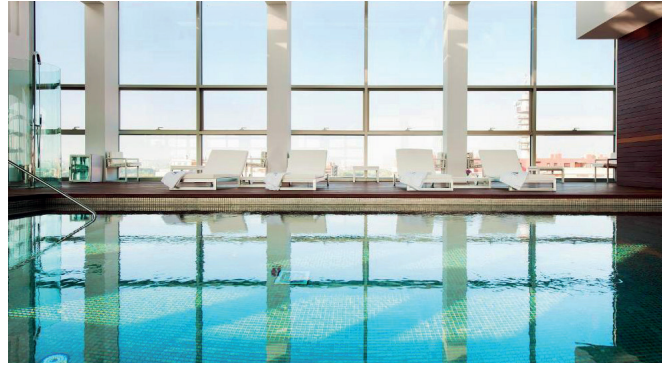
Zaragoza's great river – the longest in Spain – is also a leisure space, ideal for walks, boat trips and enjoying the city from another angle.



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Palafox ★★★★★

📍 Marqués de Casa Jiménez s/n



In the heart of Zaragoza, this hotel has been one of Aragon's most prestigious addresses for decades, blending traditional elegance with modern comforts.

Just a few minutes' walk from the Old Town and major attractions, it offers an ideal base to explore the city on foot.

FEATURES: Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

Reina Petronila ★★★★★

📍 Av. de Ramón Sáinz de Varanda, 2

Situated in Zaragoza's vibrant Romareda district, this modern 5-star hotel offers a blend of sleek design and upscale comfort just a short stroll from the Aragonia shopping and leisure centre and key city landmarks.

FEATURES: Halal food available if requested in advance / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.palafoxhoteles.com



Diagonal Plaza ★★★★★

📍 Av. de la Diagonal, 30

With 176 modern rooms (up to 4 guests), it is just minutes from the airport and a short drive from the city centre. It blends practical facilities with a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere.

FEATURES: Halal food is available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request) / Family rooms

www.hotelzaragozadiagonalplaza.com



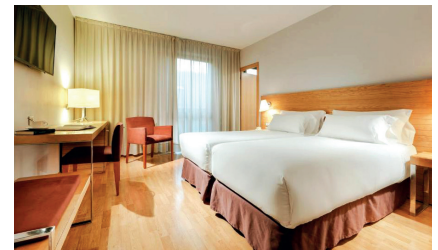
NH Ciudad ★★★★★

📍 Av. César Augusto, 125

Set in the historic centre, it offers 124 bright, modern rooms, some with views of the River Ebro or the iconic Basilica. It is just a short walk from Plaza del Pilar and the city's main attractions.

FEATURES: Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request) / Connecting rooms

www.nh-hotels.com



Hesperia Centro ★★★

📍 Conde de Aranda, 48

Its central location is one of its biggest advantages. Spacious, bright rooms of up to 25 m² make the stay even more comfortable. It's a pleasant base for exploring the city on foot.

FEATURES: Halal food is available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request)

www.hesperia.com

SHOPPING

CICLÓN

A small, elegant passageway with shops, ideal for discovering local products and unique gifts.

MALLS & OUTLETS

As in any large city, Zaragoza has its own key places for this: Puerto Venecia and La Torre Outlet.

CERAMICS

Ask about the blue-toned pieces from Muel, with a long history linked to the Mudejar community.

FANTOBA

Founded in 1856, this pastry shop is the oldest in Aragón and a true local gem. Its guirlache is simply outstanding.



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Luna de Aragón (Turkish)

📍 Conde de Aranda, 17 | NO ALCOHOL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €

A popular spot for casual dining in Zaragoza, known for its bright, spacious interior and central location. It serves Turkish-style dishes like kebabs, dürüms and lahmacun, with chicken, beef or falafel, as well as burgers and combo plates. The corn-fed roast chicken is one of its best-known specialities. **(Capacity for 39 diners)** lunadearagonar.com

Syriana (Middle Eastern)

📍 Mayor, 43

ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | € - €€



Since opening in 2021, this restaurant has become a favourite thanks to its freshly prepared Syrian dishes and its careful attention to detail, from the recipes to the decor and the overall atmosphere. The menu features classics such as grilled meat skewers, warak enab and labna with black sesame and olive oil, bringing the authentic flavours of Syria to Zaragoza. **(Capacity for 180 diners)**



Tetería Los Hermanos (Moroccan)

📍 Conde de Aranda, 92 | NO ALCOHOL TAKE-AWAY | € - €€

This family-run teahouse and restaurant offers a handful of tables and a calm atmosphere. Its menu features traditional dishes at affordable prices, along with a selection of teas and pastries. Tajines are a highlight, and it is also one of the very few places in Aragón where you can try halal paella. **(Capacity for 28 diners)** teteria-los-hermanos.menu-world.com



Tandoori Mahal (Indian)

📍 AV. Gómez Laguna, 43 | ALCOHOL SERVED TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | € - €€

Classic flavours of Pakistan and India in a bright, spacious venue with fresh decor. The menu offers a wide variety of dishes with chicken, beef, lamb, fish and shrimp, as well as vegetarian options. Portions are generous and prices reasonable. The round tables are especially comfortable for small groups. **(Capacity for 80 diners)** restaurantetandoorimahal.es



El Damasquino (Middle Eastern)

📍 San Vicente Mártir, 26 | NO ALCOHOL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY | €

Best known for its handcrafted Syrian-style pastries, this place also offers artisan bread, quality baked goods and savoury options like hummus, chicken and pepper empanadas, and a variety of toasts. Open from breakfast until late in the evening, everything can be enjoyed on site or taken away. **(Capacity for 12 diners)** pasteleriaeldamasquino.es

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Al-Andalus Grand Route

DISTANCE FROM ZARAGOZA: 🚗 55 min | 🚆 51 min



Follow this 300-km route across Aragon's three provinces to explore its Andalusí legacy, with key stops in Huesca, Zaragoza, Calatayud, Daroca (shown above) and Albarracín. Discover fortifications, historic quarters and Mudejar monuments that still shape the region today.

DON'T MISS: Six UNESCO-listed treasures in Zaragoza and Calatayud and its surrounding area, all of them stunning examples of Mudéjar art / The charming Daroca, known for its impressive medieval walls, gates and quiet historic streets.



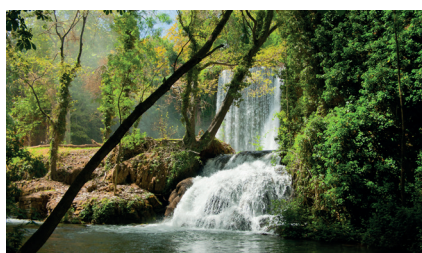
Albarracín

DISTANCE FROM ZARAGOZA: 🚗 2 hrs

It is one of the most striking villages in Aragón and Spain, with medieval houses as captivating as its history as a small Islamic taifa in the 11th century. The Andador Tower, the distinctive reddish plaster of the buildings, and the remains of the citadel are lasting traces of its Andalusí past.

DON'T MISS: Santiago Street and the Casa de la Julianeta, the most photographed house in the village / Plaza Mayor Square, the heart of Albarracín's daily life.

www.guiaalbarracin.es



Monasterio de Piedra

DISTANCE: 🚗 90 min

You'll be surprised by this natural park in the province of Zaragoza, with rock formations shaped by the River Piedra, waterfalls, lakes and caves along an easy walking route. Its name comes from the nearby monastery, built on the site of an earlier Islamic fortress.

DON'T MISS: The Cola de Caballo ("Horse Tail") waterfall, the park's highest and most iconic sight / The Mirror Lake (Lago del Espejo), where lush vegetation and water reflections create a magical atmosphere / In season, a birds-of-prey show that adds an extra highlight for families.

www.monasteriodepedra.com



Aragonese Pyrenees

DISTANCE: 🚗 2 hrs

This is one of the wildest and best-preserved mountain regions in Spain, with peaks, valleys, rivers, national parks and scenic landscapes. The Aragonese Pyrenees also offer plenty of family-friendly activities all year round, from hiking and cycling to skiing and winter fun in the snow. Even building igloos!

DON'T MISS: Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park, famous for its deep canyons, waterfalls and high cliffs / Charming mountain villages such as Aínsa, Ansó, Hecho and Benasque.

www.turismodearagon.com



Mudejar Teruel

DISTANCE: 🚗 1h 50 min | 🚆 3 hrs

Teruel stands as one of the great centres of Mudejar art, where brick towers and churches combine Islamic decorative traditions with Western styles. Geometric patterns, glazed tiles and wooden ceilings define this art, with four monuments recognised by UNESCO, including its cathedral (shown above).

DON'T MISS: The stunning towers of San Pedro, San Martín and San Salvador / The Cathedral of Santa María de Mediavilla, one of the only two cathedrals in Spain built in the Mudejar style.

turismo.teruel.es



Beyond its rich Andalusí legacy,
Aragon reveals striking nature that captivates.

Scenic spot in the Monasterio de Piedra park, Nuévalos (Zaragoza).

Al-Andalus

BEYOND THE CLASSIC ICONS

Expand your experience of Spain by discovering places where the Andalusí legacy is still deeply present, off the beaten path. Destinations such as Soria, Extremadura, the Balearic Islands, or Ceuta and Melilla offer just that.



Ceuta & Melilla, from the African side

Experience a **unique perspective** where Spain meets Africa

These autonomous Spanish cities located on the northern coast of Africa have long been a crossroads between Europe and the Islamic world of the Maghreb. Both were deeply shaped by centuries of Islamic presence. Ceuta was part of successive Muslim polities for over 700 years, while Melilla became an important stronghold connected at different times to the Caliphate of Cordoba and later dynasties. Vestiges of this past remain visible today in their historic quarters, defensive walls and archaeological remains.

Ceuta and Melilla offer a distinctive way to experience the Islamic legacy, revealing how its culture, architecture and traditions extended across the Mediterranean and continued to shape societies on both sides.

MORE INFO: www.turismodeceuta.com y www.melillaturismo.com

ISLAMIC LEGACY. Left: statue of the renowned cartographer Al-Idrisi in Ceuta, his birthplace. Right: view of the coast of Ceuta.





OTHER ATTRACTIONS



Alcudia

Named after the Arabic al-Qūdiya (“the hill”), this beautiful town in northeastern Mallorca began as a Muslim settlement. It still preserves its medieval walls and gates, built after the Christian conquest.



Almudaina Palace

Built in the 10th century as the residence of the Muslim governors of Madina Mayurqa (today’s Palma de Mallorca), this palace is now used as the Spanish royal family’s summer holiday residence.



Drassana Arch

Dating back to the 10th century, this arch located in Palma once marked the seaward gateway to the palace and shipyards of Madina Mayurqa, a reminder of the city’s maritime past and power.

Balearic Islands, Mediterranean gems

Explore the traces of the Andalusí past in **Mallorca** and **Ibiza**

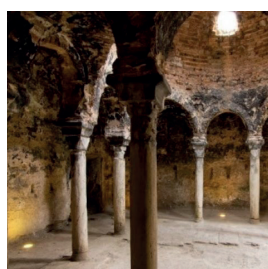
Mallorca and Ibiza are quintessential Mediterranean destinations, known for their sun-drenched beaches, crystalline waters, sailing and relaxed island lifestyle. But beyond the classic appeal that has made them two of Spain’s most sought-after destinations, both islands preserve important traces of their Islamic past, having formed part of Al-Andalus for more than three centuries.

In Mallorca, Palma – the island’s main city – was once Madina Mayurqa, refounded by the Muslims and a key Mediterranean centre during the Andalusí period. Today, over 80 % of its old town still follows the medieval layout established then. In Ibiza, the legacy of Madina Yabisa can be explored at the Centre for the Interpretation of the island’s Islamic past. Together, Mallorca and Ibiza offer a unique blend of sea, culture and history for travelers seeking both the Mediterranean and the living traces of Al-Andalus.

MORE INFO: www.illesbalears.travel

TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY THERE

The Arab Baths are Palma’s main Islamic monument and a fine example of the Andalusí mastery of water still visible across the island.





Soria, frontier along the River Duero

Discover the **striking Islamic legacy** of this singular province in the Castilla y León region



Soria is one of the nine provinces of the Castilla y León region. It is located about two hours northwest of Madrid. Due to its strategic position along the natural border formed by the Duero River, it played a very important defensive role during the period of Al-Andalus. In its struggle with the Christian kingdoms of the north, Al-Andalus established in this area what was known as its Middle March, or Middle Frontier.

As a result, important defensive enclaves, castles, watchtowers, and fortified towns were built around the Duero River and Soria, including Gormaz, Calatañazor, Ágreda, Almazán, Osma, and Medinaceli. Rich in history and charm, they have endured to the present day.

A reflection of the multicultural society that flourished here, you will find an extraordinary legacy of Al-Andalus that is sure to surprise you: the largest caliphal fortress on the Iberian Peninsula, numerous castles and defensive towers, churches with Islamic elements, orchards still cultivated as they were in Andalusí times, and more. **MORE INFO:** soriaandalusi.com



TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY

San Baudelio, a unique hermitage used for Christian worship under Muslim rule, with Arabic inscriptions and a central column shaped like a palm tree.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



Medinaceli

This beautiful town played a key role in the defence of Al-Andalus between the 10th and 12th centuries, and remains linked to the legendary figure of Al-Mansur.



Gormaz Castle

The largest Andalusí fortress on the Iberian Peninsula, with a perimeter of 1,200 meters and 28 towers. It was built in the 2nd half of the 10th century.



Ágreda

One of the oldest surviving Andalusí medinas in Spain, preserving important Islamic remains: the caliphal gate, walls, the 'Morera' and the Arab orchards.



Extremadura, the hidden gem

Its two provinces, **Cáceres** and **Badajoz**, were key part of Gharb Al-Andalus, its western lands



Q uiet and open, Extremadura lies in western Spain along the border with Portugal, formed by two provinces – Cáceres and Badajoz – both deeply shaped by their Islamic past. During the time of Al-Andalus, this region became an important western frontier, marked by medinas, fortresses and walled towns.

Badajoz was founded in the 9th century by Ibn Marwān as an Islamic medina and later became an important centre under the Caliphate of Córdoba. Its vast alcazaba, one of the oldest and largest in the Iberian Peninsula, remains its most striking landmark.

In Cáceres, the imposing Almohad walls, with more than 15 surviving towers – the one of Bujaco being the most famous – once protected the medina. Also remaining are the underground cistern (aljibe) and the 12th-century Casa Yusuf al-Burch. The remarkably preserved medieval atmosphere of the old town, together with its extraordinary blend of styles, has earned Cáceres its place on the World Heritage list. **MORE INFO:** www.spain.info



TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY

From top to bottom and left to right: the Andalusi cistern and the Bujaco Tower in Cáceres; the walls of Badajoz next to the statue of its founder, Ibn Marwān.



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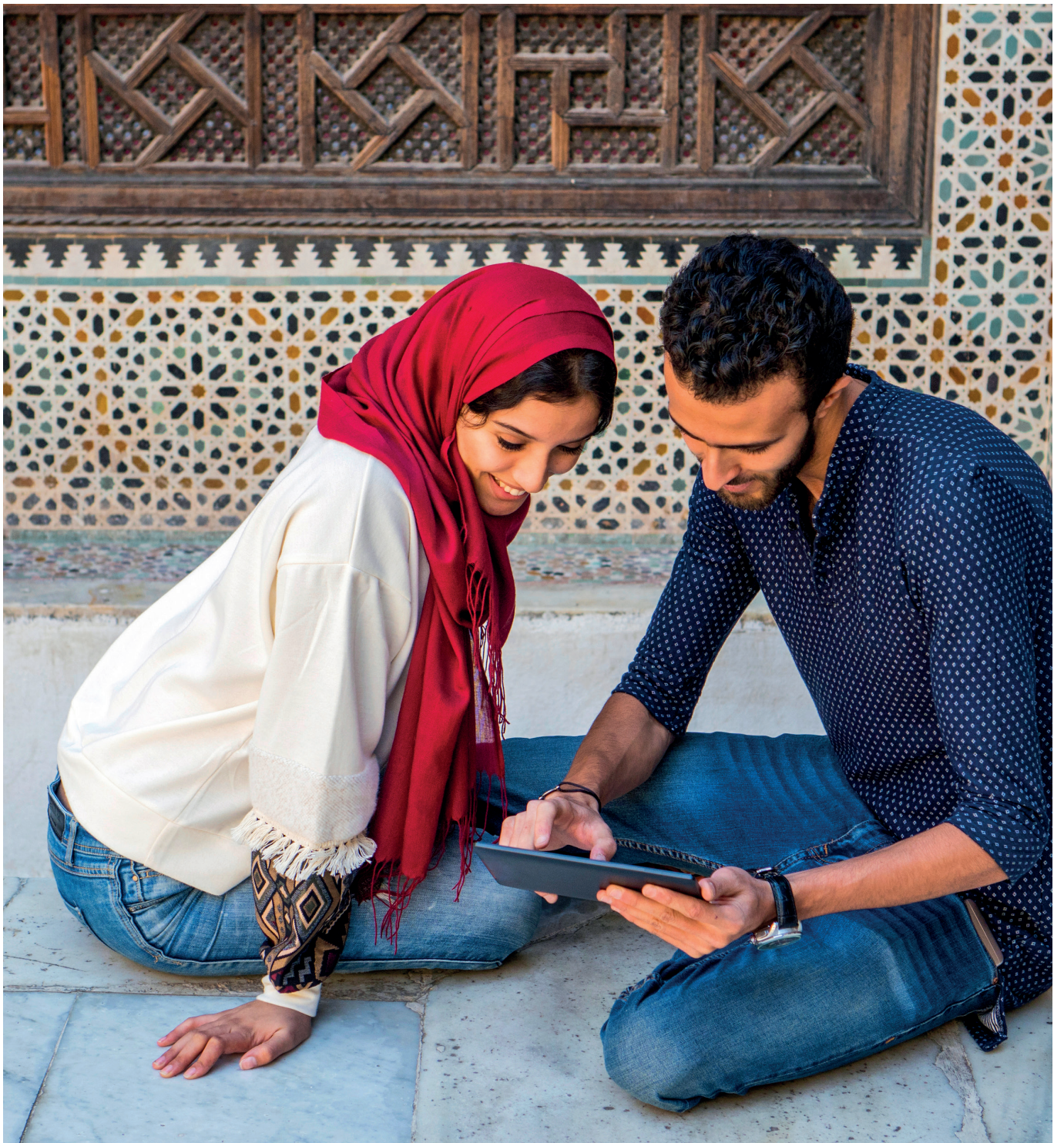
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Itineraries

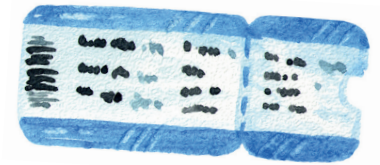
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From north to south, east to west. Cities or villages, coast or countryside, history, nature, gastronomy or shopping... and why not all at once? Find your way to experience this wonderful country through the following journeys.





Essential Al-Andalus (7 days)



A compact yet complete journey through the former capitals of Al-Andalus — **Cordoba**, **Granada** and **Seville** — as well as **Toledo** and **Madrid**, covering all their iconic landmarks.

DAY 1 # MADRID

Begin by discovering Madrid's most iconic sights, all within easy walking distance: Plaza Mayor, Sol, the Austrias district, Gran Vía, Plaza de Cibeles, Puerta de Alcalá...

DAY 2 # MADRID-TOLEDO-MADRID

Guided visit to the Royal Palace and its surroundings, home to the Islamic origins of Madrid, followed by an afternoon excursion to Toledo, one of the key cities of Al-Andalus.

DAY 3 # MADRID-CORDOBA

Just two hours by high-speed train are enough to reach Cordoba. This gives you plenty of time to explore the Great Mosque and its surroundings, the ancient Qurtubah.

DAY 4 # CORDOBA-GRANADA

Enjoy a few more hours in Cordoba before heading to Granada (2 hours by road and slightly less by train). Start exploring the city centre and soaking in its atmosphere.

DAY 5 # GRANADA

In the morning (or afternoon, as you prefer), visit the Alhambra (around 3 hours). Spend the rest of the day exploring the Albaicín, its viewpoints and the Great Mosque.

DAY 6 # GRANADA-SEVILLE

Head to Seville (around 2.5 hours). There, the Giralda, the Royal Alcázar, the Santa Cruz quarter, Plaza de España and the Guadalquivir River await — all easily explored on foot.

DAY 7 # SEVILLE-MADRID

You can still enjoy a few more hours in Seville (you'll love it!) before returning to Madrid (2h50 by train). And to wrap up the trip, how about some shopping in the capital?

A COUPLE MORE DAYS?

Ideas to keep exploring

- Take more time to explore the **Andalusian capitals** (Seville, Cordoba and Granada) at a relaxed pace. You won't regret it.
- Add **Malaga** and the **Costa del Sol** to your itinerary. Enjoy the sea and its gastronomy.
- From Seville to Madrid, extend your route via **Extremadura**. Don't miss **Caceres**.
- Dedicate a full day to **Toledo** and add an extra day trip from Madrid — for example, to **Segovia**. You'll love it!



Spain highlights along the mediterranean coast (9 days)

A journey combining two of Spain's most distinctive appeals: **its Andalusí heritage and the Mediterranean spirit**, with the vibrant energy of three great cities: **Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia**.



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Head to Seville (1 h. by train, 1.5 h. by car). The Giralda, the Royal Alcázar, the Santa Cruz quarter, Plaza de España and the Guadalquivir River await — all easily explored on foot.

DAY 5 # SEVILLE-GRANADA

Continue to Granada, the last Muslim kingdom of Al-Andalus (around 2.5 hours by train or car). Start exploring the city centre and soaking in its atmosphere.

DAY 6 # GRANADA

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DAY 7 # GRANADA > VALENCIA

Just over 500 kilometres separate you from Valencia by road (there is no direct train). Elx / Elche and Alicante are two worthwhile stops along the way. Begin enjoying Valencia.

DAY 8 # VALENCIA-BARCELONA

You'll need around 3h40 by road to reach Barcelona, and slightly less by train. Today, you can choose to spend some more time in Valencia or head straight to the Catalan capital.

DAY 9 # BARCELONA

Gaudí's city truly deserves more than a day... but the Sagrada Família, Park Güell, Passeig de Gràcia, Las Ramblas and the seafront promenade should not be missed on your visit.

A COUPLE MORE DAYS?

Ideas to keep exploring

- Explore the **charming towns** of the Valencia Region (Elche, Morella, Peñíscola, Altea).
- Take a break along the way and enjoy **some time at the beach**, either in the Valencia Region or in Catalonia.
- Choose some of the many interesting day trips available from **Barcelona**.
- Take more time to explore the **Andalusian capitals** (Sevilla, Cordoba and Granada) at a relaxed pace. You won't regret it.



The beauty of the Mediterranean and water sports are two of Spain's main attractions.

Boats in Port Vell, Barcelona's old harbour, a perfect place for a stroll.

Spain highlights via Aragon (10 days)



A journey combining Spain's two great cities, **Madrid** and **Barcelona**, with the discovery of Al-Andalus heritage in Andalusia and beyond, including **Toledo** and the **Aragon region**.



DAY 1 # BARCELONA

Gaudí's city offers plenty of highlights, from his iconic masterpieces to Las Ramblas, the Gothic Quarter and the seafront promenade, all essential to any visit.

DAY 2 # BARCELONA

After covering the essentials, round off your stay with some shopping, a cable car ride to Montjuïc, a sailing experience along the coast... There are plenty of options!

DAY 3 # BARCELONA-ZARAGOZA

Just over 1.5 h. by high-speed train (around 3 h. by road) will take you to Zaragoza. There, the Islamic palace of the Aljafería and several outstanding Mudéjar landmarks await.

DAY 4 # ZARAGOZA-CALATAYUD-MADRID

Reaching Madrid takes around 1.5 hours by train and roughly twice that by road. You can stop in Calatayud, a town with an interesting Andalusí and Mudejar heritage.

DAY 5 # MADRID

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DAY 6 # MADRID-TOLEDO-CORDOBA

Just 70 km from Madrid lies Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage city with a striking Islamic heritage. You can spend half a day there before continuing on to Cordoba.

DAY 7 # CORDOBA-SEVILLE

Today brings one of the tour's highlights: Córdoba's Great Mosque. Allow half a day to explore the ancient medina before heading on to Seville (around 1-1.5 hours).

DAY 8 # SEVILLE-GRANADA

Today, the Giralda, the Royal Alcázar, the Santa Cruz quarter, Plaza de España and the Guadalquivir River await. Then, travel on to Granada (around 2.5 hours by train or car).

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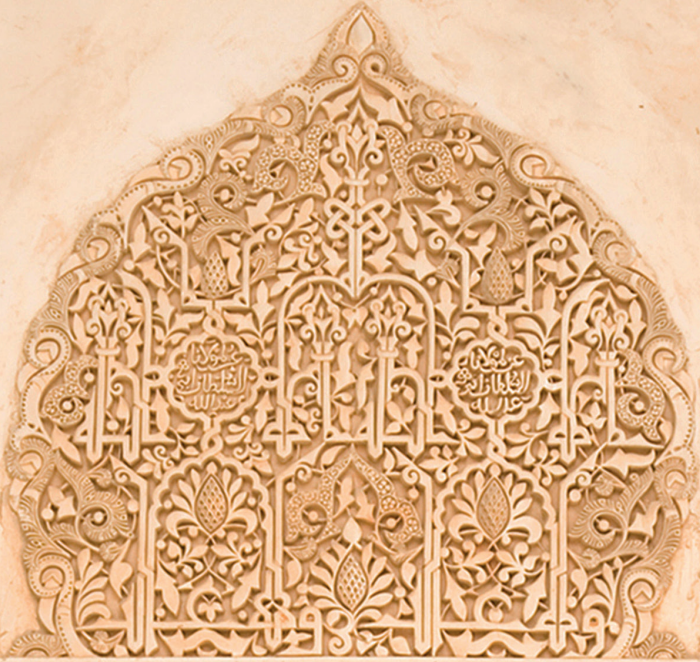
DAY 10 # GRANADA-MADRID

Return to Madrid, which will take between 3.5 and 5 hours depending on the route and means of transport chosen. To round off the trip, how about some shopping in the capital?

A COUPLE MORE DAYS?

Ideas to keep exploring

- Explore the **beautiful towns** of Catalan coast.
- Broaden your exploration of Aragon by including towns in **Zaragoza or Teruel**.
- Add some day trips from **Madrid**.



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