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# Cities

Boutique river cruises & elegant rail journeys



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Hotel plus private transfers

Hotel plus car hire

Hotel only

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Expert team with detailed knowledge of our hotels

We can book interconnecting, family-style, specially-adapted, and ultra-luxury rooms and suites

Long standing relationships with hoteliers, airlines, car hire and transfer companies

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We're 100% bonded and licensed so your money is safe

Excellent value holidays -  
Price Promise guaranteed



## Luxury cities; river cruising & rail

Celebrating more than 30 years of personalising holidays, we're delighted to introduce boutique river cruising. Travelling along some of the most beautiful waterways of Europe, Uniworld cruises are renowned for their unsurpassed luxury and we believe these small ships, each hosting fewer than 150 guests, will be loved by Classic customers. Also, we're including some new cities which we think you'll like and, in

addition to the iconic Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, we're featuring elegant rail itineraries on the distinguished Al Andalus train.

Enjoy!

*Nick Wunders*

Managing Director

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### Our price promise to you

In the unlikely event that you find a more competitive price at the time of booking, we guarantee to match the price, and offer an additional £10 per adult saving. See page 129.

Contact us  
**freephone 0800 008 7288 or 0800 820 3113**

**We are open every day until 10pm**  
Monday to Saturday 9am-10pm & Sunday 10am-10pm



## We'll take care of every detail

We are proud to be a leading specialist holiday company providing personalised luxury hotel holidays to a wide range of sophisticated destinations and, in showcasing our most popular cities together with some new-to Classic favourites, we're sure you'll find a perfect city to suit your own special occasion.

### Why choose us?

Classic customers expect excellence and, from the moment that you contact us, you'll feel confident that we offer a professional, friendly and flexible service. Established in 1988, we enjoy a truly unique relationship with our UK travel agent partners, our overseas agents, and the top hoteliers in each of our chosen resorts and we're delighted to bring you a fantastic selection of top city hotels which have been specifically selected for their location, sophistication and superb service. Here at Classic, we have the time and the know-how to plan your holiday with the minimum of fuss and you can rest assured that you'll enjoy the highest levels of service plus 100% financial protection when you travel with us.

### City hotel rooms

Given the limitation of space in some cities, most notably Paris, Amsterdam and Venice, guest rooms, even superior rooms and suites tend to be compact and views from many rooms may be towards internal courtyards or adjoining buildings. To make the most of your time away, and to ensure more space or better views, you might like to think about upgrading, and we're happy to discuss the various prices and features of rooms, junior suites and suites, even Ambassador and Presidential suites, when available!

### Seasonal demand

Please note that not all hotel facilities are complimentary and some may be subject to seasonal demand so do let us know what is important to you so that we can check before you book.

### Private transfers

We automatically include private transfers for the journey between the airport or railway station and your hotel and, although these occasionally may be operated by public taxi or minibus, they are always booked for your own private use. Please advise us as soon as possible about any specific transfer requirements, such as an upgrade or specially adapted vehicle.

### Finding your way around

We're pleased to include a complimentary map or mini travel guide booklet with your travel pack although we'd highly recommend doing a coach or private tour to familiarise yourself on your first visit.

### Eating out

City hotels are normally booked on a bed and breakfast basis although half board may be available if you prefer. However, we'd definitely recommend trying some of the local restaurants for authenticity whilst you're away. The hotel concierge will always be a font of local knowledge but if you want some recommendations before you go, our UK concierge team is on hand to help.

### Award-winning service

Visits to cities can be fantastic cultural experiences and to make the most out of your Classic trip we've highlighted what we consider to be the 'must dos' in each of our featured cities. We've also showcased some three day itineraries to give you an idea of how best to spend your time away; especially useful on your first visit. Before you travel, our UK concierge team can recommend and assist with booking restaurants, private excursions, concerts, opera and theatre tickets and, once you arrive on holiday, you can contact our representatives or use the superb hotel concierge services to help you make the most of your time away.

### Our resort service

Our overseas staff are delighted to share the love of their resorts and cities and their considerable local knowledge. However, Classic customers do tend to be fairly well-seasoned travellers and consequently our resort representation is discreet and unobtrusive and most is carried out by telephone. We generally endeavour to contact you at the beginning of your stay to give advice about local sights and activities, and you'll be given a 24-hour contact number for further assistance.

### Awards & ratings

For the past decade, we've been the lucky recipients of most major travel industry accolades and our reception area is filled with awards and framed certificates! But, more importantly, from our holiday questionnaire feedback, we're able to show percentage ratings according to how highly our customers ranked their experience, and this is shown under each hotel description.

### Your opinion counts

We're very keen that all our customers complete these questionnaires and additionally, we'd love you to write a testimonial on the feedback section on our website so that others can share your favourite Classic experiences. Most of us choose our holiday destination, resort and hotel because of recommendations from friends, family and colleagues because we trust their opinion and judgement; and because everyone values the opinions of other like-minded travellers, it's really beneficial to us to have original, authentic comments on our website for everyone to enjoy.

### Classic Ambassadors

We enjoy a very high satisfaction rating. Around 98% of our customers state on their questionnaires that they'll travel with us again and will recommend us to their friends and family. This is important to us as we rely on loyal customers returning and referring us to their friends. We'd love you to be an ambassador and, if you've already travelled with us and, on your recommendation, your friends or family book a Classic holiday, simply contact us with the relevant booking details. As a thank you for being a Classic Ambassador, we'll send both you and your friends a complimentary bottle of champagne, either directly to you, or via your travel agent.

### Loyalty reward

To reward loyal customers, we offer a £40 per booking discount when you book your next holiday. This amount doubles to £80 per booking when you travel to the same Classic hotel within a year, if your hotel is participating in our hotel loyalty scheme. Simply let your travel agent or our reservations team have the details of your previous Classic holiday when you next book.

### How to book

Our website is informative and inspirational but to gain the most from our personalised holiday service, and because such a high level of expertise isn't available online, we prefer to chat to you or your travel agent about your holiday requirements. Our website offers the facility to order a brochure, request a holiday quotation and contact us via LiveChat, but we really want you to call our friendly reservations team so they can help you book the best holiday at the right price. And, so that it doesn't cost you anything to call, our freephone numbers are manned until 10pm every evening.

### And for 2021?

Please let us know about additional cities that you'd like us to include next year. You can feedback on our website or on our holiday questionnaires, or simply give us a call!

### Accessibility

We have a specialist team experienced in helping with specific holiday needs whether due to restricted mobility or a hidden disability. The team are available for advice and guidance and are happy to contact our overseas managers and hoteliers with regards to professional pool equipment, accessibility requirements and the overall suitability of resorts and hotels. Do also let us know if you need travel assistance at airports or with resort transfers so that we can do our utmost to ensure your journey, as well as your holiday, can run as seamlessly as possible.

### Classic value

We visit each of our destinations to ensure that we only feature the highest quality properties, and this gives us the opportunity to enjoy great personal relationships which in turn allows us to negotiate the very best offers. These may be in the form of early booking offers, complimentary room or board upgrades or special seasonal rates. We do continue to negotiate after the brochures are published so it's worth giving us a call. Plus, of course, there's our price promise which ensures that we'll match competitors' prices although there is some small print detail regarding this promise in our booking conditions.





### When to visit

Cities are great year round destinations, but as some features and attractions may be seasonal, please do discuss specific requirements that are important to your holiday enjoyment at the time you book.

### Christmas markets

During November and December many European cities hosts traditional Christmas markets including Salzburg and Vienna in Austria, Lucerne and Zurich in Switzerland, Prague in the Czech Republic and Budapest in Hungary.

### Last minute bookings

Owing to the individual character and popularity of many of our properties, all the best rooms and suites do tend to get booked well in advance although, if you are looking for a last minute short break or holiday, do give us a call to see what's available.

### New hotels

Every year our customers are keen to find out what's new. If we're featuring a property for the first time, we've highlighted this beside its star rating. The term 'new' may mean that the hotel is a newly opened hotel, or re-introduced, or featured by us for the very first time.

### Celebrations & romance

All our city hotels are suitably luxurious and they provide the perfect venue to celebrate a landmark anniversary, a milestone birthday or even an extravagant proposal. Call Classic concierge on 0800 008 7289 to book theatre or opera tickets, make restaurant reservations or to help set up a surprise venue or event for an engagement, anniversary or birthday celebration.

### Honeymooners

Honeymooners will of course be treated royally wherever they choose to stay and many of our hotels offer flowers and wine and complimentary room upgrades for newlyweds.

### Brochure details & prices

Great care is taken in producing our brochures although it is inevitable that details may change after printing. Our 'from' prices on each hotel page are shown as a guide and we will confirm the current price when you book. Plus, as part of our commitment to high quality service, we will, of course, advise you of any changes to relevant details at this stage. Please note that all holidays and Classic value offers shown in this brochure are subject to availability and all holidays are 100% financially protected under ATOL 5837 and by ABTA W5429.

### AITO

We are proud to be members of the Association of Independent Tour Operators [www.aito.com](http://www.aito.com) which represents many of the UK's leading holiday companies and travel agents. It encourages exceptionally high standards of quality and service and, as members, we agree to abide by AITO's Code of Conduct and adhere to its Quality Charter.

### Travel & health advice

Before you go, you should seek up to date advice from the UK Foreign and Commonwealth office (FCO) [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) about travel to, and within, your chosen destination, noting the importance of regularly checking for the latest information. With regards to vaccinations and health advice, you should check with your GP surgery or [www.travelhealthpro.org.uk](http://www.travelhealthpro.org.uk) for specific recommendations.





## The best of both worlds Flexible two centre luxury holidays

At Classic, we personalise every holiday and it's easy for us to combine cultural stays in the city with relaxing days in the sun by the sea or in the countryside. And, if you like super sumptuous luxurious travel, we've some 7 night boutique river cruising options and fantastic rail journeys on Spain's Al Andalus or the world-renowned Venice Simplon-Orient-Express.

### Expertise & flexibility

Here at Classic, as we individually tailor every trip, we can offer flights out with one airline and back on another. We can even organise flights out from one UK airport, returning to different one, or alternatively we'll book one-way flights with trains for the other leg of your journey. Here are a few ideas, but simply advise us, or your travel agent, and we'll use our expertise to put together an itinerary to suit you.

### Lisbon & the Atlantic coast

Discover the sea-faring history of elegant Lisbon before relaxing in delightful Cascais on the magical Estoril Coast area of Portugal's Atlantic shoreline.

### Italian culture & romance

Combine cultural Florence with relaxation in the beautiful Tuscan countryside, or try a few days of extraordinary shopping in fashionable Milan followed by peaceful tranquillity around Lakes Maggiore, Como or Garda, or wonder at the Eternal sights of Rome before indulging in the romance of the Amalfi Coast.

### Croatia & beyond

After spending a few days in historic Dubrovnik, move north to a delightful coastal resort on the Makarska Riviera or head south across the border to Montenegro. Alternatively, combine Dubrovnik with a relaxing stay on the traffic-free island of Lopud; less than an hour away by ferry.

### The magic of Morocco

Combine the delights of Riad-living and bustling medina-life in magical Marrakech before retreating to the High Atlas or, alternatively, head west to Essaouira and its magnificent windswept Atlantic coastline.

### Cities & river cruising

Fly to Amsterdam, Budapest, Vienna, Venice, Paris or Porto to enjoy a few days before embarking on a week's all inclusive boutique river cruising experience hosted by our partner, Uniworld. Whether you're interested in art, history, music, architecture, gastronomy or viniculture; we're pretty sure you'll love the luxury of these fantastic 'floating hotels'.



## Venice Simplon-Orient-Express

The legendary Venice Simplon-Orient-Express offers an overnight travel experience unlike any other. As you board you step back into a more gracious, elegant age where your personal cabin steward attends to your every comfort and will show you to your private cabin boasting gleaming wood marquetry, polished brass, soft towels and crisp linen.

### Luxurious surroundings

An enchanting journey aboard one of the most iconic luxury trains in Europe promises peerless service, delectable cuisine and fine wines served in elegant dining carriages, a Bar Car with a glamorous art deco ambiance providing the perfect setting for sipping cocktails, and beautifully restored vintage cabins acting as your very own private lounge during the day. The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express operates on the Continent every year between mid-March to mid-November. It's a delightful way to travel at any time during this season and, in addition to the classic London to Venice route, there is a choice of departures from London to Verona, with limited departures to Berlin, as well as journeys from Budapest, Prague and Vienna to London.

### Wining & dining

Dining on board is divine. For guests who begin their journey in London, you will board the art deco carriages of its sister train, Belmond British Pullman, for a silver service brunch as the train makes its way to Folkestone. Once on board the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express from Calais you'll no doubt wish to sample an aperitif in Bar Car '3674', before making your way to one of the three magnificent restaurant cars where you will be served a four-course evening meal prepared by one of the skilled French chefs. Softly muted lighting enhances the relaxed mood, and fine linen, sparkling silverware and superb crystal set the scene for an experience to remember. The following morning a continental breakfast will be served in your cabin and later a delightful three-course lunch.

### Your cabin

Your beautifully restored 1920's cabin provides a restful retreat offering panoramic views of ever changing landscapes as you travel through the Swiss, Austrian and Italian Alps. A choice of accommodation includes single cabins, cosy twin cabins comprising an upper and lower berth or interconnecting cabin suites with two luxurious lounges. For something truly unforgettable, upgrade to a Grand Suite offering an added level of luxury with ornate interiors, private shower room, double bed and living area. After enjoying a leisurely breakfast in your cabin, your steward will effortlessly convert your bed into a plush banquette creating your very own private lounge for the daytime.



### A classic journey

The London to Venice itinerary is considered the most classic of journeys and operates from mid-March to mid-November and normally, customers from the UK book the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express from London to Venice and return to the UK by air, but we can of course book this most luxurious of trains as a return journey, London-Venice-London. Or, you may prefer to start your holiday with a flight to Venice and end your holiday extravagantly by returning to the UK on the train. We can tailor make your holiday to your own personal requirements, simply let us know the dates that you would like to travel and your choice of hotel/s.

### Guide price

A short break to Venice travelling overnight from London to Venice on the train, staying in Palazzo Giovanelli (page 63) for 3 nights and returning by air to London costs from £3,123 per person in March, based on two adults sharing a twin cabin on the train.

### Opera lovers

As the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express stops in Verona shortly before its arrival in Venice you can alight here to enjoy three days in this historic city and the world-famous operas in the Arena di Verona. As a guide, a short four-night break to Verona travelling overnight from London to Verona on the train, staying in Il Sogno di Giulietta (page 65) for 3 nights and returning by air to London costs from £3,018 per person in March, based on two adults sharing a twin cabin on the train.

### The City of Waltzes

Another fabulous treat is to enjoy the luxury of an overnight Venice Simplon-Orient-Express journey between Venice and Vienna (depart 2pm, arrive 9.36am the next day) or from Vienna to London (depart 2.04pm, arrive 6pm the next day). These exclusive journeys in May, September and October are limited to just three a year; please contact us for dates and prices.

## Itinerary

### London-Venice

Depart London mid-morning on either a Thursday or Sunday aboard the Belmond British Pullman and arrive in Venice in the late afternoon the next day (either Friday or Monday). Trains are scheduled to depart from London Victoria station at 10am, and arrive at 6.25pm the following day at Santa Lucia station in Venice.

As you board the gleaming carriages of the Belmond British Pullman train at London Victoria station, simply sit back and enjoy a silver service brunch and a Bellini cocktail as you make your way to the south coast. On arrival at Folkestone your hostesses escort you onto the coach transfer shuttle service through the Channel Tunnel to France.

Once in France, at Calais Ville, the immaculate carriages of the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train awaits your arrival. After settling comfortably into your private cabin, you have time to relax and then dress for dinner. You can never be overdressed on the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train. For dinner, men are asked to wear a suit and tie and women dress in smart attire, but many guests like to don black tie or evening dress for the occasion. And after dinner when you are eventually ready to retire, you'll be delighted to return to your cabin which will have been transformed into a cosy bedroom by your Cabin Steward.

After a relaxing night, you'll awake to the magnificent scenery of the Swiss Alps as a continental breakfast is served in your cabin at a time to suit you. Spend the morning in the Bar Car chatting to fellow guests over coffee before a leisurely three-course lunch which is served in one of the beautiful restaurant cars. While away the afternoon with a visit to the on board boutique to purchase souvenirs or simply relax in your cabin and admire the passing scenery as the train travels through the Italian Dolomites. Later, afternoon tea is served in your cabin and all too soon it is time to prepare to disembark as the train crosses the Venetian Lagoon and pulls into Venice's Santa Lucia station.

Please note that itinerary details and timings are correct at time of brochure printing, however they may be subject to alteration.





## Al Andalus

The Al Andalus is one of the world's most spacious, comfortable and luxurious tourist trains. Boasting Belle Epoque elegance, its four lounge cars are exquisite railway classics; built between 1928 and 1930. Tours and entry tickets for itinerary items are included and on board there's fantastic detail with regards to décor, technology and excellent service.

We are delighted to be able to offer two fabulous routes aboard the Tren Al Andalus discovering the centre and south of Spain. The Tour of Andalusia is a 7 day (6 night) itinerary starting and ending in Seville and departing on select Mondays during April, May, September and October, and a 6 day (5 night) Extremadura itinerary on limited departures from Seville to Madrid, or Madrid to Seville. The Andalusia tour starts on a Monday morning in Seville and we have included a night's stay prior to embarkation.

### Guide price

Overnight at Hotel Inglaterra followed by 6 nights on Al Andalus, including return flights from London, costs from £3,880 per person in October, based on two adults sharing a twin room or suite on the train.

### Onboard luxury

You can choose between carefully restored, original-style Grand Class rooms, or at a supplement, Deluxe suites, with the latter housed in carriages built in France for use by the British Monarchy when travelling from Calais to the French Riviera. Each compartment is air-conditioned, features private bathroom, mini bar and safe, and, during the day, beds convert to a comfortable banquette from which you can enjoy views of the wonderful, ever changing landscape as the train journeys along. To ensure a comfortable night's sleep, the train will remain parked at a station at night.

### Gastronomy

Dining on board in the beautiful splendour of the dining car is an exquisite experience. A varied a

la carte and buffet breakfast is served on board each morning, with a menu of delectable regional dishes accompanied by wine, water, soft drinks and coffee for lunch and dinner, served either on board when travelling between destinations, or enjoyed in a first class local restaurant when sightseeing. A farewell gala dinner is served on the last night.

### Life on board

You can choose to make the most of your comfortable compartment travelling between destinations, or head for the bar car to share the company of fellow passengers. Each night after dinner there are various live performances, or if you prefer, a quiet drink in one of the saloon cars, or go for a stroll in the town where the train has stopped for the night.



## Two routes: Tour of Andalucia & Extremadura Tour

The Tour of Andalucia starts and ends in Seville with an itinerary (shown on the right) that includes some of the most renowned cities in southern Spain. Alternatively, the lesser known region between Seville to Madrid is explored on the Extremadura Tour which stops in Zafra, Merida, Caceres, Toledo and Aranjuez. As space is limited on these pages, please see our website or contact us for further details for both itineraries.

### Seville

Andalucia's capital, Seville provides a mesmerising home to remarkable historic buildings including the magnificent Alcazar Palace originally built in the 9th century, the awe-inspiring and world's largest Gothic cathedral housing an astounding collection of precious paintings and sculptures, and the city's iconic 104m high La Giralda bell tower.



### Ronda

In a breathtaking location high above El Tajo de Ronda gorge and Guadalevin River, the beautiful town of Ronda is closely associated with bullfighting, Orson Wells and author Ernest Hemingway. Its old and new town centres are linked by the Puente Nuevo bridge dramatically straddling the deep gorge.

### Granada

An alluring and enthralling city, Granada boasts one of Europe's finest treasures, the Alhambra. Once the seat of the city's Nasrid emirs, this fortified palace complex together with the splendid gardens of the Generalife is one of the most visited attractions in Spain.

### Cordoba

Charming Cordoba is home to the Mezquita, arguably the most beautiful and grandest mosque ever built by the Moors in Spain, featuring stunning archways, a 54m bell tower and a courtyard of fountains, palms, cypress and olive trees as well as a cathedral added in the 16th century.



## Tour of Andalucia on board Al Andalus

*7 days (6 nights): starts & ends in Seville*

### Day 1 Seville to Jerez

Rendezvous at 10.30am in Seville and, whilst the crew transfers your luggage, there's free time to discover this historic city. After lunch, there's a sightseeing tour before you board Al Andalus and, once you're settled in, dinner is served as the train departs for Jerez.

### Day 2 Jerez

Every day on the train begins with a delicious breakfast. Today, this is followed by a visit to a wine cellar in Jerez and, before lunch, there's a horse show at the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art. After lunch, enjoy a stroll around Sanlucar de Barrameda, before boarding a luxury coach to Jerez de la Frontera, one of Andalucia's most iconic cities. Dinner and overnight in Jerez.

### Day 3 Jerez via Cadiz to Ronda

Travel by coach to one of Europe's oldest cities, Cadiz. Colloquially known as 'Small Silver Cup' there's a tour and free time to discover this charming city. Enjoy lunch on board as you journey to your next destination, Ronda, where you'll enjoy dinner and an overnight stay.

### Day 4 Ronda to Granada

After breakfast, there's a tour around Ronda, excitingly set high above the deep Tajo de Ronda Gorge. Enjoy free time before lunch, then re-join the train and head towards the foothills of the Sierra Nevada. Dinner and overnight in Granada.

### Day 5 Granada

After a morning tour of the world-famous Alhambra Palace learning about the Kingdom's Nasrid Rulers there's lunch and time to explore this beautiful city which is especially magical at dusk. Dinner and overnight in Granada.

### Day 6 Granada via Linares-Baeza to Cordoba

Over breakfast and during the morning, the train journeys to Linares-Baeza where you'll join a coach to visit two UNESCO World Heritage Sites; the Renaissance towns of Ubéda and Baeza. After lunch, it's back on the train to head to Cordoba where you'll enjoy dinner and an overnight.

### Day 7 Cordoba to Seville

Sadly it's your last day. After breakfast on board, there's the opportunity to visit the medieval caliphate of Al Andalus; one of the largest, most opulent cities in Western Europe. Back on the train, lunch is served as you journey back to Seville where you'll end your Andalusian rail adventure.

You'll be glad to know that the Al Andalus train is always stationary overnight so you can enjoy a good night's sleep! On your first day in Seville, although you can board earlier, your room or suite may not be available until 6pm and, whilst on the final day you are welcome to stay on board to enjoy the facilities, the staff kindly ask that you vacate your room or suite by midday. All excursions, guided tours and relevant tickets and entrance fees for items mentioned are included in the Tour of Andalucia holiday price. For operational reasons, the Tour of Andalucia itinerary may be subject to change, but we'll endeavour to let you know beforehand wherever possible.



## Luxury all inclusive Boutique River Cruising by Uniworld

We are delighted to be able to offer a fabulous choice of luxury boutique river cruises along the Danube, Rhine, Seine, Po and Douro in partnership with award winning cruise operator Uniworld. Our flexible travel arrangements offer the possibility to add a stay at any of our featured hotels both before and after your cruise.

### Uniworld

Award-winning Uniworld draws on decades of expertise in the luxury cruise world and is acknowledged by the industry as the best river cruise company. They offer unsurpassed luxury, matchless service and exquisite, one-of-a-kind ships, akin to five-star boutique hotels, fascinating itineraries and an outstanding range of included onboard and onshore experiences, adventures and activities.

### Flight, trains & transfers

In addition to offering flights from UK regional airports, for Paris we can also arrange travel by Eurostar, or for the ultimate in stylish travel to Venice, the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express. You will be greeted on arrival at the airport or railway station and escorted to your ship for the start of your adventure.

### The rivers

#### The Rhine

Marvel at hilltop fairytale castles and fortress ruins, splendid cathedrals, vine-clad hillsides, and picturesque villages and beautiful historic towns whilst you follow the remarkable Rhine as it flows through Switzerland, France, Germany and the Netherlands.

#### The Danube

On your journey along a section of the river Danube marvel at the stunning scenery, discover delightful Austrian towns full of musical heritage and charming villages dominated by imposing fortresses, and taste some of the very best wines.

#### The Seine

Starting in Paris and travelling through the Normandy countryside along the river

Seine, this voyage through history will explore the opulence of Versailles, the fascinating past of Rouen and the battles towards the end of WWII with visits to the D-Day landing beaches.

#### The Po

Enjoy history, art and culinary delights on your journey along the Po, Italy's longest river. Starting in Venice experience the highlights of the city and its surrounding islands, and call on picturesque fishing villages and historic towns of Northern Italy.

#### The Douro

Discover the stunningly beautiful UNESCO-designated Douro Valley on a leisurely voyage up the pristine Douro River, travelling from Porto on the Atlantic Ocean to the Spanish border.



### Floating boutique hotels

Each unique ship has its own distinct character reflecting the destination it covers and you can expect the very same high standards found in some of the world's finest boutique hotels with bespoke handcrafted furniture, exclusively made fabrics and lavishly decorated staterooms. Add to this, stunning, original artworks by renowned artists including paintings by Picasso, Hockney, Miro and Opie amongst others, one-of-a-kind ceramic murals by artist Jane du Rand and custom crafted Murano glass pieces by world-renowned Pino Signoretto.

### Exceptional service

Service is outstanding with professionally trained crew and staff that are genuinely passionate about going the extra mile to make your experience one to remember; and additionally for suite stays, in-suite butlers trained to Buckingham Palace standard are also on hand.

### Culinary excellence

From classical to contemporary dishes and healthy eating options to comfort cuisine, dining onboard is a joyful experience, with skilful chefs creating world-class cuisine made from the freshest ingredients, locally sourced from the destinations you visit.

### Elegant staterooms

The lavishly appointed suites and staterooms provide the utmost in comfort. From beds handcrafted by Savoir® of England, purveyor to Europe's finest hotels, to high quality linens, choice of pillows, Italian marble lined bathrooms, toiletries from Asprey or Hermes, plush towels, cosy bathrobes and slippers, every element is designed for the ultimate in comfort.

### Unlimited all inclusive

An unmatched level of all inclusive benefits include an unlimited choice of premium spirits, beers and ales from small, speciality brewers and the finest wines carefully selected by the ship's sommelier and sourced from the best vineyards along the route.

There's an amazing choice of daily included, intimate excursions and exclusive experiences, designed to showcase the authentic culture, sights and activities of the places you'll visit plus entertainment and enrichment such as local musicians, dance performances and lectures by historians are also featured.

Exercise and wellness opportunities are available for those wishing to keep up with their daily fitness regime.

For your convenience, all gratuities both onboard and onshore are included.

Complimentary ship-wide WiFi.

### Your choice of experiences

For a chance to experience the culture, cuisine and attractions of the places visited there is an extraordinary range of exclusively created shore excursions included, with several options for each day of your cruise.

There are guided walking city tours, Village Day adventures for an in-depth look at local life in charming towns and villages, and accompanied countryside hikes and bicycle rides (Nordic walking poles and bicycles provided). There are immersive destination experiences on a Do as the locals do specialty excursions; sit down to a local-inspired dinner, enjoy a wine tasting party in the home of local host or join a cooking class.

In addition, there are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities on the Exclusive Experiences programme with private, after-hour visits, wine tastings, intimate concerts and guided tours of museums with experts, and more – the choice is yours. On selected dates and routes, a Generations programme specially designed for travellers of all ages ideal for the whole family, offers fun-filled activities and cultural activities.

### Masterpiece Collection

In addition to included excursions there is a carefully curated Masterpiece Collection, a series of optional excursions available at an additional charge.



Please note: For the comfort of all passengers, smoking or vaping is not permitted onboard apart from a dedicated area on the sun deck of the ship. All itineraries on the following pages are subject to prevailing operational conditions and may change.



## Luxury all inclusive Boutique River Cruise

### IN BRIEF

- 7 nights cruising
- 20 meals including Captain's welcome and farewell receptions followed by gala dinners
- 12 included excursions
- 1 Exclusive Experience
- 4 UNESCO Heritage Sites
- Luxurious all inclusive service, unlimited premium spirits and wines - see p12-13



Basel

## Castles along the Rhine

Amsterdam, Cologne, Koblenz, Boppard, Rudesheim, Speyer, Strasbourg, Breisach, Basel

### SS Antoinette

Discover the beauty along the Rhine on a luxurious eight-day cruise aboard the 152-guest SS Antoinette. You begin your journey in Amsterdam and then take in the many beautiful castles, ruins and fortresses as you meander along the Rhine River before reaching Basel. This exquisite ship boasts a luxurious décor, original artworks, and in the two-storey foyer the stunning Strauss Baccarat chandelier, once hung in New York's famous Tavern on the Green, sets the

tone. Facilities include the elegant Bar du Leopard with full-service bar, the L'Orangerie Sky Lounge, a restaurant and onboard cinema, plus a Serenity River Spa, fitness centre and a sun deck for relaxing and taking in the views along the route. We also offer this cruise on board the River Queen (Monday departures) and River Empress (Friday departures).



Strasbourg



Antoinette suite



### Amsterdam & Switzerland extensions

Why not combine your cruise with a few days in Amsterdam and the chance to explore Switzerland by rail. For hotels in Amsterdam see pages 24-27, or for hotels in one of our Swiss destinations see pages 42-45 or refer to our Lakes & Mountains brochure.

### CRUISE ITINERARY Amsterdam-Basel (or Basel-Amsterdam)

**Day 1 Sunday** - You will be greeted at the airport and transferred to your ship to settle in.

**Day 2 Monday** - The day will be spent in the largest and oldest city of the Rhineland, Cologne. Join a local expert to discover favourite haunts around the old town and see the magnificent UNESCO-listed cathedral.

**Day 3 Tuesday** - Spend the morning in historic Koblenz on a guided walking tour or scenic bike ride, or visit the still intact 12th century Marksburg Castle, before an amble through the pretty town of Boppard.

**Day 4 Wednesday** - Cruise along the Rhine to charming Rudesheim for wine tasting at Castle Vollrad, or catch the cable car to the Niederwald Monument for a hike down through the vineyards with a local expert.

**Day 5 Thursday** - Choose a guided morning walk through the town of Speyer, or an

exclusive visit to a vinegar estate where amidst candles and choir music you can sample its famous vinegar.

**Day 6 Friday** - Discover the quaint town of Strasbourg with its pretty squares, timber-frame houses and stately homes.

**Day 7 Saturday** - Visit idyllic Kaysersberg with its storybook houses and the remains of a 12th century castle, then through the lush foothills, famous vineyards and quaint villages to Riquewihr, or tour the town of Colmar with its peaceful little canals and cobblestone lanes.

**Day 8 Sunday** - Disembark and transfer to the airport. If you have opted to stay on at one of our luxury city hotels or to extend your holiday with us, a private transfer will be provided.

### Exceptional Experiences

An **Exclusive Experience** to Doktorenhof estate to sample its famous vinegar.

Optional **Masterpiece Collection** Cheese Academy; make, sample and pair with Rheingau wines (additional charge, payable locally).

**Let's Go** hike to Bopparder Hamm vineyard. **Generations Programme** on selected dates offering cruises specially designed for all ages of traveller, ideal for the whole family.

22 Mar-1 Nov  
**7 nights from £2,801-£3,808**

Prices per person based on an all inclusive cruise in a classic stateroom, flights from Gatwick to Amsterdam airport and return from Basel airport to Gatwick and include transfers.

**Stateroom options** Grand suite, suites, deluxe balcony, French balcony and classic

**Transfer times** Amsterdam airport to Amsterdam embarkation approx 30 mins

Basel airport to Basel embarkation approx 20 mins



## Luxury all inclusive Boutique River Cruise

### IN BRIEF

- 7 nights cruising
- 20 meals including Captain's welcome and farewell receptions followed by gala dinners
- 16 included excursions
- 3 Exclusive Experiences
- 4 UNESCO Heritage Sites
- Luxurious all inclusive service, unlimited premium spirits and wines - see p12-13

## Enchanting Danube

Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Wachau Valley, Durnstein, Melk, Linz, Salzburg, Passau

**8 days/7 nights from Budapest (or Passau)**

### SS Maria Theresa

Experience the stunning scenery along the Danube River on a luxurious boutique river cruise on board the luxurious 150-guest SS Maria Theresa. Travelling from Budapest to Passau the cruise showcases the best of Central Europe, visiting four fascinating countries with six days of fully hosted excursions and the opportunity to discover four UNESCO World Heritage sites along the way. Built in the honour of the great Habsburg ruler Maria Theresa, this regal Super

Ship with a sleek contemporary exterior offers opulent 18th century style interior décor, exquisite dining, ultra-luxurious accommodation and an array of thoughtful personal touches amidst an elegant atmosphere. Facilities include a fitness centre, enclosed heated swimming pool and spa, bar, salon, café and restaurant and a cinema room for onboard screenings.



Budapest



Suite



### Budapest & Austria extensions

Enjoy a hotel stay prior to your cruise or extend your holiday with a few days stay at the end. For hotels in Budapest see pages 52-55, Salzburg pages 50-51 and for the Salzkammergut lake district in Austria please refer to our Lakes & Mountains brochure.

### CRUISE ITINERARY Budapest-Passau (or Passau-Budapest)

**Day 1 Sunday** - You will be greeted at the airport and transferred to your ship to settle in.

**Day 2 Monday** - See the highlights of fairytale Budapest on a guided walking tour, or immerse yourself in daily life in the city on a 'Do as the locals do' tour.

**Day 3 Tuesday** - Cruise down the mighty Danube and dock in the Slovakian capital Bratislava for a brief walking tour before continuing to Vienna. Enjoy a private classical music concert in the evening.

**Day 4 Wednesday** - Discover the treasures of the Vienna Art History Museum on a private early morning tour with an art historian, before a choice of guided walking tours of Vienna.

**Day 5 Thursday** - Journey through the breathtakingly beautiful Wachau Valley, declared a UNESCO World Heritage site, with

a call at the charming village of Durnstein and Melk Abbey with its extraordinary library.

**Day 6 Friday** - Discover Linz with a local expert before a scenic trip into Austria's famous cider region, Mostviertel, for a tour, cider sampling and lunch, or alternatively, opt for a full day exploring Salzburg.

**Day 7 Saturday** - At the crossroads of the three rivers Danube, Inn and Ilz, Passau can be discovered on a leisurely hike, scenic bike ride, or on a walking tour and concert at St Stephen's Cathedral.

**Day 8 Sunday** - Disembark and transfer to the airport. If you have opted to extend your holiday with us, a private transfer will be provided.

### Exceptional Experiences

**Exclusive Experiences** on a private tour of Vienna's Art History Museum, a Mozart & Strauss concert at a Viennese palace, Nikolaihof wine estate visit.

Optional **Masterpiece Collection** activities e.g. Bavarian cookery class (pay locally).

**Let's Go** programmes; hike along the Ilz River, cycle along the Inn River.

15 Mar-1 Nov

**7 nights from £2,375-£3,933**

Prices per person based on an all inclusive cruise in a classic stateroom, flights from Gatwick to Budapest airport and return from Munich airport to Gatwick and include transfers.

**Stateroom options** Grand suite, suites, deluxe balcony, French balcony and classic

**Transfer times** Budapest airport to Budapest embarkation approximately 45 minutes  
Passau to Munich airport approximately 1 hour 45 minutes  
Passau to Salzburg approximately 2 hours

Luxury all inclusive  
**Boutique River Cruise**

**IN BRIEF**

- 7 nights cruising
- 20 meals including Captain's welcome and farewell receptions followed by gala dinners
- 18 included excursions
- 1 exclusive experience
- 4 UNESCO Heritage Sites
- Luxurious all inclusive service, unlimited premium spirits and wines - see p12-13



## Authentic Danube

Vienna, Weissenkirchen, Passau, Deggendorf, Straubing, Regensburg, Nuremberg

### River Princess

Enjoy an enchanting eight-day cruise on the 128-guest River Princess. The cruise begins in Vienna and meanders along the mighty Danube River before reaching Nuremberg in Germany. Enjoy seven days of fully hosted excursions and see four UNESCO World Heritage sites along the route. The ship boasts a sophisticated ambiance, stylish lounges providing comfortable spaces for relaxing and lavishly appointed staterooms and suites.

Facilities include a restaurant, lounge with full-service bar, Captain's Lounge and library, a well-equipped fitness centre and spa, plus a sun deck and Sky Lounge for the best views of the ever-changing scenery.



Wachau



Suite



### Vienna & Prague extensions

Enjoy a hotel stay prior to your cruise or extend your holiday with a few days stay at the end. For hotels in Vienna see pages 46-49 and Prague pages 56-59.

### CRUISE ITINERARY Vienna-Nuremberg (or Nuremberg-Vienna)

**Day 1 Sunday** - You will be greeted at the airport and transferred to your ship to settle in.

**Day 2 Monday** - The day will be spent in Vienna with a choice of tours discovering its artistic and musical heritage.

**Day 3 Tuesday** - In the Wachau wine region, a UNESCO World Heritage site, spend the day tasting wine and apricot treats in the idyllic village of Weissenkirchen or visit the imposing Melk Abbey and its remarkable library.

**Day 4 Wednesday** - Discover the architectural highlights of Passau on a guided walking tour, explore on your own on a geocaching tour or choose a scenic Bavarian river bike ride.

**Day 5 Thursday** - Journey into the enchanting wilderness of the Bavarian Forest National Park and either take a stroll through the centre of Straubing or choose a bike ride along the Danube trail.

**Day 6 Friday** - In the morning choose between a tour of BMW's state-of-the-art factory where you see the production process from start to finish or a guided tour through the historic cobbled streets of Regensburg's UNESCO-listed old town.

**Day 7 Saturday** - Delve into the history of the city of Nuremberg with a visit to the medieval Nuremberg Castle, and the infamous Nazi documentation centre and party rally grounds.

**Day 8 Sunday** - Disembark and transfer to the airport. If you have opted to extend your stay at one of our luxury city hotels a private transfer will be provided.

### Exceptional Experiences

An **Exclusive Experience** to the old Bavarian town of Straubing.

Optional **Masterpiece Collection** Bavarian cooking class at a local farm (additional charge, payable locally).

A complimentary alternative itinerary, **Jewish Heritage Programme**, featuring Jewish-inspired architecture, museums and memorials.

**Let's Go** programmes; hike or cycle along the rivers and foothills of the Bavarian Forest.

10 May-30 Oct  
**7 nights from £2,929-£3,773**

Prices per person based on an all inclusive cruise in a classic stateroom, flights from Gatwick to Vienna airport and return from Munich airport to Gatwick and include transfers.

**Stateroom options** Suites, French balcony, deluxe and classic

**Transfer times** Vienna airport to Vienna embarkation approximately 30 minutes

Nuremberg to Munich airport approximately 1 hour 30 minutes

Nuremberg to Prague approximately 3 hours



## Luxury all inclusive Boutique River Cruise

### IN BRIEF

- 7 nights cruising
- 18 meals including Captain's welcome and farewell receptions followed by gala dinners
- 12 included excursions
- 2 UNESCO Heritage Sites
- Luxurious all inclusive service, unlimited premium spirits and wines - see p12-13

## Venice & the Gems of Northern Italy

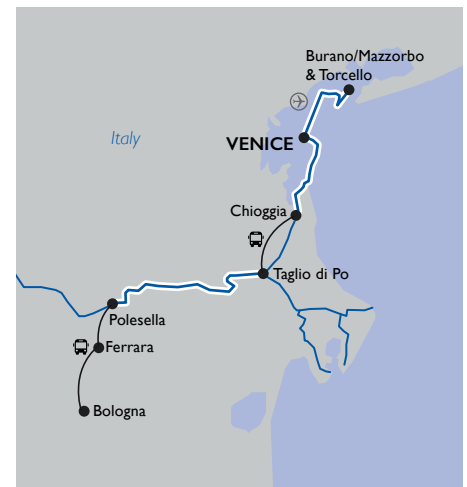
Venice, Padua, Bologna, Ferrara, Chioggia, Islands of Burano, Mazzorbo & Torcello, Venice

### SS La Venezia

Join a luxurious eight-day cruise of history, art and culinary delights aboard the 130-guest SS La Venezia. The journey begins in Venice and then meanders along the River Po, uncovering the hidden treasures of Venice and Northern Italy before returning to Venice. There are six days of fully hosted excursions including Choice is Yours options, guided Do as the locals do and Let's Go programmes. Fresh from a redesign inspired by Venetian décor, the newly named SS La Venezia will

launch in 2020 featuring elegantly appointed staterooms, a Serenity River Spa and fitness centre, a lounge with bar, two dining venues, Captain's Lounge and library for relaxing moments and a sun deck and sky lounge on the upper deck; perfect for watching the passing scenery.

*Why not travel to Italy in style on the legendary Venice Simplon-Orient-Express to Venice, see page 10.*



Bologna



Burano

### CRUISE ITINERARY Venice-Venice

**Day 1 Sunday** - You will be greeted at the airport and transferred to your ship to settle in.

**Day 2 Monday** - Spend the morning exploring Venice with a local expert guide, before a scenic cruise around the Venetian Lagoon. In the evening a private after-hours visit to St Mark's Basilica\*.

**Day 3 Tuesday** - Explore the town of Padua on a guided walk and visit to the local market, or join the local fishermen on board a bragozzo fishing boat, and go shellfish harvesting before a deliciously fresh lunch of steamed mussels.

**Day 4 Wednesday** - A choice of a full day in culinary Bologna including pasta making workshop and lunch, or a morning's discovery walk around the beautifully preserved and UNESCO-listed Ferrara, once a centre for arts and artists to rival Florence.

**Day 5 Thursday** - Enjoy a visit to the bustling and colourful indoor market in Chioggia before an evening cruise back to Venice.

**Day 6 Friday** - Delightful three island cruise to Burano and a lace-making atelier, Mazzorbo for a special tasting of rare Dorona wine, and enchanting Torcello for a private visit to Santa Maria dell' Assunta church.

**Day 7 Saturday** - On return to Venice enjoy an insight into local life on a walking tour, or join an art historian for an exclusive highlights tour of the Accademia gallery.

**Day 8 Sunday** - Disembark and transfer to the airport. If you have opted to extend your stay at one of our luxury city hotels a private transfer will be provided.

\* During religious functions or festivities, the visit to St Mark's Basilica will be organised during regular opening hours. This itinerary may be subject to change during 2020, please call us to confirm details.

### Extensions in Venice & further afield

Enjoy a hotel stay prior to your cruise or extend your holiday with a few days stay at the end. For hotels in Venice see pages 60-63 and for the Italian lakes, Tuscany and the rest of Italy please refer to our Italy brochure.

### Exceptional Experiences

**Experience** a private after-hours visit to St Mark's Basilica, exclusive early morning visit to Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta, Rialto Market shopping trip with the ship's chef, lagoon island with rare wine tasting, art historian guided visit to Accademia gallery, glass factory visit.

**Generations Programme** on selected dates offering cruises specially designed for travellers of all ages, ideal for the whole family.

29 Mar-1 Nov

**7 nights from £2,197-£2,866**

Prices per person based on an all inclusive cruise in a classic stateroom, flights from Gatwick to Venice Marco Polo airport and include transfers.

Call for details on alternative travel to Venice by Venice-Simplon Orient Express

**Stateroom options** Suites, French balcony, deluxe and classic

**Transfer times** Venice airport to Venice embarkation approximately 45 minutes

Venice Santa Lucia railway station to Venice embarkation approximately 30 minutes

Luxury all inclusive  
**Boutique River Cruise**

**IN BRIEF**

- 7 nights cruising
- 19 meals including Captain's welcome and farewell receptions followed by gala dinners
- 13 included excursions
- 1 exclusive experience
- 2 UNESCO Heritage Sites
- Luxurious all inclusive service, unlimited premium spirits and wines - see p12-13



## Paris & Normandy

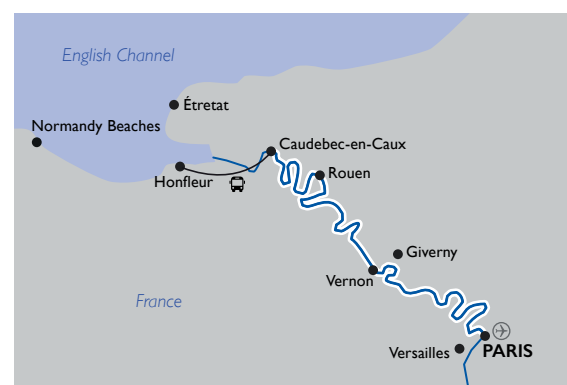
Paris, La Roche-Guyon, Vernon, Giverny, Normandy beaches, Rouen, Versailles, Paris

### SS Joie de Vivre

Venture aboard the 128-guest SS Joie de Vivre and delight in an eight-day luxury cruise along the River Seine. The journey begins in Paris and is perfect for those fascinated by history with visits to Versailles and Rouen, and exploration of D-Day sites and the Normandy beaches before returning to Paris. Launched in 2017, SS Joie de Vivre is a chic and sophisticated super yacht with hand crafted furniture, fine antiques and original artwork, and the brightly coloured décor inspired by

the glitz and glamour of 20th century Parisian design combines beautifully with modern conveniences. Facilities include Club L'Esprit Spa with resistance pool and fitness centre, glamorous Claude's bar, onboard cinema, show kitchen with exquisite dining, Le Restaurant Pigalle, and Le Bistrot for quintessential French bistro cuisine.

### 8 days/7 nights from Paris



Versailles



French balcony stateroom



### Paris extensions

Enjoy a hotel stay prior to your cruise or extend your holiday with a few days stay at the end. For hotels in Paris see pages 20-23.

### CRUISE ITINERARY Paris-Paris

**Day 1 Sunday** - You will be greeted at the airport and transferred to your ship to settle in.

**Day 2 Monday** - In the morning visit the splendid Chateau La Roche-Guyon, or opt for a guided hike or bicycle ride through the beautiful French countryside\*. In the afternoon pay a visit to Monet's garden in Giverny.

**Day 3 Tuesday** - Delve into the history of the D-Day landings on the Normandy beaches with a choice of three full day excursions and a private ceremony at the Omaha Beach memorial.

**Day 4 Wednesday** - A day to keep active with a choice of a walking tour of Honfleur fishing village, a cycle ride to Villequieris village, or a round of golf at the spectacular Etretat clifftop course.

**Day 5 Thursday** - Retrace the fascinating past of Normandy's medieval capital Rouen with

its well-preserved historic quarter, a cathedral that inspired Monet, and where Joan of Arc was martyred; the city is an historic treasure trove.

**Day 6 Friday** - Get a glimpse of the extravagant lifestyle of the French royals in the 18th century with a visit to Versailles and its elegant gardens.

**Day 7 Saturday** - Explore Paris on a guided coach tour, or join a local expert on a walk through the historic Ile de la Cite and the artistic Latin Quarter. Alternatively, opt for a river cruise or leisurely cycle ride.

**Day 8 Sunday** - Disembark and transfer to the airport. If you have opted to extend your stay at one of our luxury city hotels a private transfer will be provided.

\* Except during March and November.

### Exceptional Experiences

An **Exclusive Experience** of epicurean delights at La Cave du Vin.

Optional **Masterpiece Collection** evening at Moulin Rouge (additional charge, payable locally).

**Connoisseur Collection** on selected departures with speciality culinary focus.

**Generations Programme** on selected dates offering cruises specially designed for travellers of all ages, ideal for the whole family.

22 Mar-1 Nov  
**7 nights from £2,969-£4,292**

Prices per person based on an all inclusive cruise in a classic stateroom, flights from Gatwick to Paris Charles de Gaulle airport and include transfers. Call for details on alternative travel to Paris by Eurostar.

**Stateroom options** Grand suites, suites, deluxe French balcony, French balcony and classic

**Transfer times** Paris Charles de Gaulle airport to Paris embarkation approximately 50 minutes  
Paris Gare du Nord (for Eurostar) to Paris embarkation approximately 40 minutes



## Luxury all inclusive Boutique River Cruise

### IN BRIEF

- 7 nights cruising
- 24 meals including Captain's welcome and farewell receptions followed by gala dinners
- 20 included excursions
- 1 exclusive experience
- 2 UNESCO Heritage Sites
- Luxurious all inclusive service, unlimited premium spirits and wines - see p12-13

## Portugal, Spain & The Douro River Valley

Porto, Regua, Pinhao, Vega de Terron, Salamanca, Barca d'Alva, Regua, Porto

### SS Sao Gabriel

Experience the best of northern Portugal and Spain as you travel along the pristine Douro River on board brand new SS Sao Gabriel. Starting in Porto pass the terraced hillsides, vineyards and charming little villages of the Douro Valley and continue into Spain before returning to Porto. Launching in 2020 with a design inspired by the beautiful Douro Valley region, SS Sao Gabriel will offer the most lavishly appointed staterooms. Facilities will include a pool and sun terrace on the top

deck, a restaurant serving delectable cuisine on the main deck, a lounge with full-service bar, and a spa and gym on the lower deck.

**8 days/7 nights from Porto**



Douro Valley vineyard



Salamanca

### CRUISE ITINERARY Porto-Porto

**Day 1 Sunday** - You will be greeted at the airport and transferred to your ship to settle in.

**Day 2 Monday** - Before starting your luxury cruise along the scenic Douro, experience the hidden delights of Porto on a city tour or an exclusive walking tour and vintage tram ride.

**Day 3 Tuesday** - Marvel at the stunningly beautiful scenery of terraced vineyards and olive groves as you cruise along the river and learn about the region's winemaking history.

**Day 4 Wednesday** - Spend the day at a prestigious port wine estate sampling fine ports, or join a hike starting in the pretty town of Pinhao and heading into the hills for wine tasting at a traditional quinta.

**Day 5 Thursday** - Let a local expert guide take the lead on a morning of exploring The Golden City, Salamanca, home to Spain's oldest university. Enjoy free time in the

afternoon, find the local food hall for the best local produce and enjoy a tapas lunch.

**Day 6 Friday** - Hike to the prehistoric carvings in the archaeological park in Coa Valley, or visit the beautiful medieval village of Castelo Rodrigo. Dinner at Quinta de Avesada wine estate.

**Day 7 Saturday** - Back in Porto, delve into the history of the UNESCO-listed neighbourhood of Ribiera, or join a local expert and venture off to discover the historic and UNESCO-listed city of Guimaraes.

**Day 8 Sunday** - Disembark and transfer to the airport. If you have opted to stay on at one of our luxury city hotels or to extend your holiday with us a private transfer will be provided.

### Extension in Porto or further afield

Enjoy a hotel stay prior to your cruise or extend your holiday with a few days stay at the end. For hotels in Porto see pages 104-107, for Lisbon pages 100-103 and for Cascais, Estoril Coast and Algarve please refer to our Portugal brochure.

### Exceptional Experiences

An **Exclusive Experience** to a wine estate in Pinhao.

29 Mar-22 Nov  
**7 nights from £3,031-£4,128**

Prices per person based on an all inclusive cruise in a classic stateroom, flights from Gatwick to Porto airport and include transfers.

**Stateroom options** Grand suites, suites, French balcony, deluxe and classic

**Transfer times** Porto airport to Porto embarkation approximately 20 minutes



# Paris

One of the most beautiful cities in the world, featuring some of the world's most iconic attractions, Paris is also a beautifully compact and manageable collection of villages. This everyday Paris, found in parks and pavement cafés, is equally as exciting as the city's great monuments.

Paris is celebrated for its grandiose urban planning, architecture, fine art museums, cathedrals, parks, markets, pavement cafés, superb cuisine, shopping, wide tree-lined boulevards and its river. It's also a perennial city; be it spring, summer, autumn or winter, Paris retains its ability to charm and captivate in equal measure. Its priceless museum collections, rich architectural style and soaring monuments never fail to delight, but it's in the details of the streetscape that Paris exceeds all expectations. In this patchwork collection of eclectic villages, quartiers and arrondissements, there are local cafés, bars, restaurants and shops which allow you to discover hidden corners of this city at every turn. Paris' majesty and splendour inspire, but its casual intimacy makes it truly memorable.

## must do Paris

### Museums

The Louvre and Orsay museums are the most popular, but don't miss out on the beautifully elegant L'Orangerie, the Grand and Petit Palais and the delightful Rodin museum.

### Attractions

Sip champagne on the third floor of the Eiffel Tower, marvel at the Champs-Élysées from the top of the Arc du Triomphe and enjoy an atmospheric organ recital inside Notre Dame cathedral.

### Views

Eiffel Tower aside, the best views of Paris are to be had from the steps of Sacre Coeur, the tower of Notre Dame, and the viewing platform on the 59th floor of the Tour Montparnasse.

### Shopping

Shop or window shop in the glass-covered, mosaic-floored Belle Époque shopping arcades, the department stores that line Boulevard Haussmann, the streets of the Marais, the art galleries of Place des Vosges and the weekend flea markets.

### Park life

There are the formal gardens of the Tuileries and Jardin du Luxembourg, but don't overlook the gem-like Parc des Buttes-Chaumont. Further afield, see the Versailles gardens on bicycle and explore the Bois de Boulogne.

## Travelling around the city

Paris is undoubtedly a city which is best discovered on foot, but it also boasts a fine public transport system. Local city buses are frequent and busy. The distinctive, rubber-tired Metro trains have only short distances to cover between plentiful stops, so progress is quick. To cover longer distances RER underground trains dissect the city quickly and efficiently, and give access to the region surrounding the capital. Alternatively, hire a bicycle. Velib is the world's largest city bike-sharing scheme, with bikes dotted every 300 metres or so around this compact city.

## Paris attractions

To avoid the queues pre-book your museum tickets. Paris Pass gives you free entry to over 55 museums and monuments in and around Paris. With the Paris Pass you also get to skip the queue which is a fantastic privilege, especially in the busy summer months and there's also a one day Metro travelcard. To book visit [www.parispass.com](http://www.parispass.com) or via our concierge service. Also via Classic concierge book a French class with Sabrina and let her show you how and where to buy the best wine, chocolate and perfume.

## Food & drink

Few countries in the world boast a reputation for food and wine as rich as France's, and as the capital, Paris has much to offer diners of all budgets. Sometimes a cosy neighbourhood bistro, or a family run ethnic restaurant can deliver pleasures equal to those of Paris' many Michelin-starred temples of gastronomy. Meanwhile you'll find the streetscape draped with mouth-watering patisseries, enticing boulangeries, hard-to-resist fromageries and superb wine shops: perfect for packing a picnic to enjoy in one of the city's many parks and formal gardens. If dining out is an important part of your holiday enjoyment please contact Classic concierge (0800 008 7289) to make a reservation, as some restaurants can be fully booked for many weeks or months in advance.

## When to visit

Paris and the spring seem to go hand in hand, but it really is a city for all seasons. From Christmas lights, gourmet shopping and handfuls of warm chestnuts in the mid-winter to the mid-summer celebrations of fireworks and military parades for Bastille Day and the climax of the Tour de France, Paris is the City of Light all year round.

## Paris in 3 days

### Day 1

Start the day in the very centre of Paris with a visit to Notre Dame cathedral and take in the view from the top. After wandering around the Ile de la Cite, walk alongside the Seine towards the Tuileries Gardens, see the Louvre and the Pyramid and visit L'Orangerie art gallery and the Musee d'Orsay, where you might also like to take a delightful lunch. Visit the Eiffel Tower in time for dusk when the city lights up, and then take an evening boat trip with dinner to see the sights of Paris from the Seine.

### Day 2

From the Arc de Triomphe walk the length of the Champs Elysees to the Place de la Concorde. Cross the river to Saint Germain and Saint Michel for plenty of choices for lunch, and then spend the afternoon wandering the tiny streets of the Marais, including the wonderful Place des Vosges. Head north on the metro to enjoy a spectacular panorama of Paris at dusk from the steps of the Sacre Coeur Basilica and enjoy an evening stroll around the artists' area of Montmartre and neighbouring Pigalle.

### Day 3

Make a start at La Villette by exploring the Cité des Sciences, its exhibitions and interactive centres. Then take a walk along the Canal Saint-Martin and appreciate the opportunity to catch up on a former working-class area now newly fashionable. The banks of the canal are lined with cheerful bistros where you can stop for lunch. Set off from the Place de la République and in a handful of metro stops you'll be at Pompidou Centre for a look at the latest must-see exhibition. Then drink in the special charm of the banks of the Seine with a stroll as far as the Institut du Monde Arabe.

## Boutique river cruise

Why not combine your stay in Paris with a luxury 7 night all inclusive river cruise, see page 18 for details.



## Les Jardins du Marais ★★☆☆

Contemporary chic in hip Le Marais neighbourhood

Ideally located in the hip Le Marais district with its vintage boutiques, charming restaurants and bars as well as a numerous art galleries and fascinating museums, Les Jardins du Marais offers an oasis of peace and tranquillity with its large 1500m<sup>2</sup> internal courtyard surrounded by trees and shrubs and furnished areas, and with ambient lighting in the evenings creating an intimate atmosphere. Interiors are contemporary and chic with modern guest rooms and suites designed and furnished in a harmonious blend of 1930's elegance and style; free smartphones with tourist apps plus GPS, free calls and texts are a bonus. Set under a glass roof the light filled restaurant serves an American buffet style breakfast and the trendy bar is ideal for cocktails and lounging on plush velvet sofas. Adorned with mosaics and marble the spa area is a tranquil setting for soothing treatments, a sauna session, or a workout in the fitness room.

Our guest experience rating: 82%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities, kitchenette and safe
- Spa with treatments, sauna
- Fitness room
- Restaurant, bar
- WiFi throughout
- 263 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **free nights** as well as complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £636-£1084**

Extra nights from £88 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior garden view room, bath with shower, kitchenette (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Paris Charles de Gaulle airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR A LUXURY RIVER CRUISE

*Why not combine your stay at the hotel with a luxury cruise along the Seine river; we offer 8-day boutique river cruises on board the finest ships, see page 18 for details*



Executive junior suite



### PERFECT FOR DISCREET HOSPITALITY

*Set in a former mansion, this stylish hotel is tucked away in a quiet street, close to the church of Saint-Germain-des-Prés. The emphasis is on relaxation, good taste and excellent service*



Prestige room

## Le Saint Hotel ★★☆☆

Authentically Parisian in legendary Saint Germain

Tucked away in a quiet street in Saint Germain and away from the bustle of the city, yet within easy reach of the literary cafés and fashionable boutiques on boulevard St-Germain and with the Louvre just across the river, Le Saint Hotel offers a haven of peace and relaxation. A clever joining together of three adjacent hotels into one, Le Saint opened in 2016 and behind its fine period façade contemporary comfort mingle easily with its historic surroundings. Guest rooms and suites are beautifully and individually styled with gorgeous wallpapers and fabrics, elegant furnishing and exclusive black-and-white photographs adorning the walls. A buffet breakfast is served in the bistro restaurant, Kult, where fusion cuisine is available in the evenings and the lounge invites to relaxed evenings on luxurious sofas. Facilities also include a hammam, fitness room and there are bicycles for hire.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Wellness area with beauty treatments, hammam, fitness room
- Bicycle hire
- Kult restaurant, bar, Lounge Saint Vincent
- Complimentary WiFi
- 54 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **free nights, honeymoon offers** and **savings** as well as complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £792-£1004**

Extra nights from £151 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic courtyard or street view room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Paris Charles de Gaulle airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

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## Hotel Regina ★★★★★

Grace and elegance in the first arrondissement

Situated in the 1st arrondissement, facing the Tuileries Gardens and just moments from the Louvre and a two minute walk from the nearest metro station, the refurbished Hotel Regina first opened its doors in 1900 and has welcomed many famous guests over the years as well as being a venue for fashion shows by top haute couture designers. Behind its Belle Epoque front lies graceful and beautifully decorated interiors with guest rooms and suites featuring elegant period style furnishings and views over the peaceful flower-filled courtyard or the Tuileries Gardens, as well as junior suites and suites with Eiffel Tower views. The Victorian era style bar with its polished oak panelling and plush red velvet sofas exudes elegance and exquisite French cuisine can be enjoyed at the gourmet restaurant, where during summer guests can choose to dine al fresco on the courtyard terrace. In addition there is a wellness and fitness centre for guests' use.

Our guest experience rating: 82%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Wellness and fitness centre with sauna, hammam
- Courtyard restaurant, English bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 99 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £938-£1295

Extra nights from £199 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a deluxe external or inside courtyard view room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Paris Charles de Gaulle airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

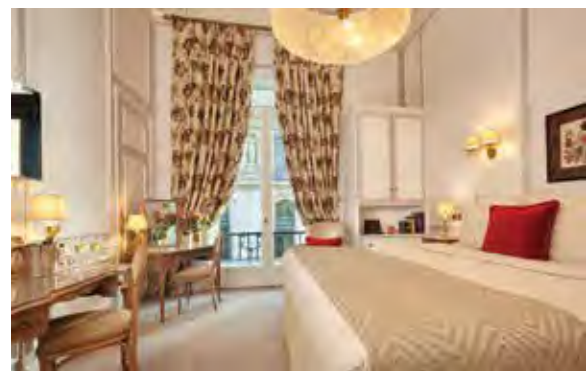
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### PERFECT FOR VISITING THE LOUVRE

*This sumptuous hotel has a superb location opposite the Louvre in the historic heart of Paris, so you can enjoy a leisurely breakfast and still beat the crowds to see the magnificent Mona Lisa*



Prestige room



### PERFECT FOR ART DECO & APPS

*Old meets new at this elegant hotel; it gleams with art deco features inspired by the transatlantic liners of the 1930s, while rooms have free smartphones loaded with tourist apps*



Suite

## L'Hotel du Collectionneur ★★★★★

Glamorous art deco and Paris's largest hotel garden

Facing the very chic Parc Monceau and a mere 10 minute walk from Champs Elysees and Arc de Triomphe, L'Hotel du Collectionneur is a superbly glamorous art deco style hotel offering luxurious accommodation, impeccable service, one of the largest hotel gardens in Paris, plus the fantastic Mosaic Spa including treatment rooms and a gym. The elegant guest rooms and suites are decorated in 1930's art deco style and some are set around an Andalusian patio, some boast a private terrace, and some, magnificent views over the Parisian rooftops and the Eiffel Tower. Guests booking rooms on the executive floors can enjoy an exclusive lounge with numerous privileges. Delectable French gourmet cuisine can be savoured in sophisticated Le Safran, where al fresco dining is available during warm summer evenings, plus the popular Purple bar serves lighter meals and tempting cocktails.

Our guest experience rating: 97%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Mosaic Spa with treatments, heated whirlpool, steam bath, sauna, fitness centre
- Andalusian gardens
- Restaurant Le Safran serving French cuisine, Purple bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 477 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **free nights** as well as complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £776-£1596

Extra nights from £68 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior king room with bath or shower room (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Paris Charles de Gaulle airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

Private transfer time approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

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# Amsterdam

Convivial, cosy and compact; it's easy to forget that Amsterdam is a capital city. It's affable and easy-going, attractive to look at and a delightful place in which to wander.

The Dutch metropolis has justifiably charmed its way to become one of Europe's most popular short-break destinations.

A beguiling blend of the provincial and the international, Amsterdam displays a very amiable attitude towards visitors, helped by the fact that nearly everyone you meet is able to speak several languages fluently, and prides itself on being young at heart. Wander or cycle at your leisure amongst its lanes and quarters to discover the many delights of this golden age city. Beautifully painted gabled buildings frame its waterways, pretty bridges and trams dissect the city's cobbles, shopkeepers create exquisite pavement-side displays of their produce and cafés, bars and restaurants exude considerable kerb-side appeal. Culturally Amsterdam offers two of the finest art galleries in the world, and is at the forefront of classical music and contemporary European film, drama and dance.

## must do Amsterdam

### The Van Gogh Museum

With over 700 paintings and drawings by Gauguin, Monet, Toulouse-Lautrec, the eponymous Vincent and his younger brother Theo, this museum is one of Amsterdam's must-sees. The museum chronicles Van Gogh's artistic journey from Holland to Paris and Arles.

### Anne Frank Huis

Nearly a million visitors a year converge on the hidden annexe where Anne Frank and her family lived in secretive and silent fear until they were inexplicably betrayed. Anne's actual diary sitting alone in a glass case is particularly poignant.

### Vondelpark

On a sunny day head to Amsterdam's Vondelpark, to see and meet people from all walks of life who are there to enjoy its party atmosphere amongst lawns, gardens, ponds and winding footpaths.

### Rijksmuseum

Amsterdam's premier art museum and one of the finest galleries in the world, this is something of a must see attraction, home to countless priceless treasures and several hundred masterpieces.

### Albert Cuypmarkt

With more than 300 stalls this is Amsterdam's largest general market selling practically everything. Look beyond the largely run of the mill clothes to find a unique souvenir.

## Travelling around the city

Thanks to its compact size and extensive network of cycle paths, Amsterdam is the perfect city to explore on two wheels. With bicycle rental shops all over the city, it's quite simple to pedal away. Amsterdam also boasts an impressive public transport network including metros, buses, trams, ferries and trains to help you get around the capital. In addition you can easily explore the city on foot and, of course, there's nothing quite like seeing Amsterdam from a boat on its many canals.

## Food & drink

Amsterdam has no shortage of restaurants, and serves visitors a culinary melting pot reflective of the diversity of the city itself; from tapas to tajine and from Modern Dutch to the Mediterranean via Indonesia. Whether you're looking for a cosy local diner or one of its ten restaurants boasting coveted Michelin stars, you'll find plenty of palate-pleasing dishes. Amsterdam is also the perfect place to enjoy a tippie whether you seek a local cosy joint, a traditional Dutch brown café or a luxurious grand café, don't miss out on one of the city's many terraces and thriving bar scene.

## When to visit

Tulips might make spring the definitive season in which to visit the Dutch capital, but any season in Amsterdam has its appeal. As it's a northern capital, rain and grey skies are not uncommon, but chairs and tables of the pavement cafés go out occasionally over-optimistically at the slightest hint of fine weather. Summer means enjoying the outdoor terraces, waterways, events and festivities to the full, whilst the falling leaves of autumn make a canal-side walk an irresistible must. In winter hunker down in a convivial, wood panelled café and enjoy the cosy atmosphere of this laid-back capital.

## Art & Amsterdam

Per square kilometre Amsterdam might well house more art masterpieces than any other capital city. The Van Gogh Museum is home to the world's largest collection of works by its troubled son Vincent, as well as Gauguin and Monet. The Rijksmuseum and The Museum het Rembrandthuis feature a prolific number of Rembrandt's golden age treasures. The Hermitage Amsterdam, a Dutch outpost of Russia's State Hermitage Museum, regularly selects objects from its three-million-piece treasure trove home to stage superb exhibitions.

## Amsterdam in 3 days

### Day 1

One of the best ways to see all of Amsterdam's considerable charm is from the water. Cruise the waterways on a canal boat before alighting at Museum Square to visit the Rijksmuseum, famous for Rembrandt's Night Watch, and the neighbouring Van Gogh Museum. For lunch head over to the city's most famous shopping street P.C. Hoofstraat, try herring snacks in the Albert Cuypermarkt before taking the tram to the Nieuwmarkt in the city centre to enjoy an early evening drink in a bar. Maybe go Indonesian for dinner before sampling a concert at the internationally renowned Concertgebouw.

### Day 2

Go local and rent a bike to explore the charmingly quaint Jordaan area; nowhere does the city feel more like a village with its collection of little streets populated with unique, boutique shops. Browse to your heart's content before experiencing a poignant visit to the Anne Frank House. After a cosy, Dutch café lunch in the Singel area head over to the only floating flower market in the world on the Koningsplein. Take in the many sights and sounds of Vondelpark before riding your bike canal-side to the windmill brewery for refreshments on the terrace.

### Day 3

Enjoy a pavement-side bakery breakfast before heading to the East Docklands. Marvel at some of the city's most stunning new architecture including the whale apartment building and the red python bridge. Enjoy a leisurely drink and the wonderful panorama at the sky lounge bar of Amsterdam Centraal Station. The city's largest flea market is at Waterlooplein and from here it's just a couple of minutes to the Hermitage Amsterdam or the Heineken Experience.

## Boutique river cruise

Why not combine your stay in Amsterdam with a luxury 7 night all inclusive river cruise, see page 14 for details.



## NH Collection Doelen ★★★★★

Landmark canalside hotel in central location

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In a central location between Dam and Rembrandt Square, the imposing NH Collection Doelen sits on the banks of the Amstel river, and, dating back to the 17th century, is Amsterdam's oldest hotel. It has over the centuries played host to many an illustrious guest, from Empress Elisabeth of Austria to the Beatles and also has connections to Rembrandt. Renovated in 2016 the hotel has been stylishly updated and elegantly decorated in classic red, gold and cream with some of the well-appointed, modern and sleek guest rooms and suites boasting views of the canal. Gorgeous canal views can also be enjoyed over a buffet breakfast in the light-filled restaurant each morning and there are museums, shopping and many of the city's iconic sights within an easy stroll.

Our guest experience rating: 82%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature climate control, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, Nespresso machine and safe
- Restaurant, bar
- Babysitting service
- Complimentary WiFi
- 81 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £647-£1117**

Extra nights from £89 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior room with shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Amsterdam Schiphol airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR THE NIGHT WATCH

Rembrandt's painting *The Night Watch* was once on display within the walls of this hotel in the 17th century; today a reproduction of the painting hangs in the Rembrandt suite



Premium room



### PERFECT FOR GASTRONOMIC DELIGHTS

Under the guidance of three Michelin star chef Jacob Jan Boerma, *The White Room* showcases sophisticated cuisine; try the *Impression* 4-course menu or the full 8-course, *The White Room*



Premium room

## NH Collection Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky ★★★★★

Sophisticated dining and central location on Dam Square

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Housed in a magnificent building dating back to 1855, NH Collection Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky enjoys a central location on Dam Square with views of the Royal Palace and within easy walking distance of Anne Frank House. Behind its historic façade sophisticated modern interiors complement original architectural features and a choice of well-appointed guest rooms and suites with various views are comfortable and contemporary in style. A hearty buffet breakfast is served in the fabulous setting of the grand 19th century Winter Garden, all-day dining or simply a coffee and home-made pastries can be enjoyed at the Grand Café Krasnapolsky, whilst *The White Room* offers a superlative dining experience under the guidance of three Michelin star chef Jacob Jan Boerma. The quiet courtyard of *The Tailor Bar* is the ideal setting for a tailor-made cocktail after a long day sightseeing.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, Nespresso machine and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Bicycle hire
- The White Room Restaurant, Winter Garden breakfast room, Grand Café Krasnapolsky, The Tailor Bar
- Babysitting service, children's play corner
- Complimentary WiFi
- 451 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £694-£1109**

Extra nights from £133 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Amsterdam Schiphol airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

## Pulitzer Amsterdam ★★★★★ deluxe

Dutch elegance in beautiful canal-side location

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Reflecting the rich heritage of Amsterdam's waterways, an ensemble of twenty-five adjoining, and beautifully restored, 17th and 18th century merchant's canal-side houses combine to create this unique, luxurious five star property. Pulitzer Amsterdam is in a splendid location along the famous Keizersgracht and Prinsengracht canals with Dam square, Anne Frank's house and Jordaan neighbourhood all within 15 minutes' walk. The hotel was fully renovated in 2016 and charming guest rooms and suites are individually designed in a wonderfully eclectic mix of past and present. The elegant, new Jansz restaurant offers beautifully crafted modern classics and the intimate bar invites to cocktails and views over the canals, whilst the café, Pause, nestles in the tranquil gardens and is a perfect spot for a coffee. See Amsterdam in style and cruise the iconic canals in the hotel's classic canal boat from 1909.

Our guest experience rating: 93%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Fitness room
- Courtyard gardens
- Restaurant Jansz, Pause Garden-Café, Pulitzer's Bar
- Complimentary WiFi throughout
- Tranquil gardens
- Boat for private canal tours
- 225 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** as well as complimentary extras please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £814-£1126**

Extra nights from £173 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic room with shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Amsterdam Schiphol airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR A LUXURY RIVER CRUISE

Why not combine your stay at the hotel with a luxury cruise along the fabled Rhine river; we offer 8-day boutique river cruises on board the finest ships, see page 14 for details



Queen room with canal view



### PERFECT FOR FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

This boutique retreat on the Singel, Amsterdam's oldest canal, is set in a row of historic houses and has been run by the same family for 75 years, so you can be assured of their personal attention



Classic room

## Hotel Estheréa ★★★★★

Charming family-run gem overlooking the Singel canal

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Housed in a row of 17th century buildings along the Singel canal, Hotel Estheréa is within walking distance of museums, restaurants, bars, shopping and nightlife with Anne Frank House, Leidseplein and Nine Streets a mere ten minute walk. Over the last 75 years this family-run establishment has been transformed from a small, simple guesthouse into a charming boutique hotel that has retained its cosy, homely ambience and personal service. Classically styled and colourful interiors include mahogany panelling, chandeliers, luxurious drapes and exquisite wallpaper. The individually sized guest rooms and suites are comfortable and beautifully decorated; canal view rooms are highly recommended. Breakfast features a choice of hot and cold dishes, the intimate bar boasts a large selection of drinks and a bar menu, plus there are bicycles for hire, a gym and a library.

Our guest experience rating: 92%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, mini fridge, Nespresso coffee machine and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Gym, bicycle rental
- Lounge, Maria's Bar
- Library, iPads
- Complimentary WiFi
- 93 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

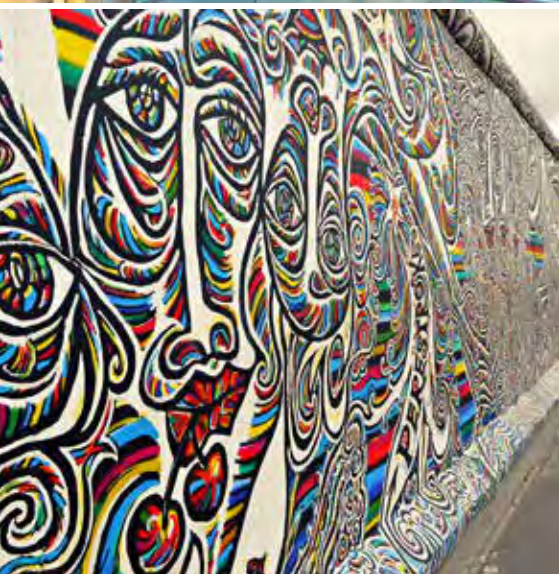
For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £629-£932**

Extra nights from £130 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic courtyard view room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Amsterdam Schiphol airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Berlin

A once divided city with a turbulent past, Berlin today is a vibrant, unified and modern capital in constant change. It's a popular city break destination for all ages with an intriguing blend of cutting-edge and historic architecture, outstanding landmarks and fantastic green spaces, a thriving and contemporary art scene, delicious food and a buzzing nightlife.

Germany's capital is a sprawling city with twelve different districts ranging from former industrial areas in the east turned hip and trendy, to leafy neighbourhoods with lakes and woodlands in the west. The most famous sights are concentrated within the central districts and are easily discovered on foot with the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate, Museum Island and the Soviet-era TV Tower at Alexanderplatz top of the list for most first time visitors. There's an array of museums to visit as well as sobering memorials commemorating the city's troubled past, the central Tiergarten park for leisurely strolls and the urban beaches along the river Spree are great on a warm summer's day. Add to this traditional beer gardens, countless restaurants, a vibrant underground scene and a nightlife that never seems to stop.

## must do Berlin

### Views

The Reichstag's impressive viewing point aside, great views are to be had from the iconic Berlin TV Tower on Alexanderplatz and the open-air viewing platform of the Kollhoff Tower in Potsdamer Platz.

### Tiergarten

On a sunny day head for Tiergarten Park and enjoy its boating lake, cafés, sprawling beer gardens and the Berlin Zoo.

### Discover a divided city

Aside from the Berlin Wall Memorial, there's the East Side Gallery, Checkpoint Charlie, the Stasi Museum and the interactive DDR Museum, exploring life under communist rule in East Germany.

### Attractions

Berlin's famous Brandenburg Gate, the grand Berliner Dom cathedral, the Museuminsel with its ensemble of five outstanding museums, plus the Holocaust Memorial and Memorial Church along Kurfurstendamm are not to be missed.

### Shopping

Kurfurstendamm is the city's most popular shopping area, Hackescher Markt is for young and trendy labels, the exclusive Friedrichstrasse for renowned designer brands, whilst the vibrant Mauerpark flea market provides great entertainment and bargains for the thrifty shopper on Sundays, when shops are closed in the city.

## Travelling around the city

Explore the city centre on foot or hire a bicycle. There are plenty of rental places and cycling routes past some of the city's most iconic attractions. To travel between the different districts Berlin's public transport system is efficient and extensive with the U-Bahn underground, the S-Bahn light rail as well as buses and trams; single tickets cost €2.80, although a day's travel card for zones A and B is better value at €7. If you plan on using the public network extensively the Berlin Welcome Card includes complimentary public transport as well as discounts of up to 50% on 200 attractions. There are 48 and 72 hour cards available from €20, and 4, 5 and 6 days from €34. Details from Classic Concierge.

## Berlin attractions

As well as the Berlin Welcome Card (see above) and the Berlin Welcome Card All Inclusive (includes free admission to many top sights, from €79), there's a 3-day Berlin Museum Pass giving free access to over 30 exhibitions and museums including the Museum Island; prices from €29.

## Food, drink & nightlife

From market hall street food to Michelin star rated cuisine, Berlin's excellent variety of restaurants offers a wide choice of settings and culinary delights, with local classics, traditional German fare and numerous international favourites on the menu. As well as glamorous cocktail bars there are beer gardens aplenty and the city is renowned for its vibrant and edgy nightlife with a myriad of funky bars, techno clubs and pop-up venues; the lively Oranienburger Strasse is a good place to start.

## When to visit

Berlin is a year-round city for sightseeing, events and festivals. The city comes alive in summer with pleasantly warm days and a plethora of pavement cafés and cosy beer gardens, city parks and green spaces perfect for picnics, plus urban beaches along the river Spree as well as numerous lakes to cool off in. Autumn is time to enjoy the vibrant colours of the city parks and a great time for events and cultural festivals. Winters are chilly but tempts with numerous Christmas markets from November onwards and spring days are crisp and clear.

## Berlin in 3 days

### Day 1

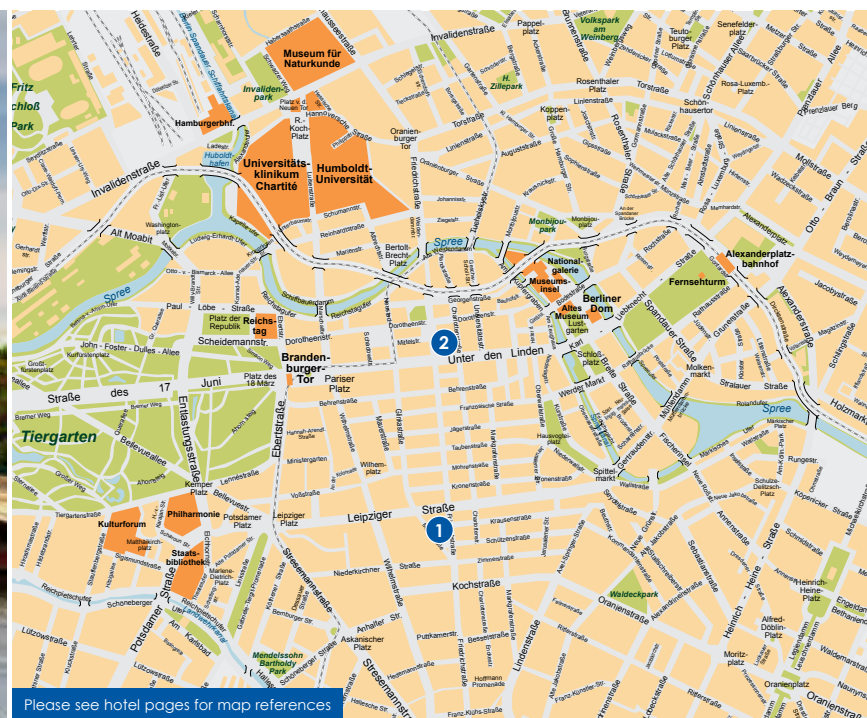
Start the day in the central Mitte district and take in the view from the TV Tower in Alexanderplatz whilst enjoying breakfast at the tower's revolving restaurant. After, stroll along to the impressive Berlin Cathedral and a quick visit to the Neues and Pergamon Museums to see the bust of Nefertiti, the Pergamon Altar and the stunning Ishtar Gate. Walk along Unter den Linden boulevard passing the German History Museum, Neue Wache Memorial and the State Opera before arriving at the Brandenburg Gate at the edge of the Tiergarten park, where you might like to grab a quick deli lunch before visiting the Holocaust Memorial. In the evening make your way to the Reichstag to see it lit up in all its glory and then head for the Hackescher Markt area for a choice of fine restaurants.

### Day 2

Make a start in City West this morning at the city's best preserved palace, the Charlottenburg Palace. See the splendour of the New Wing and take a stroll through the beautiful baroque gardens. In the afternoon catch the metro back to Adenauerplatz for a spot of shopping along the legendary Kurfürstendamm and a visit to the striking Gedachtniskirche, a former church turned war memorial, before a quick stop at the famous and vast KaDeWe department store a few minutes walk away. On a warm summer evening get a table at Prater Biergarten in Prenzlauer Berg, one of the city's oldest beer gardens.

### Day 3

Amble along the Landwehr Canal for a while and stop at a café along the way for a long and leisurely brunch before spending today exploring the trendy Kreuzberg neighbourhood. Head for the lively Bergmannstrasse for thrift stores, fashion boutiques and coffee houses, then carry on to the picturesque Oberbaumbrücke and cross the river to the East Side Gallery, the longest remaining section of the Berlin Wall. After that make your way back across the river via Schillingbrücke to Moritzplatz and find somewhere for dinner along Oranienstrasse.



## NH Collection Berlin Mitte am Checkpoint Charlie ★★★★★ superior **NEW** for 2020

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Convenient city centre location

Ideally located in the central Mitte district and just off the main shopping street Friedrichstrasse, NH Collection Berlin Mitte am Checkpoint Charlie is an ideal base for exploring Berlin's major landmarks. Checkpoint Charlie, Brandenburg Gate and Potsdamer Platz are all within a 10-15 minute walk and Stadtmittel underground station is a mere 100m away ensuring easy access to all of Berlin's various neighbourhoods. Interiors are smart and stylish and guest rooms and suites are contemporary and comfortable. A freshly prepared buffet breakfast is available daily and the hotel restaurant offers an a la carte menu of local dishes and Mediterranean favourites. In addition there is a bar with a terrace, and the wellness centre on the 8th floor features a fitness area, steam room, sauna and relaxation room, with massage treatments available at an extra cost.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Wellness centre with sauna, steam room, relaxation room, fitness area
- Restaurant, lounge bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 392 bedrooms and junior suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £502-£793**

Extra nights from £65 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior room, bath with shower (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Berlin Tegel airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR CHOCOLATE LOVERS

Within a 10 minute saunter is the Gendarmenmarkt square where you will find Rausch Schokoladenhaus with its giant chocolate sculptures and the most exquisite pralines, truffles and mini tortes



Premium room



## NH Collection Berlin Mitte Friedrichstrasse ★★★★★ superior NEW for 2020

Modern city hotel in the Mitte district

In a prime location on the legendary Friedrichstrasse in the Mitte district, NH Collection Berlin Mitte Friedrichstrasse is close to some of the city's most famed sights and shopping areas including Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie and the historic tree-lined boulevard, Unter den Linden. Stylish and contemporary guest rooms and suites provide modern comforts and a freshly prepared buffet breakfast with hot and cold dishes is available daily and the a la carte restaurant offers a seasonal menu of German and Mediterranean cuisine. In addition, a small fitness room and two saunas are available for guests' use. The dedicated team of staff are delighted to assist with dinner reservations, museum and gallery opening times as well as providing recommendations and tips on local favourites.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, Nespresso coffee machine and safe
- Small fitness room, saunas, relaxation area
- Friedrich's buffet restaurant, Taste! a la carte restaurant & bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 268 bedrooms and suite

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £509-£799**

Extra nights from £68 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Berlin Tegel airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR LOCATION

As well as Unter den Linden boulevard, there's the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, Berliner Dom and Museum Island all within a 20 minute walk from the hotel



Junior suite





# Copenhagen

Cool, vibrant, laid back and effortlessly chic, the Danish capital captivates with its many and fabulous restaurants, thriving social scene, modern architecture as well as cobblestone streets and traditional colourful buildings, leafy green spaces, contemporary art and some of the most iconic and very best of Scandinavian design.

Neighbourhoods include the popular Nørrebro district with its charming, pastel coloured buildings and streets made for cycling, family friendly Østerbro with the famous Little Mermaid sculpture, with upmarket Frederiksberg known for its broad avenues, elegant parks and grand old buildings, plus a royal park and the old Carlsberg Brewery. The former working-class-turned-hipster Vesterbro offers cultural experiences aplenty with Vega one of the city's most iconic music venues and the meatpacking district filled with galleries, cool bars and trendy restaurants. The city centre is home to beautiful historic buildings and major attractions, with picturesque Nyhavn, Rosenborg Palace, The National Gallery and Amalienborg Palace all easily discovered on foot.

## must do Copenhagen

### Nyhavn

With boats bobbing on the canal and the quayside lined with beautiful and brightly coloured 18th century town houses, excellent restaurants and cosy cafes, charming Nyhavn is perfect for a Danish cold beer and people-watching on a warm summer evening.

### Attractions

Opened in 1843 the charming amusement park Tivoli Gardens is still one of the city's most popular attractions, the Little Mermaid along Langelinje Pier the most famous, and the Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek is a must for lovers of art.

### A royal visit

See the glorious reception rooms at Christiansborg Palace, the crown jewels at Rosenborg Palace and the stunning royal apartments at rococo style Amalienborg, or a 40 minute train journey north is Kronborg Castle, of Hamlet fame.

### Danish design

As well as hailed for their cutting-edge architecture, Danish design is celebrated the world over for its functional, timeless and beautifully minimalist approach; visit Designmuseum Danmark to see some of it.

### Shopping

Explore the numerous shops along the famous Strøget; from renowned luxury and high street brands to Danish design collections and Copenhagen's flagship department store, Illums.

## Travelling around the city

Although the city centre is very easily discovered on foot, in Copenhagen almost everyone rides a bike. There are countless rental shops and the city's electric bike-sharing scheme Bycyklen, the City Bike, with its touch screen tablet for easy navigation, make light work of getting around. In addition there's a highly efficient public transport system of buses, trains and a metro, with a City Pass providing unlimited travel with prices starting at 80DKK for 24 hours in zones 1-4.

## When to visit

Copenhagen is a city for all seasons, with spring the time to visit for sightseeing, flea markets and a stroll through magical cherry blossom in the many parks and gardens. Summer offers pleasantly warm days and long, light evenings perfect for open air dining, plus numerous festivals and events including Midsummer celebrations in June and the Copenhagen Jazz Festival in July. Autumn is beautifully colourful and the crisp winter beckons with ice-skating, cosy cafés and a Light Festival in February.

## Food & drink

From highly celebrated, avant-garde New Nordic cuisine to classic and tasty Danish dishes and international offerings there is a plethora of restaurants and cafés at different price levels. There were 17 establishments awarded Michelin stars in 2019, including Geranium and world renowned Noma, named the best restaurant in the world four times. Street food is gaining ground in the city with several food trucks and food halls, there is superb seafood and for a classic Danish lunch enjoy delicious smørrebrød, an open sandwich of dark brown rye bread with seasonal toppings. If dining out is an important part of your holiday enjoyment please contact Classic concierge (0800 008 7289) to make a reservation, as some restaurants can be fully booked for many weeks or months in advance.

## Copenhagen attractions

A Copenhagen Pass includes unlimited access to all public transport, free or discounted admission to over 80 attractions, tours and discounts at some restaurants and shops and is available for 24-120 hours and start at 399DKK for 24 hours.

## Copenhagen in 3 days

### Day 1

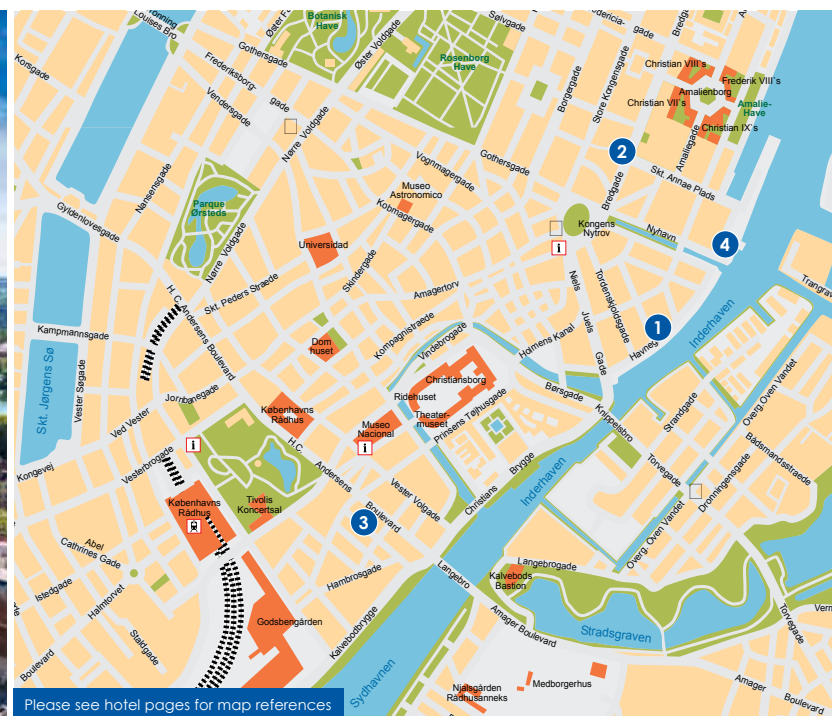
Start the day in the very centre of Copenhagen with a visit to the Round Tower and take in the view from the top. Wander through the King's Garden to Rosenborg Palace, home to the crown jewels and onto SMK, the National Gallery for a peak at its outstanding collection of art covering the past seven centuries. Go local for lunch and stop at Schønnemann for delicious smørrebrød and a cold beer. In the afternoon take a stroll along the city's oldest street, lively Grønnegade with its charming half-timbered houses and selection of fashionable shops. End the day with dinner at Nyhavn harbour.

### Day 2

Pick up some fresh produce from Torvehallerne market place for a picnic, rent a bicycle and pedal along to the lush Assistens Cemetery, the final resting place of many famous Danes including Hans Christian Andersen and philosopher Søren Kierkegaard. Spend a tranquil morning in this green oasis, before a trip to the magnificent Rococo style Amalienborg Palace to admire the opulent royal apartments. After, make a stop at the Design Museum for its fascinating collection of iconic Danish design. Choose to dine at one of the Michelin starred restaurant's offshoots, such as cosy wine bar and restaurant Manfreds, vegetarian VeVe, or Trio on the 10th floor of Axel Towers offers delectable cuisine and the most amazing views.

### Day 3

From Nyhavn harbour step aboard one of the blue Netto-Boats for a canal tour, passing The Little Mermaid, Amalienborg Palace and onwards along the picturesque Christianshavn's Canal and Our Saviour's Church with its famous spire. For lunch with a view book a table at the Tower restaurant at Christiansborg Palace; the bell tower offers magnificent panoramic vistas, on a clear day as far as Sweden. From here walk along to Kongens Nytorv square and the start of the 1km long pedestrian Stroget; Illums Bolighus is the premier store for design, the Royal Smushi Café the place for Danish food. Head into Tivoli Gardens at dusk to experience the amusement park all lit up and looking its most magical. For dinner enjoy contemporary Nordic cuisine at Host.



## Copenhagen Strand ★ ★ ★ ★ NEW for 2020

Tranquil location on the waterfront

Housed in a former 19th century warehouse, newly renovated four star Copenhagen Strand enjoys a prime location on the waterfront promenade in residential Gammelholm and is a perfect base for exploring the city with the buzzing Nyhavn, Amalienborg Palace, Kongens Nytorv and the shopping street Stroget all within a leisurely 5-15 minute walk. There is a choice of modern guest rooms and suites with a fresh, Nordic look ranging from cosy and bijou to more spacious with panoramic views of the harbour. Breakfast is served buffet style and although there is no restaurant for evening dining there is plenty of choice of good restaurants in the surrounding area. The friendly staff are on hand to assist with dinner reservations, bicycle hire, gallery and museum recommendations and any other local information guests may require.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Breakfast room, bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 174 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £529-£772**

Extra nights from £68 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a small double room with bathroom (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Copenhagen Kastrup airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

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### PERFECT FOR VIEWS

A short 15 minute walk away is the church Vor Frelzers Kirke with its 95m high spiral tower. For incredible views climb its winding staircase; the last 150 steps run along the outside of the tower

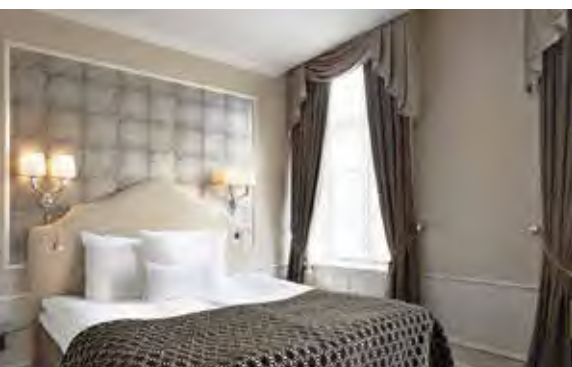


Standard twin room



### PERFECT FOR A ROYAL VISIT

Amalienborg is a complex of four palaces with Christian VIII's Palace open to the public; see the spectacular interiors on a guided tour and time your visit for the changing of the guard at noon



Standard double room

## Phoenix Copenhagen ★ ★ ★ ★ NEW for 2020

Elegant and conveniently located for city exploring

Dating back to the 17th century, four star Phoenix Copenhagen has played host to a number of distinguished guests over the centuries and enjoys a central location on Bredgade street renowned for fine art galleries and high end restaurants, with the Design Museum, Amalienborg Palace, Kongens Nytorv and the main pedestrian shopping street Stroget all within a short, five minute stroll. Behind its historic façade and after a recent renovation the hotel's original elegant character has been further enhanced by a more modern look, and classically styled and comfortable guest rooms and suites are decorated in tranquil, muted tones. The restaurant Von Plessen offers a buffet breakfast and the English styled brasserie Murdoch's Books & Ale serves light meals and drinks. A fitness area is also available for guests' use.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, safe and some rooms with air-conditioning (on request)
- Fitness area
- Von Plessen restaurant, Brasserie Murdoch's Books & Ale, bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 213 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £562-£814**

Extra nights from £79 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard room with bathroom (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Copenhagen Kastrup airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

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## Nobis Hotel Copenhagen ★★★★★ NEW for 2020

Fusion of historic and modern close to Tivoli Gardens

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Conveniently located close to Tivoli Gardens and next door to the renowned Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek museum, Nobis Hotel Copenhagen occupies the former Royal Danish Conservatory of Music building dating back to 1903, and is a beautiful conversion with Scandinavian contemporary style furnishings complementing the grandeur of the original architectural details and décor. High-ceilinged guest rooms and suites ensure an airy feel and custom-made, modern furniture and a heritage colour scheme add to the elegant ambiance. A breakfast buffet of hot and cold dishes can be enjoyed each morning and with an inspiring European influenced menu, Restaurant Noi welcomes diners in an informally elegant setting, whilst its Marble Bar is an ideal spot for sipping pre-dinner cocktails. The on-site spa area features a sauna, hammam and cold plunge pool as well as a small gym. A member of Design Hotels.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Spa area with sauna, hammam, cold plunge pool, small gym
- Restaurant Noi, Marble Bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 75 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £877-£1111**

Extra nights from £184 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior room with bathroom (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Copenhagen Kastrup airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR GLYPTOTEKET MUSEUM

Enjoy a coffee in the Winter Garden after a walk round to see the antiquities collection, works by Gauguin and Rodin, Degas' bronzes, and Danish 19th and 20th century paintings and sculptures



Junior suite



### PERFECT FOR CHRISTIANSHAVN

Spend the morning in 400-year old Christianshavn soaking up the district's atmosphere; stroll by its beautiful canals and colourful historical houses and stop for lunch at one of the many restaurants



Executive double

## 71 Nyhavn Hotel ★★★★★ NEW for 2020

History and art by Nyhavn Canal

Occupying two converted warehouse buildings from the early 19th century, boutique style 71 Nyhavn Hotel enjoys a prime canal side location on the corner of vibrant Nyhavn harbour, with canal boat tours departing nearby, Kongens Nytorv and the Royal Theatre a mere ten minutes on foot, and the Christianshavn district just across the car-free, Inner Harbour Bridge. The original charm and character of the two colourful buildings have been retained and complemented by Danish design elements and 20th century avant-garde art. There is a choice of tastefully styled guest rooms and suites; rooms with views over the canal are highly recommended. Breakfast is served buffet style and the hotel's a la carte restaurant, Sea by Kiin Kiin is an offshoot of one of the city's Michelin star restaurants and serves dishes of Southeast Asian origin. Guests also have use of fitness facilities at sister property Phoenix Hotel.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, Nespresso machine (excl. single rooms) and safe
- Sea by Kiin Kiin a la carte restaurant, bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 130 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

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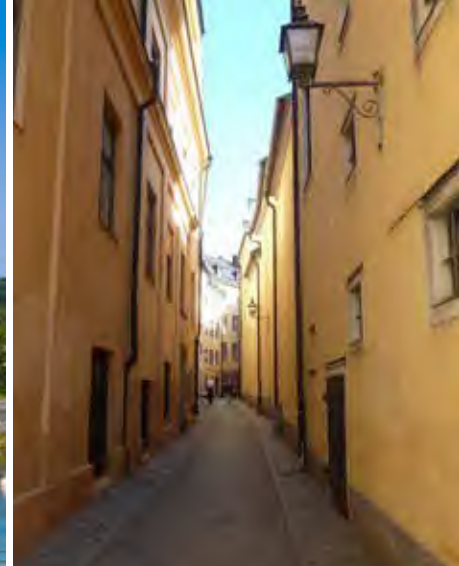
1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £706-£988**

Extra nights from £127 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in an executive room with bathroom (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Copenhagen Kastrup airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

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# Stockholm

Stockholm, Sweden's elegant waterfront capital, commands a beautiful setting where Lake Malaren meets the Baltic Sea, and this dynamic, ever-changing city encompasses a charming, impeccably preserved medieval centre as well as trendy neighbourhoods, modern, effortlessly stylish Scandinavian design, acclaimed restaurants and a scenic archipelago.

The city is built on fourteen islands connected by bridges, with its historic and delightful core, Gamla Stan, one of the best preserved in Europe, its Royal Palace one of the largest and its neighbourhoods an enticing blend of modern, on-trend districts and traditional quarters. The hilly and fashionable Sodermalm neighbourhood boasts the best views and an artsy, hip vibe where traditional working class cottages jostle for space with fusion restaurants, popular bars and quirky vintage stores. Prestigious Ostermalm attracts visitors with its fabulous gourmet market hall, Ostermalms Saluhall and fashionable shopping at Sturegallerian, residential Vasastan offers neo-renaissance architecture and Djurgarden, the city's museum island and vast green space, is easily explored on foot or by bicycle.

## must do Stockholm

### Discover the Old Town

The enchanting and historically rich Gamla Stan charms with centuries-old buildings, narrow cobblestone alleys, pretty squares and handicraft boutiques, plus a vast royal palace and the Nobel Prize Museum.

### Royal Djurgarden National Park

As well as the natural beauty of the Djurgarden National Park, numerous attractions vie for attention; ABBA The Museum, Skansen open-air museum, Gronska Lund amusement park, Liljevalchs Gallery and Scandinavia's most visited museum, the outstanding, maritime Vasa Museum.

### Guided tours & boat cruises

View the city on a leisurely sightseeing cruise, catch the ferry or a classic steamboat to one of the many delightful islands in the archipelago, or join a guided tour with a twist; roof top hiking, ghost walks and wooden bike tours.

### Art & design

Aside from the excellent National Museum, there's the Museum of Modern Art, the fascinating Hallwyl Museum, Thiel's Gallery for Scandinavian art and Fotografiska, one of the world's finest museums of contemporary photography. Plus, explore the fabulous and unique art gracing the platforms and walls of the metro stations with one of a kind murals, statues and installations; guided tours are available.

## Travelling around the city

It's easy to discover the city on foot, by renting a bicycle or using the efficient public transport system, with a metro, local ferries, trams and inner city buses making for swift progress across the city. Buy a prepaid SL card for better value single tickets, or there are 24 and 72 hour, as well as 7 day tickets available.

## Stockholm attractions

Some museums offer free admission, or purchase a Stockholm Pass; a sightseeing pass allowing for free entry to over 60 top attractions and available for 1-3 and 5 days. Details from Classic concierge.

## Stockholm archipelago

With nearly 30,000 islands, islets and rocks as well as quaint coastal towns the idyllic Stockholm archipelago is brimming with history, culture, stunning nature and tranquil beaches. Around 200 of the islands are inhabited and regular boat services are available to most of the larger islands with the closest islands, Fjaderholmarna only a 25 minute boat ride away, the idyllic town of Vaxholm around 50 minutes and charming Grinda slightly further.

## Food & drink

Aside from Sweden's famous meatballs and herring pickled in a variety of ways, there is an array of restaurants offering fusion and world-cuisine as well as modern reinterpretations of the classic Scandinavian kitchen. From the humble hot dog stand providing a quick snack on the go, to the obligatory daily fika, coffee and cake, there are also a myriad of charming kvarterskrogar, 'local neighbourhood' restaurants as well as the finest Michelin star establishments run by some of Sweden's much-lauded chefs. If dining out is an important part of your holiday enjoyment please contact Classic concierge to make a reservation, as some restaurants can be fully booked for many weeks or months in advance.

## When to visit

Although Stockholm is a year-round destination, spring and autumn are less busy. Summers are pleasantly warm with long days and light evenings allowing for a laid-back outdoor lifestyle; there are urban beaches and lidos for the hottest days in the height of summer. In winter, temperatures drop below freezing and there is very often snow making the capital seem especially magical and festive.

## Stockholm in 3 days

### Day 1

Spend the morning getting lost amidst the narrow winding cobblestone streets and alleyways of the charming old town, Gamla Stan. Start at Parliament square, past the imposing Royal Palace and along the main thoroughfare Vasterlanggatan to the Nobel Prize Museum at Stortorget square, before making your way to the trendy Sodermalm neighbourhood. Avoid the crowds and find the secluded Monteliusvagen for fantastic views over the city and while away a few hours in this former working-class area with its many quirky shops, design stores and cosy cafés. In the evening go for dinner at lively Pelikan; a traditional beer hall that has for the past 110 years served classic Swedish home cooking and ice-cold schnapps.

### Day 2

Catch a boat from Nybroplan quay for the 25-minute trip to the idyllic island of Fjaderholmarna in the archipelago; go for a stroll, find a secluded beach or see the local arts and craft studios before lunch at Fjaderholmarnas Krog. In the afternoon head back to downtown Stockholm for shopping. NK is the city's flagship department store, Biblioteksgatan street offers high-end fashion and for cutting-edge interior design stop at Nordiska Galleriet. Book a table at one of the Michelin rated restaurants for an early dinner followed by a late night drink at one of Stockholm's renowned jazz venues, Fasching or Stampen.

### Day 3

Hop on the number 7 tram to leafy Royal Djurgarden and the impressive Vasa Museum, housing the world's only preserved 17th century ship. Take a leisurely stroll to Rosendals Garden for lunch and in the afternoon catch the bus out to Thiel's Gallery and see a unique collection of Scandinavian art, including one of the largest collections of Edvard Munch's works outside Norway. For dinner try for a table at acclaimed Oaxen Slip, or at Wardshuset Ulla Winbladh for a taste of genuine Swedish cuisine in an historic setting.



## Hotel Kungstradgarden ★ ★ ★ ★ NEW for 2020

Elegant and historic in central setting

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The intimate and family-run Hotel Kungstradgarden is centrally located close to the popular park of the same name and prides itself on its home from home ambiance and attentive service. The Old Town is a ten minute walk, whilst the Opera House and the city's flagship department store NK are both within a short, five minute stroll. Dating back to the early 18th century the hotel's carefully renovated interior is a charming blend of Gustavian architecture and modern comforts, with a lavish lounge perfect for relaxing and an inner atrium adorned with an impressively large crystal chandelier. Elegant guest rooms feature classic period style furnishings and have views over the street or onto the inner atrium, where a buffet breakfast can be enjoyed. The hotel's restaurant tempts with French-inspired culinary delights, and there's a small gym and sauna for guests' use.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Small gym, sauna
- Brasserie Makalos, wine bar, champagne bar
- Lounge
- 94 bedrooms and junior suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £845-£1020**

Extra nights from £156 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior room with bathroom (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Stockholm Arlanda airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR RELAXATION

*The hotel offers a number of fine places in which to relax and unwind: the wine bar, sauna, the third floor sitting room, the private wine cellar and the magnificent champagne bar*

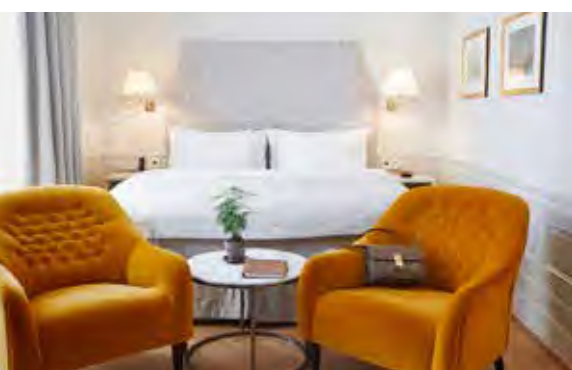


King room



### PERFECT FOR A SCENIC CRUISE

*Ferries and boats bound for the archipelago depart from the quay outside the hotel; Fjäderholmarna are a 25-minute boat ride away, or enjoy a cruise through Lake Malaren to Drottningholm Palace*



Double superior room

## Hotel Diplomat ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ NEW for 2020

Impressive Art Nouveau elegance on the waterfront

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Centrally located and with views over Nybroviken harbour and the waterfront, the historic Hotel Diplomat is perfectly positioned for exploring the upmarket Ostermalm neighbourhood with its vibrant Stureplan square and fashionable shopping. Behind its Art Nouveau façade interiors are a blend of sophisticated art deco elegance and contemporary Scandinavian design.

Classically elegant guest rooms and suites are individual in style with carefully preserved original elements complementing modern comforts and luxury. A buffet breakfast is served in the bustling restaurant with its unrivalled views over the harbour and lunch and dinner menus offer traditional Swedish cuisine with influences of the Mediterranean. Afternoon tea is served daily, the cocktail bar is one of the city's oldest and popular with locals as well as visitors, and the hotel's small food hall, Butiken, is a delightful place for breakfast, a light lunch or drink in the evening.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Fitness centre
- Small spa area with sauna, massage treatments, skincare clinic
- Restaurant, cocktail bar, small food hall
- Complimentary WiFi
- 130 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £681-£939**

Extra nights from £102 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior room with bath or shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Stockholm Arlanda airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

## Hotel Skeppsholmen ★ ★ ★ ★ NEW for 2020

Peaceful waterfront setting

In lush surroundings on the waterfront of a small and peaceful city centre island, Hotel Skeppsholmen occupies two charming dwellings originally built to house the Swedish Royal Marines at the turn of the 17th century. Its historic façade conceals a modern, minimalist Scandinavian interior design with guest rooms and suites decorated in soft colours and ranging from bijou standard rooms to more spacious junior suites. Breakfast is a mix of hot and cold dishes and the restaurant offers a menu of classic Swedish cuisine created from locally sourced and seasonal produce. The hotel's tennis court, Sweden's very first when it opened in 1882, is available for guests' use, as is a small gym. The Museum of Modern Art is a five minute walk, the National Museum a ten minute stroll and the Royal Djurgarden national park can be reached by a ferry crossing. A member of Design Hotels.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, coffee making facilities and safe
- Tennis court, small gym
- A la carte restaurant, terrace
- 77 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from **£599-£922**

Extra nights from £75 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard room with bath or shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Stockholm Arlanda airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

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### PERFECT FOR DJURGARDEN

Catch the ferry across to Djurgarden national park visiting the numerous art galleries and museums including the open-air Skansen, or simply take in the beautiful scenery, on foot or by bike



Junior suite



### PERFECT FOR LOCATION

The hotel's central location allows for easy access to shopping and attractions with Biblioteksgatan for high-end fashion a 2-minute walk away and the Royal Dramatic Theatre around the corner



Deluxe room

## Nobis Hotel Stockholm ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ NEW for 2020

Nordic luxury and a central location

In a prime spot on central Normalmstorg square, Nobis Hotel Stockholm offers first class service, understated luxury and a relaxed and sophisticated ambiance. The hotel occupies two interconnected 19th century buildings and the elegant and timeless design incorporates contemporary Scandinavian minimalism. Stylish guest rooms and suites with atrium, city or sea views are decorated in muted tones and furnished with classic designer pieces. An organic breakfast buffet is served daily, European influenced dining is available at vibrant Restaurant NOI, whilst Bistro Nobis offers an international menu and, during warm summer evenings, dining can be enjoyed on the terrace opening onto the square. The Gold Bar is a good spot for cocktails, and the atrium-style living room, The Lounge, is made for relaxing and socialising, and also hosts the occasional DJ acts. A member of Design Hotels.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-cooling, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Fitness centre, sauna, steam room
- Restaurant NOI, Bistro Nobis, The Gold Bar, The Lounge
- 201 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from **£652-£886**

Extra nights from £93 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard room with shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Stockholm Arlanda airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

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# Oslo

Nestling between Oslofjord and the forested hills, Oslo boasts a closeness to nature that allows for a great choice of year-round outdoor pursuits. Add to this a cosmopolitan buzz, an abundance of award-winning architecture, friendly neighbourhoods, outstanding cuisine and a great cultural scene and this rapidly growing city offers a city break with a difference.

The Norwegian capital's eco-friendly approach has earned it the title European Green Capital for 2019 and as a pedestrian-friendly city it's easy to explore on foot or by bicycle. There are plenty of sights to discover with a stately royal palace, an award winning opera house, and museums and galleries to take you from the Viking era to the Holmenkollen Ski Museum via polar exploration and modern art. Neighbourhoods include Bjorvika with great outdoor spaces and fascinating architecture, hip Grunerlokka is a great shopping district with design and vintage stores, whilst Bygdoy peninsula is home to several of the most popular museums. The lively waterfront Aker Brygge is famed for its restaurant-lined boardwalk and Tjuvholmen features intriguing architecture, high-end restaurants and art galleries.

## must do Oslo

### Vigeland Sculpture Park & Museum

Walk amidst Gustav Vigeland's extraordinary sculptures in Frogner Park; the Monolith, the Clan and the Wheel of Life are amongst a collection of over 200 fascinating pieces.

### Fram Museum

Gain insights to historic polar expeditions and explore the deck of the Fram polar ship; peek below for glimpses how the explorers lived more than one hundred years' ago.

### Oslo Opera House

One of the most iconic of Nordic landmarks, the magnificent waterfront Opera House resembles a giant glacier floating in the waters of Oslofjord; walk across its sloping roof for fantastic views.

### The Scream

See Edvard Munch's most famous work, The Scream, at the National Gallery, with a new and expanded Munch Museum due to open in 2020 on Bjorvika peninsula.

### Astrup Fearnley Museet

Aside from holding a superb collection of contemporary works of art, the building designed by leading architect Renzo Piano is a striking piece of architecture.

## The Thief ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ NEW for 2020

Luxury and art on Tjuvholmen waterfront

Boasting a waterfront location on Tjuvholmen (Thief Islet), once a haven for smugglers, thieves and scoundrels and now Oslo's ultra-trendy art district, boutique hotel The Thief is within minutes of the Astrup Fearnley Museum of Modern Art and within easy reach of Aker Brygge's waterfront promenade and the city centre. Behind its contemporary exterior, luxuriously rich colours, designer furniture and carefully chosen works of art, all add to the sophisticated ambiance. With impeccable attention to detail, guest rooms and suites feature the latest in-room technology, private balcony and floor to ceiling windows allowing for stunning views. The restaurant serves a sumptuous buffet breakfast, a popular weekend brunch and delectable interpretations of Nordic cuisine in the evenings. The cosy bar tempts with signature cocktails and in summer dining is possible at the 9th floor Roof Grill where views extend as far as to the hills of Holmenkollen.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, Nespresso machine and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Thief Spa with treatments, indoor pool, sauna, steam room, fitness area
- Thief Foodbar restaurant with Nordic cuisine, bar, Thief Roof Grill (seasonal), Thief Roof Bar (seasonal)
- Complimentary WiFi
- 114 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £1005-£1308

Extra nights from £210 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard room with shower and balcony (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Oslo Gardermoen airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

Private transfer time approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR ART & VIEWS

Hotel guests enjoy free admission to the outstanding Astrup Fearnley Museum of Modern Art and in summer the top of Tjuvstien, a 54m high viewing tower next to the museum, provides stunning vistas



Guestroom



### PERFECT FOR MODERN DRAMA

Visit the home of the most performed playwright since Shakespeare, Henrik Ibsen, author of the world's most performed play. Ibsen Museet is a small, idiosyncratic and intriguing museum



Standard double room

## Hotel Bristol ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ NEW for 2020

Elegantly traditional in central location

Part of an elegant building which first opened its doors in 1920, the revered and elegant Hotel Bristol is located in Sentrum district, the heart of Oslo's city centre. It's just a short walk from the hotel to the main shopping area, the city's main street Karl Johans Gate, the Royal Palace, the national theatre, a number of Oslo's museums and the waterfront area, Aker Brygge. The hotel has large, comfortable guest bedrooms and suites, and history is evident in the traditional interior décor, particularly in the cosy Vinterhaven and Bibliotekbaren, two long-established areas of the hotel where food and beverages are served to the sound of live piano music, safeguarding a long-held and time-honoured tradition. The hotel's acclaimed kitchen draws inspiration from international and Norwegian culinary influences and a visit to the Bristol Grill rewards you with seasonally-based dishes and delicious cakes. In addition, there's a gym and sauna.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, coffee making facilities and safe
- Gym, sauna, Turkish bath
- Bristol Grill restaurant, Vinterhaven bar, Bibliotekbaren
- 251 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £653-£915

Extra nights from £92 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard room with bathroom (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Oslo Gardermoen airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

Private transfer time approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Zurich

Switzerland's cosmopolitan city of Zurich is consistently ranked amongst the world's highest for excellence in quality of life. More than just a global centre for banking and finance, it's culturally vibrant, on-trend, and is beautifully situated on the River Limmat at the northern end of Lake Zurich.

Zurich boasts delightfully green open spaces, swimming is popular in the river, lake and numerous lidos, and the Uetliberg mountain which towers over Zurich's rooftops, is easily reached by train. The city boasts a vast selection of eateries from inventive pop-up to Michelin star, and there's heavenly confectionery and lakeside Badi-Bars. There are magnificent churches and narrow alleyways in the Old Town, plus numerous museums, galleries, concert halls and a fabulous opera house. Go to Bahnhofstrasse for trendy shopping and the old Schipfe district for artisan handicrafts. Although easy to discover by foot, a sightseeing cruise is a must; purchase a Zurich Card for unlimited (2nd class) travel by tram, bus, train, boat and cable car, plus free or reduced fee entry to many attractions.

## must do Zurich

### Famous churches

Zurich's most famous landmark, twin-towered Grossmünster is, according to legend, built over the graves of Felix and Regula, the city's two Christian martyrs, whilst graceful Fraumünster with its slender blue spire boasts Marc Chagall-designed stained-glass windows.

### Kunsthau

An impressive museum, Kunsthau, hosts a vast collection of art from the Middle Ages to more recent times including a comprehensive collection by Alberto Giacometti.

### Zurich-West

In contrast to the medieval Old Town, former industrial Zurich-West has become a lively, hip neighbourhood with designer shops, contemporary galleries, and excellent restaurant, bars, cafés and clubs.

### Boat cruises

See the city from a leisurely river cruise or catch a boat to Ufenau Island, idyllically situated in the middle of the lake. Alternatively, travel further south on a longer boat journey to visit Rapperswil, Town of Roses.

### Christmas markets

From mid-November, yuletide is celebrated with Christmas markets, late-night and Sunday shopping, advent concerts, carol singing, and a candle-floating event on the River Limmat, plus don't miss the impressive Swarovski crystal-studded Christmas tree.

## Hotel Storchen ★★★★★

Stylish riverside luxury

In a unique position on the River Limmat and in the very heart of Zurich, the well-established Hotel Storchen is within easy reach of the city's most popular landmarks and is renowned for its friendly and exemplary service. Modern, sophisticated interiors complement the historic building with elegant, inviting spaces, whilst the beautifully stylised guest rooms and suites boast views over the river or the picturesque old town. A Swiss buffet breakfast with the addition of a la carte choices is served at the river-facing La Rotisserie, where seasonal culinary delights can be enjoyed for lunch and dinner. Fine aperitifs are served in the stylish Barchetta Cocktail Bar whilst the contemporary lounge is perfect for coffee. During the summer, Italian-inspired dishes and ice cream can be enjoyed al fresco on the piazza. The hotel is part of The Living Circle Group.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, Nespresso machine and safe
- La Rotisserie Restaurant, Barchetta Bar, Piazza, Cigar Bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- Boat pier
- 66 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £988-£1215

Extra nights from £239 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic double room (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Zurich airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include first class rail transfers.

**First class rail transfer time** approximately 15 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR RIVERSIDE WINING & DINING

*The splendid waterside cocktail bar for aperitifs; the glorious first floor riverside dining terrace renowned for fine express lunches and gastronomic evening dining; the buzzing piazza for ice creams*

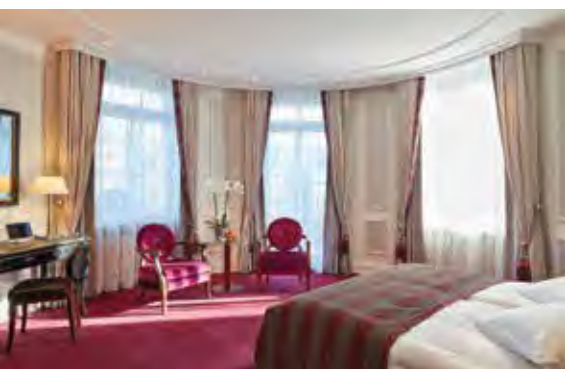


Contemporary deluxe room with river view



### PERFECT FOR GETTING OUT & ABOUT

*With tram stops serving all areas of the town on the corner and located directly opposite the main railway station, this is the perfect location for exploring not only Zurich but also further afield*



Deluxe room

## Hotel Schweizerhof Zurich ★★★★★ superior

Historic hotel in central location

Located opposite the main train station and adjacent to the famous pedestrian shopping street Bahnhofstrasse, family-owned Hotel Schweizerhof Zurich dates back to 1876 and beautifully combines classic charm with contemporary luxury whilst its long-time staff provide a friendly welcome and attentive service. Comfortable guest rooms and suites are furnished in a classically elegant style with the extra benefit of a butler service looking after the needs of guests in the evenings. An extensive buffet breakfast with champagne is available each morning, whilst French and regional specialities are served for lunch and dinner in La Soupière. Café Gourmet with its French brasserie-style atmosphere is perfect for a coffee break, quick lunch or an intimate dinner. The bar is the setting for occasional live music and dance nights, and additionally there is a boutique gym on-site and guests also have complimentary access to Holmes Place & Spa just around the corner.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities, Nespresso coffee machine and safe
- Boutique gym
- La Soupière Restaurant, Café Gourmet, Schweizerhof Bar
- 99 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £873-£1106

Extra nights from £202 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard double room with bath or shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Zurich airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include first class rail transfers.

**First class rail transfer time** approximately 15 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Lucerne

The gateway to central Switzerland and with a dazzling river and lakeside confection of frescoed buildings, turreted walls, candy-coloured houses, Belle Epoque hotels, sunny cobbled squares, Italianate cloisters, and waterfront promenades, Lucerne also boasts a charming, traffic-free, wonderfully well-preserved medieval old town.

Ringed by snow-peaked mountains, Lake Lucerne enjoys a scenic variety quite unique in the Swiss lakes; the mild climate a contradiction to its fjord-like landscape. Occupying a wonderful position where the River Reuss meets the lake, picture-perfect Lucerne effortlessly wins the hearts of its many visitors and is compact enough to discover on foot. During the summer months the 14th century ramparts are open, enabling you to enjoy the fine views of the old town before immersing yourself in the medieval atmosphere below. Beyond the delightful cafés, traditional shops and designer boutiques, there are also some serious museums and galleries, a searingly modern concert arena, and elegant yachts and historic steamers for trips across the lake.

## must do Lucerne

### Kapellbrücke

The iconic and extraordinary 14th century covered wooden bridge of Kapellbrücke spans across the Reuss River linking the old and new town; stop to admire its interior replete with antique roof paintings.

### Kultur & Kongresszentrum

Lucerne is celebrated for its world-class music festival with many of the concerts taking place in the superbly modern Kultur and Kongresszentrum arena; a venue renowned for its acoustic brilliance.

### Lake trips

Historic paddle wheel steamers and elegant saloon motor vessels ferrying visitors to pretty lakeside villages and to the nearby mountains of Pilatus Kulm, Rigi, Burgenstock and Stanserhorn.

### Museums & galleries

Sammlung Rosengart features a superb collection of 20th century masters including Picasso and Klee and Lucerne also boasts the Swiss Museum of Transport and its accompanying IMAX cinema.

### The old town

Within the town's medieval city walls are numerous monuments, city squares and churches to explore including Lucerne's landmark, the 14th century Water Tower, variously used as archive, treasury and prison.

### Christmas markets

Explore the twinkling magic of streets lined with festive stalls during late November and December.

## Hotel des Balances ★ ★ ★ ★

Historic building with modern, boutique style interiors and fine dining

Hotel des Balances enjoys a wonderful riverside location in the heart of the old town of Lucerne. Although it did not open its doors as a hotel until 1837, this historically important building dates back to the twelfth century and it has been a popular meeting place throughout the ages; its painted rear facade and delightful riverside restaurant terrace are two of the most photographed motifs of Lucerne. All guest rooms and suites have recently been completely renovated, blending historical flair with modern design. The award-winning Balances restaurant with its attractive lounge, bar and terrace boasts no fewer than 14 points from the influential French restaurant guide Gault Millau. The Hotel des Balances is situated in a vehicle restricted zone, a flat 650m walk from Lucerne railway station. It makes a perfect base for shopping and sightseeing tours in Lucerne and further afield.

Our guest experience rating: 82%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Restaurant Balances, bar & lounge, riverside terrace popular for lunch and evening dining (weather permitting, reservations required)
- Complimentary WiFi
- Local activities and sightseeing include Lucerne guided city tour, historic paddle steamer cruises, cable car to the summit of Mount Pilatus, mountain railway to Mount Rigi for scenic hiking, Swiss Museum of Transport
- 56 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **complimentary transport** and **discount cards** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

#### Please call us for prices

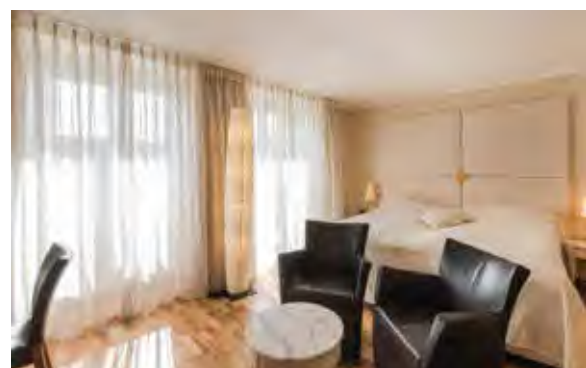
Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard Old Town view room with bath or shower room (max 3), flights from your local airport and include first class rail transfers.

**First class rail transfer time** approximately 1 hour 10 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



#### PERFECT FOR A LUXURY RIVER CRUISE

*Why not combine your stay at the hotel with a luxury cruise along the fabled Rhine river; we offer 8-day boutique river cruises on board the finest ships, see page 14 for details*

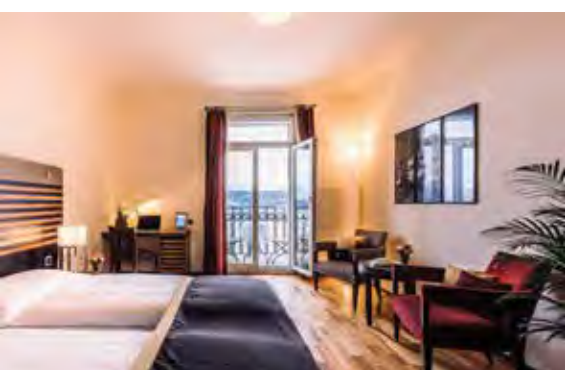


Double room with river view



#### PERFECT FOR FOODIES

*Enjoy outstanding cuisine at Scala, watch your dinner prepared in front of you at the Kitchen Club or relish the Miami beach vibe, canapés and fine cocktails at the rooftop Beach Club*



Double room with lake view

## Art Deco Hotel Montana ★ ★ ★ ★ superior

Outstanding views and gourmet dining

Award-winning Art Deco Hotel Montana enjoys stunning views over Lake Lucerne from its hillside setting only a short walk from the city centre and linked to the lakeside by a short funicular ride. Dating back to 1910 the hotel has been tastefully renovated in a contemporary art deco style with individually designed guest rooms and suites; choose a lakeside room with balcony for spectacular vistas. Acclaimed fine dining restaurant Scala features creative Mediterranean-inspired cuisine and during warm days guests can choose to dine on the outdoor terrace. The Kitchen Club offers a chef's table concept and the rooftop Beach Club, complete with whirlpool, is perfect for cocktails and delicious snacks. Boasting a precious collection of whisky the legendary Louis Bar is a hotspot for live jazz, whilst for rum and cigar aficionados there's the Hemingway Rum Lounge and for those in need of some pampering and relaxation, a day spa.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Spa with massage and treatments
- Rooftop Beach Club with whirlpool (May-Sep)
- Scala Restaurant with 15 Gault-Millau points and panoramic views over the lake and mountains, Kitchen Club, Louis Bar with live music, Hemingway Cigar Rum Lounge
- Complimentary WiFi
- 61 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £859-£1026**

Extra nights from £168 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a double hillside view room, bath or shower room (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Zurich airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include first class rail transfers.

**First class rail transfer time** approximately 1 hour 10 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Vienna

Stunning Old Masters, a dazzling musical heritage, equine brilliance, choral magnificence, opulent café culture and an audacious confection of architectural styles; Vienna has it all, and that it's steeped in history and loaded with charisma, heaps additional icing on the Viennese cake.

Few cities are as enchanting and captivating as Vienna. Musically and culturally it is one of the world's richest cities with a wonderful assortment of galleries and palaces, bars and cafés, shops and street markets. For a city brimming with majestic architecture, central Vienna is surprisingly compact and navigation easy. Most notable sights are concentrated within the Ringstrasse, Emperor Franz Josef's circular boulevard around the inner city. Here, Hofburg Palace incorporates Imperial Chapel where the Vienna Boys' Choir sings Sunday Mass, and the famed Spanish Riding School is home to the elegant equine ballet of Lipizzaner stallions. There's the State Opera House, Burgberg Theatre and museums aplenty, and wonderful palaces, including Schloss Belvedere and Schloss Schonbrunn.

## must do Vienna

### Vienna State Opera

Wiener Staatsoper is one of the world's most important opera houses and boasts close to 60 operas and 10 ballets each year with the Season running from late September to early June.

### Schloss Schonbrunn

The Habsburgs' opulent summer palace is a UNESCO World Heritage site with 1,441 rooms; see 26 of them on an Imperial Tour, or all 40 that are open to the public, on a Grand Tour.

### Spanish Riding School

A Viennese institution, this matchless equestrian ballet is performed by graceful Lipizzaner stallions to classical music under glistening chandeliers.

### Kunsthistorisches Museum

One of the exceptional experiences of any trip to Vienna, this sumptuous neo-classical palace overflows with works by Europe's finest painters, sculptors and artisans.

### Hofburg Palace

This resplendent, immense palace owes its size and architectural diversity to various rulers; it was the home of the Habsburgs from 1273 to 1918 and now houses numerous worthy museums.

### Christmas markets

During November and December the captivatingly traditional Christmas markets fill the air with scents of sizzling bratwurst, hot coal braziers, fragrant spicy punch and roasting chestnuts.

## Travelling around the city

A superb public transport system makes for swift progress across the city, and purchase of a Vienna Card allows free use of all buses (including the hop-on-hop-off Vienna Sightseeing Tour buses), underground and trams plus free entry to over sixty attractions.

## Music & art

Vienna is alive with music, hardly surprising given that the back-catalogue of the city's formidable musical heritage includes the works of Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert, Strauss, both senior and junior, and Brahms and Mahler. Performances are frequent and the venues appealing; be it the gold and crystal of the State Opera House, the fine acoustics of the Musikverein, home to the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, or the variation of the multistage Konzerthaus. The city is also home to the Museum of Fine Arts housing, amongst others, the works of Rembrandt, Rubens and numerous Old Masters, with flavours of contemporary art residing in the Museums Quartier.

## Boutique river cruise

Why not combine your stay in Vienna with a luxury 7 night all inclusive river cruise, see page 16 for details.

## When to visit

It's a capital that charms and seduces with an almost endless inventory of things to see and do, whenever you visit. In April, the gardens and parks blossom whilst outdoor festivals and open-air parties crowd May and June. The cooling river and canals take the heat out of July and August, although concert halls, the opera and theatres are closed. September is milder, ideal for enjoying the new season's cultural calendar. Winter glows with Christmas markets and the ball season sweeps you off your feet from New Year to spring.

## Food & drink

The Viennese appreciation of the finer things in life extends to wining and dining at all price points. There are opulent coffee houses serving spectacular cakes, pub-like Beisl dishing up hearty portions of wiener schnitzel and goulash and an astonishing number of Michelin-starred restaurants, whilst fine Austrian wines can be sampled in Vinothek wine bars and the more rustic Heurigen, traditional wine taverns.

## Vienna in 3 days

### Day 1

Start by watching an exercise session at the world-famous Spanish Riding School before visiting Hofburg Palace, the 600-year old former residence of the Habsburgs with its vast complex of private apartments, state rooms and museums. After lunch, walk to St Stephen's Cathedral to climb the South Tower's 343 steps for delightful rooftop views. Later, enjoy a leisurely wander through beautiful Volksgarten Park stopping for coffee and pastries at a Viennese coffeehouse. For shopping, go to the Mariahilfer Strasse area for boutiques, design stores and vintage shops.

### Day 2

Stroll through the famous open-air market, Naschmarkt, and head to the Museums' Quartier for the fine art collection at the exceptional Kunsthistorisches Museum, with paintings by Monet, Cezanne and Picasso at the Albertina. If time permits, visit Leopold Museum for one of the largest collections of modern Austrian art including pieces by the famed Gustav Klimt. Go local for lunch with a typical Viennese sausage from the Bitzinger stand; allegedly the city's best. Pop to the Vienna State Opera for a guided tour, or try for last minute standing tickets for a later performance. Dinner at a Heuriger, a traditional wine tavern, provides a charming end to a busy day.

### Day 3

Catch the U-Bahn or a tram to UNESCO listed Schonbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' former summer residence. Set aside at least half a day to marvel at the opulence of the rooms which are open to the public on guided tours. Stroll through the extensive, immaculate gardens and up to the top of Gloriette belvedere for magnificent views. Do stop for lunch at the Gasthaus Tirologergarten, a typical Viennese Beisl (bistro). Head back to the centre to walk 5km along Ringstrasse boulevard to see some of the city's most important buildings, monuments and parks. In the evening, treat yourself to some amazing dining at one of the many Michelin star restaurants.



## Hilton Vienna Plaza ★★★★★

Modernist art deco design and impeccable service

Located on Vienna's majestic Ringstrasse, one of the finest addresses in the city, the impeccable Hilton Vienna Plaza has a style all of its own which is redolent of the city's rich heritage, harmoniously blending modernist art deco design with a timeless understated elegance. The striking black and white Carrara marble floor in the lobby provides an impressive entrance whilst over a thousand works of art decorate the building. The hotel is renowned for its warm welcome and attention to detail in all aspects of service. Guest rooms are spacious and comfortable and upgrading to an Executive room provides for use of the Executive lounge where complimentary drinks and snacks are available. A seasonal menu of Austrian and French inspired cuisine is showcased in Brasserie Emile and award-winning cocktails are served at Emile's bar.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, cable TV, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Fitness room, sauna
- Emile Brasserie with 14 Gault-Millau points
- Executive lounge for Executive room stays with complimentary breakfast and refreshments throughout the day and evening
- WiFi throughout
- 254 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £521-£889**

Extra nights from £88 per person per night

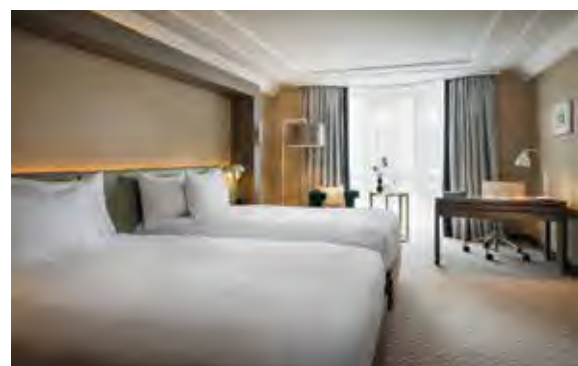
Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a guest city view room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Vienna on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR A LUXURY RIVER CRUISE

*Why not combine your stay at the hotel with a luxury cruise along the mighty Danube river; we offer 8-day boutique river cruises on board the finest ships, see page 16 for details*



Executive room



### PERFECT FOR MICHELIN STAR DINING

*You will be in heaven at award-winning Le Ciel by Toni Mörwald; opulent surroundings, charming service and exquisite Viennese and French classics as well as nature inspired creations*



Exclusive room

## Grand Hotel Wien ★★★★★

Legendary hospitality and luxurious splendour

Dating back to 1870 and once the hub for Viennese high society, legendary Grand Hotel Wien continues to offer exquisite hospitality and refined luxury alongside unrivalled gourmet dining and traditional Viennese elegance for the discerning traveller. The hotel is ideally located a mere 2 minute walk from the Vienna State Opera and the shopping street Kärntner Strasse with the Stadtpark and the Hofburg Palace around a 10 minute stroll. Classically styled guest rooms and suites range from cosy and intimate to opulent and elegant with all featuring antique furnishings and luxurious bathrooms. A tremendous choice of delectable dining include Michelin star rated cuisine at Le Ciel by Toni Mörwald, Japanese delicacies at Unkai, sushi at Unkai Bar, authentic Arabic dishes at Yalla and traditional Viennese at Grand Brasserie, plus impressive afternoon tea at Rosengarten café and tempting cocktails at Kavalierbar. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Grand Spa with sauna, steam bath, gym
- Grand Brasserie, Michelin star Le Ciel by Toni Mörwald, Unkai Japanese restaurant, Unkai Bar & Sushi, Rosengarten café, Schanigarten terrace, Yalla restaurant, Kavalierbar
- 205 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £773-£1495**

Extra nights from £173 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior inner courtyard view room with bathroom (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Vienna on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

## Hotel Bristol, A Luxury Collection Hotel ★★★★★

Ideally placed for opera lovers

In a wonderful location in the heart of the city and right opposite the Vienna State Opera, luxurious Hotel Bristol has been the focal point of Vienna's cultural life since 1892 and is renowned for its Viennese charm and personal service. The hotel is within walking distance of all major sights including St Stephen's Cathedral, Hofburg Palace and the Albertina Museum as well as the city's most famous market, the Naschmarkt. Refined and elegantly classic guest rooms and lavish suites feature modern amenities; some rooms have views over the Opera House where in summer live performances are displayed on large screens outside. The acclaimed Bristol Lounge restaurant offers contemporary fine dining in a superb art deco ambiance, and where in the afternoon, a delightful English high tea can be enjoyed to gentle piano music, whilst the atmospheric American bar is perfect for relaxing moments and sparkling cocktails.

Our guest experience rating: 95%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Fitness room
- Bristol Lounge a la carte restaurant, Bristol Bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 150 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **free nights** and **savings** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £752-£1412**

Extra nights from £165 per person per night

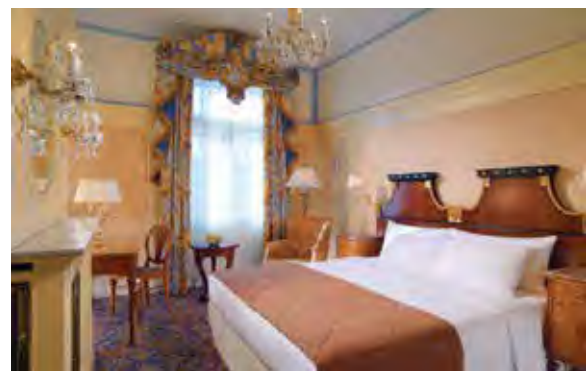
Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic city view room with bath (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Vienna on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

*This historic hotel is situated beside Vienna's magnificent State Opera House, so you can enjoy the encores safe in the knowledge that you'll be back in the comfort of your room in minutes*



Classic room



### PERFECT FOR BUTLER SERVICE

*This former palace exudes grandeur; stay in one of the larger suites and you'll have a personal butler to bring you morning tea in bed along with the daily newspaper*



Deluxe room

## Hotel Imperial, A Luxury Collection Hotel ★★★★★

A palace of Imperial grandeur

The wonderfully grand Hotel Imperial is Vienna's most lavish hotel and has played host to royalties, composers, classical music lovers and discerning travellers in search of impeccable service and outstanding accommodation since 1873. Uniquely located on Ringstrasse boulevard in the heart of Vienna opposite the famous concert hall The Wiener Musikverein, home to the Vienna Philharmonic orchestra, the hotel is ideally placed for discovering the city's many sights. Luxurious guest rooms and palatial suites are ornately decorated with precious antiques, chandeliers and sumptuous fabrics; a personal butler service is provided in some of the larger suites. The Michelin awarded Opus restaurant offers contemporary haute cuisine, whilst traditional Austrian specialities, champagne buffet breakfast and the famous Imperial Wien Torte can be enjoyed at the Café Imperial Wien. The stylish 1873-HalleNsalon lounge bar is ideal for cocktails and occasional jazz evenings.

Our guest experience rating: 97%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Fitness room
- Opus Michelin star restaurant, Café Imperial Wien for breakfast, 1873-HalleNsalon lounge bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 138 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **complimentary extras** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £893-£1084**

Extra nights from £212 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic city view room with bath and separate shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Vienna on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Salzburg

Undoubtedly one of Europe's loveliest cities, Salzburg is a Baroque masterpiece set against an operatic backdrop of mountains, forests and rivers. The birthplace of Mozart, it boasts a rich history of music and art whilst the city's Summer Festival and Christmas market are particular highlights.

Considered the Baroque jewel of the Austrian Alps, Salzburg sits on the banks of the Salzach River with the looming Hohensalzburg Fortress giving the city its unique silhouette; initiated by Archbishop Gebhard in 1077, this is the largest completely preserved castle in central Europe. Below, Salzburg's charming Old Town is a recognised UNESCO World Heritage site where the maze of narrow cobbled streets gives an undeniable medieval atmosphere contrasting in part with the many grand tall houses and arcaded courtyards that have been re-faced and updated in Italianate Baroque and neo-classical styles and there are art galleries, gardens and museums aplenty.

## must do Salzburg

### Salzburger Dom Cathedral

The magnificent Salzburger Dom Cathedral, with its richly decorated marble façade and mighty dome, is the ecclesiastical heart of the city and an un-missable architectural highlight.

### Sound of Music tours

Not surprisingly, given that the life of the von Trapp Family is inseparably linked to Salzburg, there is a wide variety of lively Sound of Music tours: on foot, on bicycle, or by horse drawn carriage, with or without a singing guide!

### Mozart & music

Music is everywhere in Salzburg and, as much of the city is now as it was when Mozart lived here 250 years ago, you can visit his place of birth, the cathedral where his parents married, his family residence and even the café, Tomaselli, where he indulged his passion for almond milk.

### The Salzburg Music Festival

Founded by Max Reinhardt and Richard Strauss in the 1920's, the Salzburg Music Festival takes place every summer and is one of the world's finest musical gatherings.

### Christmas markets

Salzburg also comes alive in winter when the medieval ambiance shines with the festive glow of its celebrated Christmas market. From late November to December the lights will be lit, there'll be incense in the air and choral singing from the cathedral steps.

## Sheraton Grand Salzburg ★★★★★

On the edge of Mirabell Gardens

Set right on the edge of the glorious Mirabell Gardens and facing the 17th century Mirabell Palace, five star Sheraton Grand Salzburg is ideally located for discovering the city's historical landmarks, culture and shopping; the old town is a mere ten minute walk away, with Mozart's birthplace and the famous shopping street Getreidegasse about 15 minutes on foot. Tastefully furnished guest rooms and suites have park or city views. The hotel's elegant Mirabell Restaurant tempts with culinary delights, restaurant taste.it offers a classic Italian menu, and the cosy piano bar with its summer terrace is a great spot for refreshing cocktails, or coffee and pastries. In addition, there is an on-site fitness centre with gym, sauna, steam bath and massage treatments.

Our guest experience rating: 82%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Fitness centre with gym, sauna, steam bath, massage facilities
- Restaurant Mirabell with international and local cuisine, piano bar and terrace, Italian restaurant taste.it
- Complimentary WiFi
- Access to public indoor pool at Kurhaus Spa
- 166 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **free night offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £662-£1246**

Extra nights from £127 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic room with bath and shower room (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Salzburg airport on Mondays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR BAROQUE GARDENS

*Enjoy the romantic charm of the surrounding Mirabell Gardens. Their lavish fountains and ornamental flowerbeds featured in the classic film The Sound of Music*

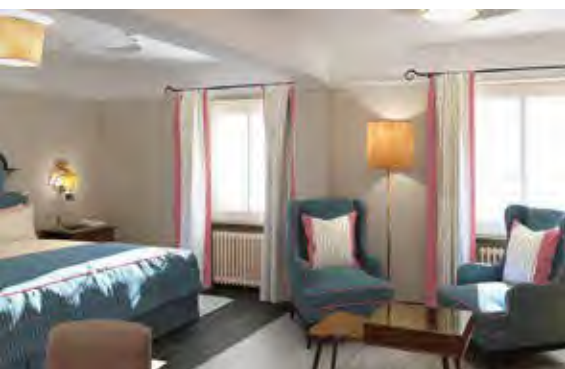


Deluxe room



### PERFECT FOR A LUXURY RIVER CRUISE

*Why not combine your stay at the hotel with a luxury cruise along the mighty Danube river; we offer 8-day boutique river cruises on board the finest ships, see pages 12-19 for details*



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## Hotel Goldener Hirsch, A Luxury Collection Hotel ★★★★★

Historic hotel with acclaimed dining

**NEW** for 2020

Located on the famous shopping street Getreidegasse in the city's old town and opposite the festival hall, the newly renovated Hotel Goldener Hirsch dates back to 1407 and is known for its exemplary service by its long serving staff and many guests choose to return time and again. The hotel is ideally placed for discovering many of Salzburg's sights with Mozart's birthplace nearby and Hohensalzburg Fortress reached on foot in ten minutes. Set in the old blacksmith's shop, Restaurant Goldener Hirsch is one of Salzburg's top dining spots offering delectable Austrian classics as well as international dishes and its lunchtime offerings are not to be missed, whilst adjacent restaurant Herzl offers authentic local cuisine in a cosy country inn setting and the bar is a popular meeting place.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Restaurant Goldener Hirsch, Bar Goldener Hirsch, Restaurant S'Herzl
- WiFi throughout
- 70 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings and offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £733-£1615**

Extra nights from £151 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic courtyard view room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Salzburg airport on Mondays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Budapest

Beautiful and picturesque, Budapest entices visitors with its rich history, impressive architecture, UNESCO-listed attractions and countless thermal spas, plus a cultural scene that includes world-class festivals, museums, theatres and concert halls, excellent dining and a vibrant nightlife.

The Hungarian capital is a city divided in two by the mighty Danube River; charming Buda on the west side and vibrant Pest on the east, and each boasting its own distinct character and history. Numerous neighbourhoods include the charming Castle district, downtown Belvaros-Lipotvaros filled with some of the city's major attractions and architectural gems, and bustling Terezvaros district with the elegant, UNESCO-listed Andrassy Avenue and the State Opera. Erzebetvaros, the Jewish Quarter, offers lively nightlife, the city's legendary ruin bars and the must-see Dohany Street Synagogue, whilst up-and-coming Jozsefvaros tempts with a bohemian feel and a myriad of stylish bars and restaurants.

## must do Budapest

### Castle Hill

Wander amidst the World Heritage sights of Buda Castle district with the viewing terrace of the fairytale Fisherman's Bastion offering unforgettable views.

### The Parliament

Book a guided tour of the city's most iconic landmark, the magnificent Hungarian Parliament building; see some of the 691 lavish rooms and catch a glimpse of the crown jewels.

### The City of Baths

Blessed with over 80 thermal springs the city offers a vast choice of bathhouses, ranging from the Ottoman-era to more modern establishments including popular Szechenyi, centrally located Rudas and the art nouveau gem, Gellert Spa.

### Walking tours & river cruises

A guided walking tour of Buda and Pest is a great way to catch up on the highlights, and there are regular sightseeing boat tours along the Danube as well as evening cruises with dinner and music included.

### The Jewish Quarter

Take in the striking interior of the world's second largest synagogue and visit the Jewish Cemetery, the Holocaust Tree of Life Memorial, and the Jewish Quarter Exhibition at nearby Goldmark Hall.

## Travelling around the city

Like most cities Budapest is easy to explore on foot. It also has a good public transport network of metro, buses, trams and boats with a Budapest Card for 1-5 days allowing for free travel in all zones as well as a guided tour of Buda and Pest, and free or discounted entry to many attractions and museums. Prices start at €22 for 24 hours. Details from Classic concierge or [budapestcards.com](http://budapestcards.com)

## Budapest attractions

The Hungarian National Museum boasts the nation's most important collection of historic relics, the Ludwig Museum covers contemporary art, whilst the House of Terror Museum tells the story of those that lived through the fascist and communist regimes during the 20th century. St Stephen's Basilica completed in 1905 offers panoramic views from its central dome lookout point, the Chain Bridge connecting Buda and Pest is revered for its beautiful architecture and Heroes' Square is the location of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Playing host to world-class opera, ballet and concerts the grand Hungarian State Opera offers old-world opulence and there are daily guided tours including a short ten minute opera performance.

## Food & drink

Hungarian food is hearty, rich and flavoursome and although goulash soup is the national favourite and perhaps the best known of Hungarian dishes, the city has recently seen a culinary revolution, and street-food as well as Michelin rated haute cuisine is widely available. The city's many coffee houses range from the historic to the superbly opulent and Hungary's wine culture dates back to Roman times with the country's top four wine regions being Eger, Tokaj, Villany and Somlo, with Tokaji (dessert wine) and Bikaver particularly noteworthy.

## When to visit

Mild weather and clear skies make spring and autumn ideal for a city break, summers are warm with average of 26°C at the height of season, and winters are on the chilly side. There's a fantastic choice of festivals and events throughout the year including the Spring Fair in Vorosmarty Square, the Budapest Summer Festival in July, Oktoberfest beer festival in the autumn and the traditional Christmas markets will bring a festive cheer from mid November until the end of December.

## Budapest in 3 days

### Day 1

Make an early morning start and catch the funicular up to Castle Hill. Stroll along the cobblestone streets lined with centuries old houses, past countless monuments and statues and stop at the neo-Romanesque Fisherman's Bastion for the best views of Pest. Head for the utterly charming, 200 year-old Café Ruszwurm for a traditional cream cake and coffee before seeing the magnificent Matthias Church on Trinity Square, and the National Gallery located in Buda Castle. Head down the hill through the delightful Taban area and up to Gellert Hill with its Citadel and Liberty Statue and enjoy the fabulous views of Buda Castle from here. In the evening go for Michelin star dining at Borkonyha and afterwards stroll along the banks of the river and across the Chain Bridge watching the city lit up at night.

### Day 2

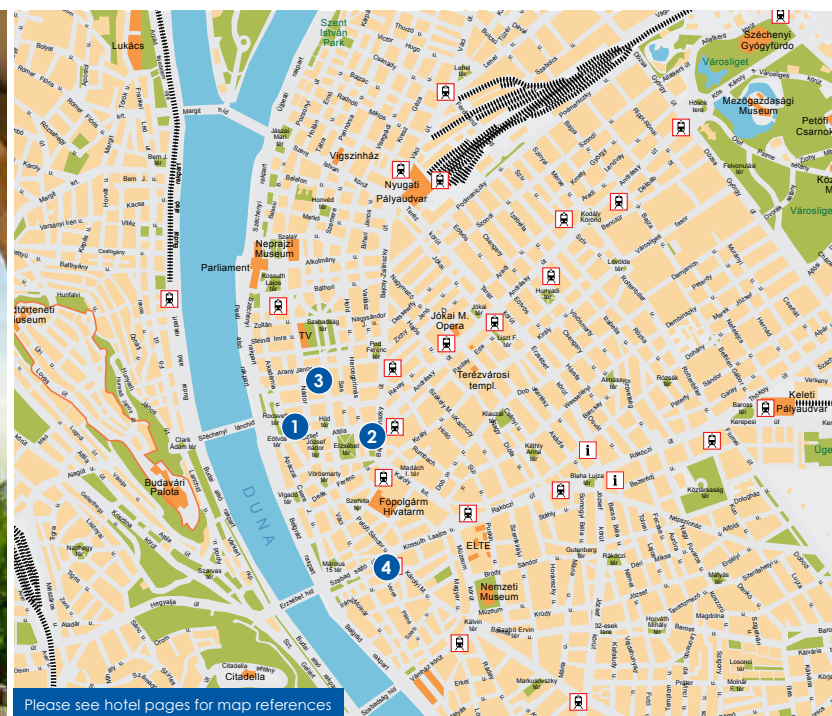
Start the day with a visit to one of Budapest's famous thermal baths, the Szechenyi Baths and to make the most of it set aside a couple of hours at least. Afterwards head to the opulent New York Café for lunch before exploring the Jewish Quarter with its array of quirky design shops and the city's famous ruin bars, Dohany Street Synagogue, Holocaust memorial and the Jewish Cemetery. In the evening catch a performance at the Opera House.

### Day 3

Walk across the Chain Bridge from Buda to Pest and take in the stunning views as you cross the river. Join a guided tour of the Hungarian Parliament Building and stay to watch the changing of the guards. Take a walk along the river to the Great Market Hall and enjoy a fine lunch at Borbirsag next door. From here head to Margaret Island and on a sunny afternoon take a stroll through this peaceful green oasis; climb the stairs of the island's art nouveau style water tower for great views. In the evening find one of the city's ruin bars for drinks and a bite to eat in an unusual setting.

## Boutique river cruise

Why not combine your stay in Budapest with a luxury 7 night all inclusive river cruise, see page 15 for details.



## Prestige Hotel Budapest ★★★★★ superior NEW for 2020

Timeless elegance and a convenient location

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In a peaceful side street just a few paces from the Danube and minutes from the Chain Bridge, St Stephen's Basilica and the Parliament building, Prestige Hotel Budapest offers Hungarian hospitality and fine dining amidst sleek, timeless elegance. Interior spaces are a wonderful blend of contemporary comforts and vintage style with crystal chandeliers, rich velvet textiles and hand painted silk wallpaper. Guest rooms and suites are elegantly decorated and furnished with designer pieces, with most rooms facing the light-filled inner atrium courtyard. Delectable cuisine can be savoured in an informal bistro style setting at the hotel's Michelin star restaurant, where breakfast is a mix of buffet choices and cooked-to-order options. The Saloon lounge is a comfortable space for relaxing and the exclusive Relax Room with sauna and whirlpool offers welcome relief after a day taking in the sights.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Relax Room with sauna, whirlpool, fitness room
- Costes Downtown Michelin star restaurant
- The Saloon lounge
- 85 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £570-£818**

Extra nights from £82 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard room with bathroom (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Budapest Ferenc Liszt airport on Mondays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR A LUXURY RIVER CRUISE

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Standard room



### PERFECT FOR LOCATION

*As well as the Hungarian Parliament within a 15 minute walk and the State Opera House a 5 minute stroll, Gelarto Rosa with its irresistible rose shaped ice cream is a mere minute away!*



Aria Signature room in the Jazz Wing

## Aria Hotel Budapest ★★★★★ NEW for 2020

Music inspired concept in Pest historic city centre

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Standing in the shadow of St Stephen's Basilica on the Pest side of the river, boutique style Aria Hotel Budapest is considered one of the city's top hotels and offers great service, exquisitely designed interiors and a music inspired concept throughout. Guest rooms and suites are designed to honour some of the world's musical legends in the genres of jazz, contemporary, opera, or classical. The High Note SkyBar boasts stunning views of the Basilica and the city, while offering a menu of fine cocktails and a selection of gorgeous bar food. Other dining options include the brand new Liszt Restaurant and the Music Garden for breakfast. The subterranean wellness centre features a range of indulgent spa treatments, as well as an indoor heated pool and a fitness area. A member of the Library Hotel Collection.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, Nespresso coffee machine and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Harmony Spa Wellness Centre with indoor heated swimming pool, steam bath, saunas, Jacuzzi, fitness room
- Liszt Restaurant for a la carte, Music Garden for breakfast and Wine & Cheese reception, High Note SkyBar
- Daily musical entertainment, music library
- Complimentary WiFi
- 49 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking offers** and **complimentary extras** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £775-£1294**

Extra nights from £150 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a luxury courtyard view room, bath or shower, some with balcony (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Budapest Ferenc Liszt airport on Mondays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

## Iberostar Grand Budapest ★★★★★ NEW for 2020

Style and sophistication in central Pest

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In the centre of the Pest district, with the gardens of Liberty Square directly opposite and the famous Parliament building and the Danube within an easy walk, the impressive Iberostar Grand Budapest occupies a spot on a quiet street and offers attentive service, a good range of facilities and luxurious interiors. Philippe Starck designed guest rooms and suites feature the latest in-room technology, modern comforts and a vibrant, elegant décor. A plentiful buffet breakfast of hot and cold dishes can be enjoyed in the restaurant, where an a la carte menu with Mediterranean flavours and traditional Hungarian dishes can be savoured in the evenings. The glamorous ambiance of the lobby bar is the ideal setting for a pre dinner drink, the hotel's Spa Sensations offers massage treatments as well as a whirlpool, sauna and Turkish bath, and a small fitness room is also available for guests' use.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Spa Sensations with massages, sauna, whirlpool, Turkish bath, fitness room
- A la carte restaurant, lobby bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 50 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **early booking offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £571-£906**

Extra nights from £82 per person per night

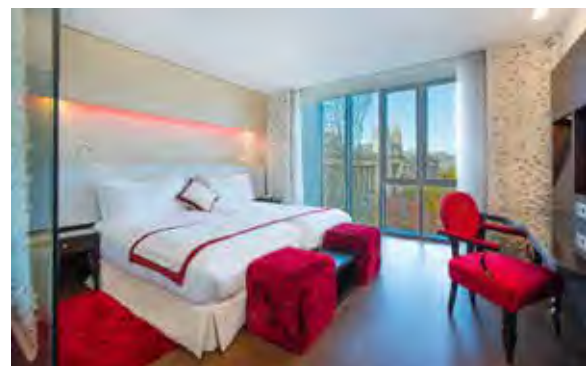
Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior city view room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Budapest Ferenc Liszt airport on Mondays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR LOCATION

*The hotel is an ideal base as you can walk to the St Stephen's Basilica within five minutes and the State Opera, Chain Bridge and the shopping and restaurants of Vorosmarty square in around ten*



Double superior



### PERFECT FOR ARCHITECTURE

*The hotel is set in a listed building, the meticulous restoration has unveiled some unique treasures including a magnificent copper stained-glass cupola*



Parisi room

## Parisi Udvar Hotel Budapest ★★★★★ NEW for 2020

A palatial gem in the heart of the city

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On the Pest side of the city within minutes of the pedestrian area of Vaci Street, recently opened Parisi Udvar Hotel Budapest occupies a magnificent and iconic landmark building dating back to 1906 that has been wonderfully restored to its former glory. Behind its ornate façade the eclectic design and décor features elements from Moorish and gothic styles, colourful majolica tiles and sculptures, with an art nouveau inspired palatial lobby and luxurious guest rooms and suites elegantly furnished in a contemporary art deco style. The vibrant Patisserie & Café serves Hungarian delicacies during the day and handcrafted cocktails late into the evening, whilst the Brasserie & Bar offers a stylish dining experience and a menu of international cuisine accompanied by fine wines. Skilled therapists offer a range of beauty treatments at the spa, and a fitness studio is also available for guests' use.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, mini fridge, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Spa with beauty treatments, fitness centre
- Restaurant & bar, patisserie & café
- Complimentary WiFi
- 110 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £738-£1057**

Extra nights from £148 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard room with shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Budapest Ferenc Liszt airport on Mondays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Prague

A fairytale city known as the City of a Hundred Spires, Prague in fact boasts nearly a thousand spires and towers and is a fascinating blend of old and new, and an absolute paradise for the aimless wanderer with its array of hidden courtyards, cobbled streets, bridges, green spaces and beautiful architecture.

The culturally rich and beautiful Czech capital can trace its history back eleven centuries and the city's skyline is dominated by Prague Castle, a vast complex of historic palaces, courtyards and museums, whilst the well-preserved Old Town offers up a myriad of centuries old buildings, enticing outdoor cafés and restaurants, and local entertainment in the form of street performers, busking jazz bands and a famous medieval astronomical clock. In addition to the city's wonderfully diverse architectural styles, there are numerous museums and art galleries, delightful parks and gardens, and the left bank of the Vltava River is perfect for leisurely strolls. Year round festivals and music performances, excellent restaurants and an array of beer gardens add to the cultural offerings.

## must do Prague

### Prague Castle

Catch tram 22 to Prague Castle and discover a history stretching back to the 9th century; don't miss the treasures of St Vitus cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, and a wander along the picturesque Golden Lane.

### Parks & gardens

There are the formal, baroque style Wallenstein Garden and the elegant Palace Gardens, or for vast open spaces and glorious views, the Letna Gardens and Petrin Hill and for a relaxing picnic spot, Kampa Park.

### Charles Bridge

Walk along one of Prague's most famous landmarks, the beautiful 500m long Charles Bridge. Visit before 9am to beat the crowds, or at night for a romantic stroll along its illuminated arches.

### The Old Town Hall

As well as the hourly performance of the famous Prague Orloj, the 600 year-old astronomical clock, the 14th century town hall offers panoramic views from its Gothic tower and tours of the historical halls.

### Josefov

The well-preserved Jewish Quarter, home to four synagogues, celebrates the culture of Prague's Jewish community as well as being a poignant reminder of the history of the Jewish Ghetto during WWII.

## Travelling around the city

The compact city centre is easily explored on foot, or there is an efficient tram network, plus metro and buses for visiting areas further out with 24 hour and 3 day tickets available. A Prague Card valid for 2, 3 or 4 days is a sightseeing pass with free or discounted entry to major attractions and also entitles the holder to a river cruise and a sightseeing bus tour; prices from €58 for 2 days. Details from Classic concierge.

## Museums & galleries

One of Prague's finest museums the National Gallery contains particularly noteworthy surrealist, abstract and cubist art, the Municipal House houses the city's largest concert venue, Smetana Hall and the cubist House of the Black Madonna is home to the Museum of Decorative Art. The Mucha Museum pays tribute to the life and work of the celebrated Czech painter Alfons Mucha, Franz Kafka Museum focuses on the paranoid world of the author's novels, and the Museum of Communism gives a glimpse into the life under Communist rule, whilst Museum Kampa is home to contemporary art and an interesting sculpture garden.

## Food & drink

Lunch is considered the most important meal of the day in the Czech Republic and daily set menus usually offer good value; try pork and sauerkraut, goulash served with dumplings, or schnitzel with potato salad, and for a sweet treat there's kremrole, a cream roll similar to Italian cannoli. Czech beer enjoys a reputation for being the best in the world and there are countless beer gardens serving well-known brands as well as beers from regional and micro breweries; enjoy with a, usually meaty, bar snack such as ham with horseradish cream, pickled sausage, steak tartare or wiener sausage with mustard.

## When to visit

Spring and autumn months are warm and pleasant so ideal for sightseeing, summers are hot, whilst winters are chilly and at times snowy. There are festivals held throughout the year with the celebrated Prague Spring classic music festival taking place around May, as does the Czech Beer Festival with the United Islands, the city's largest and free music festival, held in June, the Bohemia Jazz Fest in July and Prague's Christmas market fills the air with yuletide excitement throughout December.

## Prague in 3 days

### Day 1

Spend the morning in the Castle District wandering through the courtyards, down Golden Lane, admiring the interior of the St Vitus Cathedral and watching the changing of the guards at noon, before walking down through the palace gardens and to the Mala Strana quarter for lunch. Afterwards make your way to St Nicholas Church for a quick visit, through the baroque Wallenstein Garden to the fascinating Kampa Museum before crossing the iconic Charles Bridge. For fine dining in the evening there's the acclaimed Mlync nec right by the bridge or the sophisticated Augustine Restaurant.

### Day 2

Walk through the former working-class neighbourhood of Žižkov, now a vibrant area filled with boutiques, bars and cafés. For lunch and stunning panoramas head for the Observatory level of the futuristic-style Žižkov Television Tower, famous for the artist David Černý's giant baby sculptures scaling the outside. Stroll to the popular Jiráka Farmer's Market in the desirable Vinohrady neighbourhood and on to Nove Mesto for shopping in Wenceslas Square and a coffee at Café Louvre, once frequented by Franz Kafka and Albert Einstein. If there's time, stop at the National Museum for a look at its fascinating collection of surrealist, abstract and cubist art. Dinner in the evening followed by a visit to the National Theatre or one of the city's jazz venues.

### Day 3

Start the day in the Old Town watching the astronomical clock performance, and catch the glass lift up to the viewing gallery of the Old Town Hall Tower, then enjoy a late morning coffee and people watching at one of the cafés in the square. Walk to the wonderfully art nouveau Municipal House, and secure some tickets for a classical recital at the Smetana Hall in the evening. Enjoy an authentic Czech lunch at Lokal and head to the Jewish quarter for the afternoon.

## Boutique river cruise

Why not combine your stay in Prague with a luxury 7 night all inclusive river cruise, see page 16 for details.



## Hotel Paris Prague ★★★★★ NEW for 2020

Charmingly luxurious in a prime location

In the vicinity of the Municipal House and Powder Tower, the family-run Hotel Paris Prague enjoys a prime location within a few minutes' walk of the Old Town Square and offers attentive and friendly service. Built in 1904 and having retained its beautiful Art Nouveau interiors and striking neo-gothic style façade the hotel has been declared a national monument. A variety of classically elegant guest rooms and suites are furnished in period style. There is an excellent choice of hot and cold dishes for breakfast, whilst exquisite French cuisine and modern Czech specialities are served for dinner in the fine dining restaurant Sarah Bernhardt. A coffee house in charming 1920's Parisian style is the perfect setting in which to sample the hotel's legendary cake Paris, enjoy a light lunch or cocktails. As well as offering Thai massages the on-site Wellness & Spa Centre features a sauna, steam bath, Jacuzzi and fitness room.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Wellness & Spa Centre with massage, sauna, steam bath, Jacuzzi, fitness room
- Sarah Bernhardt fine dining restaurant, Café de Paris coffee house, Le Vin de Paris wine cellar
- 86 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £483-£871**

Extra nights from £81 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a deluxe room, bath or shower (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Prague Václav Havel airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR A LUXURY RIVER CRUISE

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Junior suite



### PERFECT FOR A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

*Secure some tickets for a magical night at the 19th century National Theatre with a variety of classic opera and ballet performances, as well as more contemporary offerings; contact Classic concierge*



Presidential suite

## Carlo IV The Dedica Anthology ★★★★★ NEW for 2020

A beautiful blend of history and modernity

A mere ten minute walk from Wenceslas Square and 15 minutes from the Old Town, the luxurious Carlo IV dates back to 1890 and is set over two buildings. Interior spaces in the historical wing offer lofty ceilings, polished marble, fabulous chandeliers and a classic 19th century décor, whilst the newer part is more contemporary in style. Service is attentive and the hotel's location is ideal for seeing the city sights and attractions. Guest rooms and suites are beautifully appointed in a blend of classically elegant period style and modern comforts. A rich and well-balanced breakfast is served buffet style, the Inn Ox Lounge a la carte restaurant offers modern Czech and international dining, whilst coffee and delicious cakes can be enjoyed at the Lobby Café. The trendy Inn Ox Bar is ideal for cocktails and The Vault tempts with fine wines and cognacs. The award winning and Roman-inspired spa features indoor pool and a selection of treatments.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Spa with massage and treatments, indoor pool, sauna, steam room, fitness centre
- Inn Ox Lounge, Lobby Café, Inn Ox Bar, The Vault
- Complimentary WiFi
- 152 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £450-£917**

Extra nights from £70 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic city or courtyard view room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Prague Václav Havel airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

## Aria Hotel Prague ★★★★★ NEW for 2020

Music inspired luxury in the historic quarter

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3

Ideally located in the historic Mala Strana district with St Nicholas Church, Charles Bridge and Prague Castle within a short stroll, boutique style Aria Hotel Prague offers attentive service and luxurious surroundings. The hotel's refined design and elegant interior features a music inspired theme with each of the four floors of the hotel dedicated to a different musical genre and each of the contemporary style guest rooms and suites celebrating the work of a renowned composer or artist. A delicious buffet breakfast is served in the light-filled winter garden atrium, where afternoon tea is also served daily, and drinks and piano music can be enjoyed in the evenings. In a stunning art deco setting, the highly acclaimed Coda Restaurant ranks amongst Prague's finest. Guests can make use of a cinema room, music salon and fitness centre, and also enjoy access to the Vrtba Garden.

Guest experience rating available 2020

## FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, iPad, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Fitness centre with steam room, sauna
- Coda Restaurant with rooftop terrace
- Music salon
- Music library, cinema-screening room
- Complimentary access to Vrtba Garden
- 51 bedrooms and suites

## CLASSIC VALUE

For **free night offers** and **complimentary extras** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £629-£931

Extra nights from £130 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a XX, bath with shower, balcony or terrace (max XX), including flights from Gatwick to Václav Havel airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



## PERFECT FOR VRTBA GARDEN

*In summer enjoy complimentary access to the charming, terraced Vrtba Garden. Prague's oldest baroque garden and UNESCO-listed they boast stunning views of the city from the top terrace*



Deluxe room



## PERFECT FOR RELAXATION

*The tranquil spa features a range of holistic treatments inspired by ancient recipes; try the St Thomas Beer Body ritual created from a secret recipe of the Augustinian Order of Monks*



Tower suite

## Augustine, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Prague

Contemporary luxury and old world charm

NEW for 2020

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Located in the picturesque Lesser Town district, just below Prague Castle and moments from Charles Bridge, Augustine, a Luxury Collection Hotel Prague, offers impeccable service, delectable dining and understated luxury. Set across seven historic buildings, and connected to the still functioning St Thomas Monastery dating back to the 13th century, the hotel has been designed in a tasteful contemporary fashion yet preserved its old world charm. Airy and beautifully styled guest rooms and exquisite suites feature views towards the city or the peaceful inner courtyard. The restaurant housed in the glass-covered courtyard serves sophisticated European cuisine and a buffet style breakfast is available each day. The Refectory Bar in the monastery's double-height hall boasts carefully restored 19th century ceiling frescoes and offers seasonal cocktails, signature St Thomas beer and light snacks.

Guest experience rating available 2020

## FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Augustine Spa with treatments, sauna, steam room, fitness area
- Augustine Restaurant, The Refectory Bar
- 101 bedrooms and suites

## CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £682-£970

Extra nights from £147 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic room with bathroom (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Prague Václav Havel airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Venice

A romantic city famed for its palaces, basilicas, grand squares, and gondolas which glide around its delightful waterways, Venice has a legendary history that is simply unparalleled. True romantics should choose the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train, surely the most stylish way to travel, please see pages 8-9 for details.

Venice is one of the most fascinating cities in the world. Comprised of 118 islands connected by bridges, the city is unlike any other. It comes as no surprise that it is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Ancient canals wind their way between palaces and basilicas, and grand squares are filled with atmosphere and light. Views from the Grand Canal via water-taxi or gondola are unmissable, and on foot, you can discover St Mark's Basilica and the Bridge of Sighs, before whiling away a couple of hours over a cappuccino in St Mark's Square. An incredible treasure trove of culture and art, this world famous city has an almost endless number of historical buildings, museums and galleries to enjoy. This mesmerising city ensures a truly breathtaking experience.

## must do Venice

### Piazza San Marco, Rialto Bridge & the Bridge of Sighs

Venice's stunning and unique town centre, the oldest bridge across the Grand Canal and a bridge from which convicts saw their last view of Venice before being imprisoned, are all not to be missed.

### Accademia Gallery

Assembled by Napoleon, the Accademia is one of the world's greatest art treasure houses and includes pieces by world-famous artists like Bellini, Canaletto, Tintoretto, and Leonardo da Vinci.

### Ca' Rezzonico Museum

Once a Baroque palace and family home, this is now a museum of 18th century Venetian life replete with a fine collection of paintings, Murano glass chandeliers and beautifully carved furniture.

### Peggy Guggenheim Collection

A collection of more modern art that is as eclectic as the American heiress was eccentric. Her collection features lesser known artists alongside Kandinsky, Picasso, Man Ray, Rothko and Dali.

### St Mark's Basilica

This extraordinary Byzantine edifice is one of the most famous churches in Italy and is renowned for its extraordinary mosaics. It has been a symbol of the wealth of Venice since the 14th century.

## Travelling around the city

Venice has a variety of options when it comes to getting about the city. Much of the city can be discovered on foot, but the main form of public transport is vaporetto or water buses. Tickets for these can be purchased upon boarding or at most of the landing stations. If you are planning to use the waterbuses a lot, a travel card offers good value from [www.venezianica.it](http://www.venezianica.it) or via Classic concierge (freephone 0800 008 7289). Private water taxis are motorboats which are a stylish and speedy, if expensive, way of getting around. Despite new by-laws requiring Gondola fares to be displayed, prices may vary. You may be able to negotiate a lower rate at less busy times.

## Cookery courses

From shopping for the freshest produce in the vibrant Rialto Market to preparing a tasty Venetian lunch, a fabulous pizza or pasta, or learning the secrets of traditional pastries and desserts, chefs Caterina Nason and Giovanna Arcangeli will introduce you to some of the finest Venetian staple dishes and also Venetian biscuits, tiramisu and bussola. Reserve a place through Classic concierge (freephone 0800 008 7289).

## When to visit

Whatever the season Venice always enchants; winter mists and fogs make for a magical atmosphere and haunting land and waterscapes. Late February to early March is the time of the Venice Carnival. The warmth and clear light of spring and early summer bring crowds hoping to see Venice at its best. On the 3rd Sunday in May, June and July there are the redentore fireworks and late summer welcomes the Historical Regatta and Venice Film Festival. Low season is from November to January.

## Venice attractions

The Venice Connected service allows you to pre-book and pre-pay transport passes and tickets for civic museums with variable discounts (book at least one week before arrival). Venice Card, administered by Hellovenezia offers a three-day pass including vaporetto use, free entrance to civic museums, all chorus churches and discounts elsewhere. Book via [www.veniceconnected.com](http://www.veniceconnected.com) or [www.hellovenezia.it](http://www.hellovenezia.it) or Classic concierge (freephone 0800 008 7289). Lesser known attractions include Caffè Dei Dogi in the Rialto for the best coffee, the Osteria alla Bifora for people watching, the Skybar Molino Stucky for the vista and Ae Do Spade for a splendid shoe-shine.

## Venice in 3 days

### Day 1

Most of Venice's memorable sights are within a twenty minute walk of the Rialto Bridge or St. Mark's Square. On your first day walk from St. Mark's Square to the Frari Church, taking time en route to enjoy the vibrant action of the Rialto market. Find a place for lunch close to the Frari Church before catching a vaporetto back to St. Mark's to wander and shop. Visit the Basilica and Doge's Palace in the late afternoon avoiding the midday crowds. Climb the Campanile bell tower for a fine view and maybe a short gondola ride before enjoying an evening meal and drink, alongside the duelling orchestras of St. Mark's Square.

### Day 2

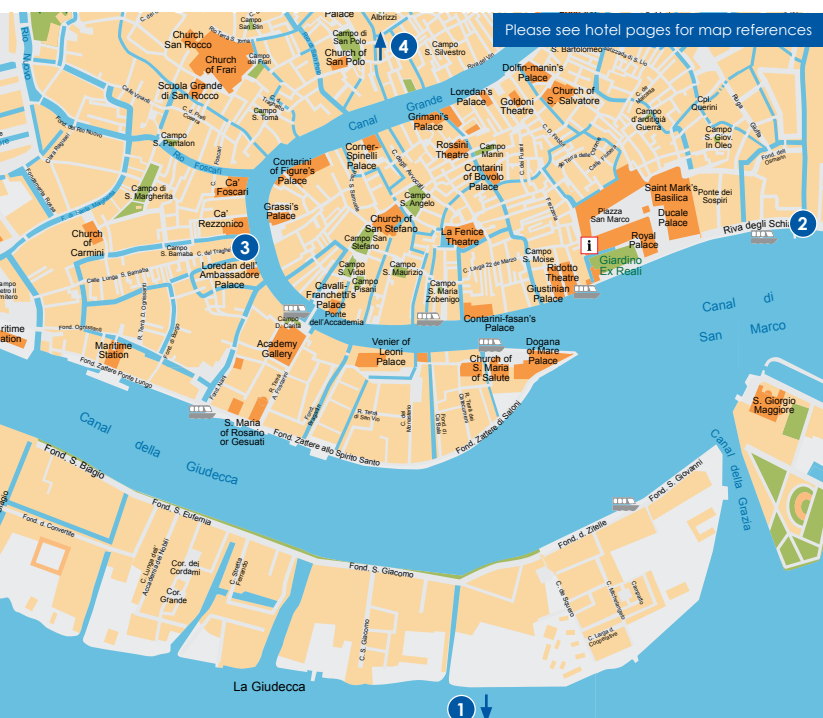
Start the day with a cruise of the Grand Canal by vaporetto and a visit to the Ca' Rezzonico museum, a former palatial, Baroque home. Follow this with lunch in the Dorsoduro neighbourhood. After exploring the surrounding area make your way to the Accademia Gallery to enjoy a collection of fine art masterpieces assembled by Napoleon after he confiscated the artworks of hundreds of churches, convents and religious guilds. For a complete contrast follow this with a visit to the Peggy Guggenheim collection of the most important works of the modernist, futurist and avant-garde artists from Europe and America.

### Day 3

Explore Venice's lagoon by vaporetto visiting four of Venice's neighbouring islands. Murano is famous for its glass making, particularly lampworking, Burano is known for its lacework and brightly coloured homes, Mazzorbo is rich in agriculture, with hundreds of artichoke fields, as well as vineyards and fruit trees. Torcello, one of the most popular islands to visit in the Venice lagoon, is still quite peaceful. The main reason for visiting the island is to see the spectacular Byzantine mosaics in the seventh century Cathedral of Santa Maria Dell'Assunta. Much of the island is a nature reserve, accessible only by walking paths.

## Boutique river cruise

Why not combine your stay in Venice with a luxury 7 night all inclusive river cruise, see page 17 for details.



## San Clemente Palace Kempinski ★★★★★

The Italian Dolce Vita in a truly unique location

Set in six hectares of wonderful, landscaped gardens and parkland on its very own island in the Venetian Lagoon, San Clemente Palace Kempinski is an exclusive retreat boasting peace and tranquillity, outstanding service and an inviting repertoire of leisure offerings. The Island of San Clemente is a mere ten minutes from Piazza San Marco by the hotel's complimentary shuttle boat. Spacious guest rooms and suites are beautifully decorated and furnished in a classically elegant style and offer various views over the lagoon, gardens and inner courtyards. Delectable cuisine awaits in the three restaurants, from al fresco breakfast to relaxed poolside light lunches and sophisticated evening dining. Recreational facilities include a superb outdoor swimming pool area with captivating views of the lagoon and Venice, a state-of-the-art spa, tennis court and small putting green. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World.

Our guest experience rating: 98%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Outdoor pool
- Spa, tennis court, fitness room, jogging path, 3 hole putting green
- 3 restaurants, 3 bars
- Complimentary WiFi
- Complimentary shuttle boat to historic centre, 12th century church
- 190 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon offers** and **early booking savings** as well as other offers, please call us on 0800 008 7288

20 Mar-3 Nov  
**3 nights from £1124-£1460**

Extra nights from £229 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior courtyard view room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Venice Marco Polo airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 60 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

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### PERFECT FOR PRIVATE ISLAND EXCLUSIVITY

Enjoy lush gardens, inner courtyards and the historic San Clemente Church with complimentary boat transfers to St Mark's Square every 30 minutes

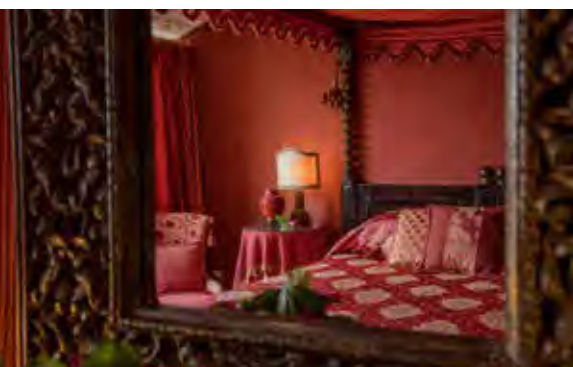


Deluxe room



### PERFECT FOR MICHELIN DINING

Enjoy beautifully presented gourmet cuisine in the elegantly quirky setting of the Met Restaurant with its Fortuny fabrics, antiques and works of art



Deluxe room

## Metropole Hotel ★★★★★

Quirky boutique hotel minutes from St Mark's Square

Overlooking the magical lagoon in front of St Mark's Square, Metropole Hotel is a family run hotel offering a warm welcome, and from its own private mooring, guests may effortlessly discover the beautiful floating city of Venice. The hotel is adorned with antiques from the family collection of more than 2,000 precious pieces, and is richly and sumptuously decorated. In the opulent Venetian lounge, with views over the lagoon, a choice of teas and infusions are served with delicious homemade cakes and pastries. All of the individually styled rooms and suites are beautifully furnished with original period pieces, some with private elegant terraces, and all offering the highest levels of comfort and luxury. At the intimate Michelin star Met Restaurant, chef Luca Veritti uses seasonal produce to create delicate cuisine with flavours true to their original essence.

Our guest experience rating: 94%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, safe and minibar
- Michelin star Met restaurant
- Venetian lounge serving afternoon tea
- Oriental Bar
- 67 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon offers**, **free nights** and **savings** as well as other savings, please call us on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £709-£1282**

Extra nights from £117 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a deluxe street or garden view room with bath or shower room (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Venice Marco Polo airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 45 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

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## Palazzo Stern Hotel ★★☆☆ superior

Stunning hotel with delightful views

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Palazzo Stern Hotel is located on the Grand Canal opposite Palazzo Grassi and a few steps from St Mark's Square and Academia. This 15th century Moorish Palazzo has been lovingly restored to create a stunning designer hotel and guest rooms in traditional Venetian style are simply lovely and boast delightful views of canals, rooftops or a private garden. A Jacuzzi and rooftop terrace with spectacular views can be exclusively reserved, and breakfast can be enjoyed in the breakfast room or, during summer, on the spacious garden terrace with fantastic canal vistas which also offers a bar service in the evenings. In addition, the hotel has a private landing stage for boats and river taxis ensuring guests may effortlessly discover the beautiful and romantic city of Venice.

Our guest experience rating: 90%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Breakfast room
- Panoramic rooftop terrace and Jacuzzi (charge, can be reserved privately)
- Terrace overlooking the Grand Canal with bar service in the evening
- Private landing for boats and river taxi
- 24 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon offers** and **savings** as well as other offers, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £638-£1078**

Extra nights from £83 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard room with shower room (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Venice Marco Polo airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 45 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR ROOFTOP APERITIFS

Stay for two or more nights and enjoy a complimentary ride on board the hotel's vintage boat to Locanda Vivaldi Hotel for an aperitif on the rooftop terrace (deluxe room and above)



Junior suite



### PERFECT FOR EXPLORING

Discover the other Venice behind the hotel, quiet residential streets lead to pretty piazzas with restaurants, cafes and gelateria



Suite

## Hotel Palazzo Giovanelli ★★☆☆ superior

A tranquil retreat with an illustrious past

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An historic residence in the Santa Croce quarter overlooking the Grand Canal and next to the Church of San Stae, Hotel Palazzo Giovanelli offers a tranquil retreat in this bustling city. Conveniently located for the lively Rialto district with its bacari (traditional Venetian inns), Venice Casino and St Mark's Square, the building dates back to the 16th century and over the years has been home to illustrious guests including Doge Marco Foscarini, the King of Denmark, and Mozart's family. The interiors boast a harmonious blend of modern and traditional styles, and well-appointed elegant rooms and suites are furnished in a contemporary style with Rubelli fabrics, Venetian style terrazzo or parquet floors, and gilded travertine or marble bathrooms; all featuring views of the canal, inner garden or over the city. Breakfast is served buffet style and the bar is perfect for cocktails and light refreshments. There's a waterside door for water taxi arrivals and a vaporetto stop right outside.

Our guest experience rating: 81%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, minibar and safe
- A la carte snack bar serving buffet breakfast, lounges
- 41 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking savings** as well as other offers, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £607-£1162**

Extra nights from £83 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior garden view room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Venice Marco Polo airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 45 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Verona

Verona, famed for its spectacular outdoor opera and the tragedy of Romeo and Juliet, is an enticing small city boasting a wonderful blend of culture and gastronomy, and is the perfect destination for a city break, or part of a longer holiday twinned with nearby Lake Garda.

By the River Adige on the Veneto Plain, neighbouring the spectacular Dolomites and scenic Lake Garda, Verona, once called Piccola Roma, Little Rome, is a prosperous, relatively small and easy to walk around city boasting ancient history, inspirational music, fantastic Soave and Valpolicella wines, delightful cobbled streets especially in the historic quarter which houses most of the main sights, and some of Northern Italy's finest piazzas and monuments. During the summer season Verona is particularly vibrant around Piazza Bra, there's great shopping on Corso Porta Borsari, fabulous city views from Castel San Pietro's magnificent parkland, fantastic artworks in numerous galleries and, across the river, the Roman theatre ruins provide open air staging for an annual Shakespeare Festival.

## must do Verona

### Opera at Arena di Verona

In addition to a year round programme of opera, ballet and music in Teatro Filarmonico, Areni di Verona open air extravaganzas from late June to early September usually include well-renowned operas such as Aida, La Traviata and Tosca. Tickets from [www.arena.it](http://www.arena.it) or via Classic concierge (freephone 0800 008 7289) with prices between €30-€200.

### Casa di Giulietta

Dating from 12th century and purportedly housing Juliet's balcony, this house is one of Verona's favoured attractions with its promises of everlasting love and good fortune.

### Duomo di Verona

Enjoying a fascinating insight into Verona's history; art lovers will delight in the interior with its breathtaking frescoes, a Titian painting, and valuable religious sculptures.

### Basilica di San Zeno

This is a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture and a crypt which is believed to have been the place of the marriage of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

### Castelvecchio

Worthy of note is the 14th century Castelvecchio castle that has been beautifully converted into the Museo d'Arte and contains a collection of fine works of art.

## Due Torri Hotel ★★★★★

Sophistication and romance in the heart of Verona

Renowned for its warm Italian welcome, first class service and fine cuisine, Due Torri Hotel is romantically situated in the very heart of Verona, close to both the celebrated Arena di Verona and Juliet's famous balcony. Originally a medieval Palazzo, it has been lovingly restored with lavish and sumptuous interiors reflecting a refined atmosphere. All of the individually styled and comfortable guest bedrooms are beautifully furnished with authentic period pieces, Murano glass chandeliers, vibrant wallpapers, and each features a luxurious pink marble bathroom. Exquisite cuisine can be enjoyed in the elegant restaurant, awarded Three Forks by Michelin, and in summer the exclusive Panoramic Terrace with splendid views over the city is the perfect spot for cocktails or a pre-opera dinner. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World.

Our guest experience rating: 93%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Sala dell' Aquila serving breakfast, Due Torri Lounge & Restaurant for regional and national cuisine, Gourmet Grill Restaurant on the Panoramic Terrace, bar
- 89 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking savings**, **honeymoon extras** and **free night offers** as well as complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £587-£1246**

Extra nights from £110 per person per night

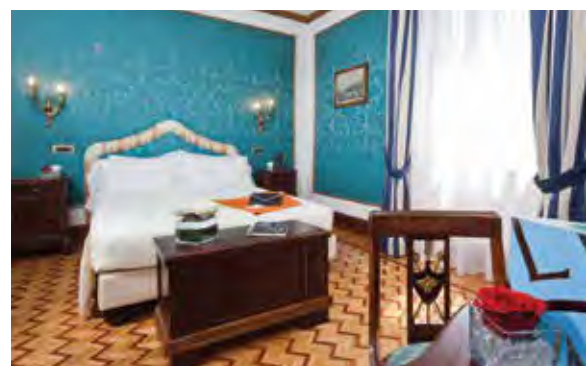
Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Verona Villafranca airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR WORLD-CLASS OPERA

A 15 minute walk from the world-famous open-air Verona Arena. The season usually runs from June to September; contact our concierge service for tickets



Deluxe room



Luxury room

### PERFECT FOR ROMANCE BY JULIET'S BALCONY

When the crowds have left for the evening make the most of hotel guests' exclusive access to the enchantingly romantic courtyard of Juliet's House



Superior room

## Il Sogno di Giulietta Relais de Charme

Romantic and exclusive

Enjoying the most romantic location in the heart of historic Verona, boutique Relais Il Sogno di Giulietta occupies a charming 14th century building opening onto the famous courtyard of Juliet's House, and in the evenings the enchanting courtyard is reserved exclusively for the guests of the Relais. Each of the 16 beautifully elegant and individually decorated guest rooms feature parquet flooring, beamed ceilings, period style furniture and en suite bathrooms with Jacuzzi bath; some rooms look directly onto the courtyard, others the pedestrianised shopping street Via Capello. There is a 24 hour reception and a small lounge, and a continental breakfast is served in the privacy of your room each morning. Although there is no restaurant in the hotel, the concierge team delight in helping with dinner recommendations and reservations, as well as requests for special occasion romantic gestures and surprises.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- 24 hour reception
- Small lounge
- 16 bedrooms

### CLASSIC VALUE

**Complimentary** access to Juliet's House Museum

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £477-£1390**

Extra nights from £73 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in an elegant city view room, bath with shower (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Verona Villafranca airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Milan

Italy's second largest city, fashionable and sophisticated Milan boasts prestigious museums, excellent restaurants, delightful cafés, elegant boutique-lined avenues, busy markets, a magnificent Gothic cathedral and La Scala Opera house. Cosmopolitan, stylish and energetic, Milan is Italy's most important city with regards to commerce and fashion.

Located in the Po Valley in the northwest of Italy, Milan boasts numerous museums, monuments and churches, including the most grandiose of Gothic cathedrals, the Duomo. For those looking for the latest trends and retail indulgence, this city is famed for its fashion, contemporary Italian creativity and style, all of which are an essential part of the Milan ethos. The shopping district with exclusive designer boutiques set in elegant 18th century palazzo, easily rivals London's New Bond Street and New York's Fifth Avenue. Nightlife is vibrant with an avant-garde theatre scene, stylish nightclubs and La Scala for opera lovers. Cocktails in historic Bar Cova are a must, followed by dinner in one of many superb restaurants. Boasting romance, culture and style, Milan is perfect for a short break.

## must do Milan

### Duomo

One of the largest Catholic cathedrals in the world, accommodating some 40,000 people, 135 spires and 3,200 statutes, the Duomo stands as the major symbol of the city, and an awe inspiring architectural masterpiece.

### Teatro alla Scala

The largest theatre in Europe and world famous for opera, its opening season has become Milan's greatest social event, with first-class performances of some of the best-loved works of opera and ballet. Contact Classic concierge for details.

### Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II

As beautifully designed and timelessly fashionable as the merchandise which it offers for sale, this shoppers' paradise has been one of the city's main attractions since 1867; designer labels aplenty in a stunning setting.

### Parco Sempione

A huge variety of offerings includes a wonderful aquarium, an historic castle, a design museum, a plethora of Liberty-style buildings and architectural conversation pieces set amongst winding paths and parkland.

### The Last Supper

Perhaps one of the most famous works of art, Leonardo da Vinci's painting depicting the Last Supper decorates one of the walls of the Santa Maria delle Grazie; pre-booking is essential.

## Baglioni Hotel Carlton ★★★★★

Elegance in the heart of Milan

Located in Milan's fashion quarter, the luxurious Baglioni Hotel Carlton boasts refined clientele and high levels of service and is the perfect base from which to discover Milan's sights, many of which are within easy walking distance. The hotel overlooks the famous Via della Spiga shopping street, with Via Montenapoleone, the cathedral and the famous La Scala theatre situated just a short distance away. It's a truly sophisticated hotel and guest rooms are elegantly decorated, the famed restaurant serves delicious Milanese cuisine and Caffè Baglioni is a popular meeting place and offers afternoon tea and a great variety of cocktails. For total relaxation Spiga 8 Spa provides a range of beauty treatments, Turkish bath, sauna and fitness equipment.

Our guest experience rating: 98%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Spiga 8 Spa with beauty treatments, sauna, Turkish bath and fitness equipment
- Baretto al Baglioni offering Milanese gastronomy, Caffè Baglioni
- 87 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £822-£1625

Extra nights from £200 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic street or courtyard view room with shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Milan Linate airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades.



### PERFECT FOR FASHIONISTAS

*This stylish hotel overlooks the Via della Spiga, Milan's most celebrated shopping street while its restaurant is a local landmark which attracts glamorous Italians and international jetsetters*



Grand deluxe terrace room



### PERFECT FOR SHOPPING & CULTURE

*Spend the morning shopping amongst the designer labels at Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, pop into historic Bar Cova for cocktails before an early dinner, followed by a night at the opera*



Premium room

## NH Collection Milano President ★★★★★

Conveniently located for the Duomo

Located in Milan's historic centre, NH Collection Milano President is a stylish and contemporary city hotel with chic interiors and designer furnishings, and set a ten minute walk from the famous Duomo and the fashionable boutiques of Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II and Via Montenapoleone the hotel is an ideal base for a city break. Well-appointed and elegantly modern guest rooms and suites feature private balcony or terrace and some rooms enjoy panoramic views of the cathedral. A generous buffet breakfast is served each morning and in the evenings Milanese specialities and international cuisine can be savoured in the hotel's sophisticated Verziere restaurant. A menu of light meals and snacks are available at the Le Colonne bar where the daily happy hour is the perfect time for trying a speciality cocktail, and additionally there is a modern fitness centre available for guests' use.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Fitness centre
- Verziere restaurant, Bar Le Colonne, Bar Panhini
- 274 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £538-£807

Extra nights from £85 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior city or internal view room, bath with shower, balcony or terrace (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Milan Linate airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Bologna

Rich in history and culture, capital of the Emilia-Romagna region, and revered by food connoisseurs for its much-heralded gastronomy, Bologna is a beautifully preserved medieval city combining a youthful vibrancy with thousands of years of history, a world-famous university, and one more leaning tower than Pisa!

Situated inland almost midway between Venice and Florence, Bologna is fondly referred to as La Grassa (Fat) due to its deliciously rich cuisine, La Rossa (Red) for ochre-coloured roofs and political leanings, and La Dotta (Learned) in celebration of the world's oldest university. Although lesser known than many Italian cities, Bologna rivals most for its culture and culinary excellence. The historic centre boasts impressive shaded porticoes lined with cafés and boutiques, a vast Gothic cathedral, lively piazzas and numerous churches and monuments. The city is a vibrant collection of history, concerts, clubs, events and exhibitions; perfect for a short break or combining with a few days on the coast.

## must do Bologna

### The Two Towers

The leaning Torre Garisenda and Asinelli are the best preserved of the city's medieval towers; climb the 498 steps of Asinelli for spectacular views.

### The University of Bologna

The university, dating back to 1088, covers an entire district; walking tours include the fascinating Teatro Anatomico where, in the 17th century, public dissections were carried out!

### Quadrilatero

The streets of the Quadrilatero district boast market stalls, trendy cafés, gourmet delis, and a mesmerising market.

### Centro Storico

Culturally-rich Centro Storico with its colonnaded porticoes is easy to explore on foot and Piazza Maggiore provides a good start point with its imposing, unfinished Basilica di San Petronio and 'Giant' 16th century Neptune Fountain.

### Art

For art lovers there's Modern Art Museum of Bologna, MAMbo, and Pinoteca Nazionale for collections by Giotto, Raphael and Titian.

### Eately World

With its vast agri-food farm and vineyard, FICO Eataly World, on the city's outskirts includes a massive farmers' market and more than 40 restaurants, trattorias and street stalls plus cookery courses.

## Grand Hotel Majestic gia' Baglioni ★★★★★ luxury

Impeccable service and an enviable location

The most prestigious hotel in Bologna, Grand Hotel Majestic gia' Baglioni has played host to many distinguished guests since its opening in 1912 and continues to provide exceptional service and exquisite dining in luxurious surroundings for the discerning traveller. Located in the heart of the city, the famous Two Towers, the open-air food market and the main square, Piazza Maggiore, are all within walking distance. Interiors are fabulously opulent with elegant guest rooms featuring Venetian style furniture and suites lavishly decorated with stucco and precious silks. There is a buffet breakfast available and the hotel's acclaimed restaurant is set amidst 15th century frescoes and paintings and offers a seasonal menu. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Wellness centre with Turkish bath, sauna, chromotherapy, fitness area, in-room massages and treatments
- I Carracci a la carte restaurant, Café Marinetti
- Complimentary WiFi
- 106 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £681-£864

Extra nights from £148 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic street or internal view room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Bologna Guglielmo Marconi airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR LEANING TOWERS

*Dating back to the 12th century Bologna's two leaning towers stand in the Porta Ravegnana square; climb the 498 steps of the Asinelli tower for a birds eye view of the city*



Grand deluxe room



### PERFECT FOR DISCOVERY

*Hop on one of the hotel's complimentary bicycles and discover Bologna's many monuments, historic markets, enchanting medieval streets and hidden corners*



Classic room

## Al Cappello Rosso ★★★★★

Convenient location and wonderful dining

Occupying the premises of a former osteria (tavern) dating back to the 14th century, Al Cappello Rosso is centrally located a few steps from Piazza Maggiore in the heart of Bologna and is an ideal base for exploring the city's many attractions. The hotel is a loving blend of traditional and contemporary and prides itself on its friendly service and attention to detail. Themed guest rooms, most uniquely decorated by contemporary artists and stage designers, provide comfort and modern amenities; apartments are also available in the immediate vicinity. Each morning the breakfast buffet offers a tempting choice of sweet and savoury dishes and with its 600 year old history, acclaimed Osteria del Cappello restaurant continues its tradition of serving delicious local food in an informal tavern style setting; local produce on sale in the restaurant make perfect gifts to take home.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Complimentary use of bicycles
- Osteria del Cappello restaurant, lounge
- Complimentary WiFi
- 33 bedrooms and apartments

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **complimentary room upgrades** as well as complimentary extras, please call us on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £467-£621

Extra nights from £86 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic street view room with bath or shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Bologna Guglielmo Marconi airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Florence

Set in Tuscany, on the banks of the River Arno, Florence is historically and architecturally fascinating. One of Italy's best loved cities, it provides a haven for art lovers; boasting the colourful renaissance architecture of the Duomo plus a multitude of museums and galleries including the world famous Uffizi.

Nearly all the main sights in this delightful Renaissance city lie within the centro storico. There are nearly 70 museums and art galleries, numerous palaces, 24 historic churches, including Santa Croce brimming with art treasures. Central Florence is dominated by the splendid Piazza del Duomo and the cathedral which soars high above the surrounding buildings. Nestling between Palazzo Vecchio and the River Arno, the world famous Uffizi Gallery houses one of the world's most important collections of Italian and European art. The climate in this area of Italy can be hot and humid during the high summer months and the best times to visit are spring and autumn. It rains between November and March and winter weather can be chilly although this a good time to visit as it is less crowded.

## must do Florence

### Uffizi Gallery

The jewel in Florence's crown, the Uffizi Gallery houses the world's most significant collection of Renaissance paintings as well as examples of art history from ancient Greek sculpture to 18th century Venetian paintings. Pre-book and allow plenty of time.

### The Duomo Cathedral

Florence's iconic landmark took 150 years to complete and is one of the finest masterpieces of the Renaissance. The cathedral's dome is a feat of engineering which uses over four million bricks and cannot fully be appreciated without climbing its 463 interior stone steps.

### The Basilica of Santa Croce

The world's largest Franciscan church is also the burial place of Michelangelo, Galileo, Machiavelli, Rossini, Marconi and many others. The interior frescoes by Giotto are a particular highlight.

### Bardini & Boboli Gardens

Florence has little in the way of green space so both gardens are well loved. The Boboli is the more popular, the Bardini, though smaller, is more manicured, beautifully tiered and has all the features of a Tuscan garden and less crowds.

### Ponte Vecchio

Florence's iconic bridge is undeniably romantic and undoubtedly one of the best spots from which to catch the city's sunset.

## Hotel Brunelleschi ★ ★ ★ ★ superior

Fusion of historic and modern right in the city centre

Hotel Brunelleschi is a delightful and popular hotel ideally located in the very heart of historic Florence, just steps away from the Brunelleschi Cathedral in Piazza del Duomo and a short stroll from the Uffizi Gallery. A unique hotel built around the historic structures of the 6th century Byzantine tower La Pagliazza and the medieval church of San Michele in Palchetto it has been carefully reconstructed to retain the architectural characteristics of the time yet providing modern comforts and facilities. Guest rooms are attractively furnished and feature modern amenities and a contemporary style decor. Some rooms afford the most splendid views taking in the Duomo. The renowned Santa Elisabetta restaurant, awarded in the Michelin Guide 2019, serves creative and delectable Italian cuisine and Osteria della Pagliazza Restaurant offers traditional Tuscan dishes. There's an American bar, lounge, workout room and a small private museum.

Our guest experience rating: 89%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, iPod docking station, free WiFi, tea & coffee making facilities, safe and minibar
- Workout room
- Restaurant Santa Elisabetta (Tue-Sat), Restaurant Osteria della Pagliazza, American bar, lounge
- Small private museum with Roman baths and historical exhibits from the restoration of the hotel
- 96 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon** and **early booking offers** as well as other savings and complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £561-£1299

Extra nights from £72 per person per night

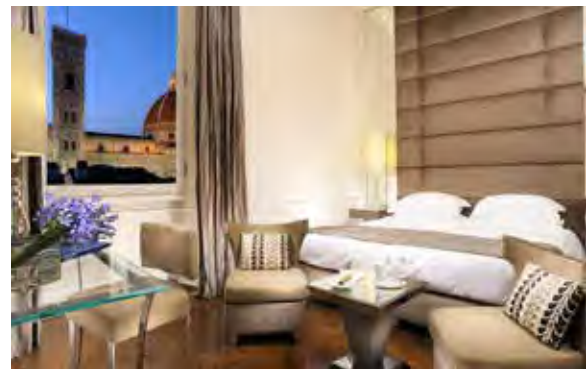
Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic executive street or courtyard view room with shower room (max 2), including flights from London City to Florence Peretola airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

Private transfer time approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR SUITE & MORE

Upgrade to a suite and enjoy extra benefits such as a dedicated Suite Ambassador, a la carte breakfast in the Byzantine Tower and early check-in & late check-out (subject to availability)



Deluxe Duomo View



### PERFECT FOR A SWIM WITH A VIEW

Head for the hotel's rooftop terrace in summer for a cooling dip in the pool and a light lunch accompanied by fabulous views, or stay into the evening for the delicious cocktails



Deluxe room

## Grand Hotel Minerva ★ ★ ★ ★ superior

Boutique style in the heart of Florence

One of Florence's iconic hotels, prestigious Grand Hotel Minerva, restored in the 1960's and recently beautifully refurbished in a contemporary boutique style, offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere and is ideally located in the central Piazza Santa Maria Novella in the heart of historic Florence. All the city's famous landmarks, shopping areas, and the central train station are within easy walking distance. There is a choice of elegant guest rooms and suites recently renovated in a contemporary urban style and boasting views of the piazza or the Santa Maria Novella church cloister. The freshest, local produce is used to create delectable classic Florentine and Mediterranean dishes with a modern twist, served in the bistro, or during summer months, al fresco on the patio by the piazza. The hotel features a splendid rooftop swimming pool and terrace with a pool bar and spectacular views, there's a chic bar for light meals, coffees and cocktails and a fitness room with Jacuzzi for guests' use.

Our guest experience rating: 89%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea and coffee making facilities and safe
- Rooftop swimming pool (Apr-Sep)
- Fitness room with Jacuzzi
- Il Chostro breakfast room, La Buona Novella Bistrot Italiano restaurant, Bistrot Bar, Three-Sixty rooftop pool and snack bar, lobby lounge
- Complimentary WiFi
- 97 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon offers** as well as complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £588-£1148

Extra nights from £80 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a premium room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from London City to Florence Peretola airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

Private transfer time approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Rome

Formerly the heart of the mighty Roman Empire, presently the home of the Papacy, Rome is as much historic centre as contemporary and beguiling European city. This historic and artistic capital of the world begs its visitors to enjoy its many sights, treasures, food, wine and people.

Magnificent and overwhelming, Rome rises up to crown the seven hills along the winding banks of the River Tiber. Boasting some of Europe's finest architecture, the eternal city certainly wasn't built in one day; Classical, Romanesque, Medieval and Renaissance buildings span the centuries and for at least 2000 years merchants, pilgrims and visitors have wended their way towards this magical city. Its position in the world's greatest empire, its significance as a religious and cultural centre, its turbulent centuries of upheaval, its aristocratic and papal rivalries, have led to a culturally, architecturally and artistically unique city. But Rome is not a museum; it's a colourful and vibrant city whose food, culture, scenery and ambiance make for an unrivalled city destination.

## must do Rome

### Attractions

Endless sightseeing treats include the Roman Empire's largest amphitheatre, the Colosseum, the Forum, the Pantheon, the Victor Emmanuel II memorial, the Trevi Fountain, where all visitors should throw a coin, the Spanish steps and the decorous and majestic Via Veneto.

### Vatican City

The Sistine Chapel with its famous frescoed ceiling by Michelangelo, the Vatican Museums with their 7km of galleries, as well as St Peter's Basilica, the largest of all Roman Catholic churches, are all a must see.

### Rome's squares

Rome's squares are one of the main attractions of the Italian capital. Piazza Venezia represents the heart of the city, Piazza Navona offers spectacular Baroque architecture, Piazza di Spagna is famous for the Spanish steps and St Peter's Square is the majestic centre of Christianity.

### Borghese Park

With evocative views over the city, romantic walkways, calming fountains, elegant trees, an expansive lake and hidden gardens, this glorious canopy of green is a verdant crown placed majestically atop the Piazza del Popolo and the Via Veneto in the north of the city.

### Shopping

Rome has a fantastic range of shops from designer to boutique via high street chains. The bustling Via Condotti features exclusive designer boutiques and Via del Corso has a variety of shops from the Ferrari flagship store to high street and department stores.

## Travelling around the city

If you want to use public transport, Rome's metro offers the most convenient way of getting around the city. There are just the two metro lines which connect most of the sights of Rome. A three day pass can be bought for €18. As Rome is quite a compact city it also makes sense to visit on foot. The walk from the Trevi Fountain to the Colosseum and Forum is about ten minutes with the Pantheon at a similar distance from the fountain. The considerable attractions of the Vatican City are a further 15 minutes stroll beyond the Pantheon.

## Food & drink

Rome has a huge choice of places to eat, from sophisticated restaurants to more traditional trattorias. Enjoy an espresso and cornetto (croissant) for breakfast in any local bar or café, and for a light lunch, choose a tavola calda; a bar with informal tables serving a variety of dishes. For evening dining, the word ristorante usually indicates a more elaborate establishment than a cosy trattoria or rustic osteria, but the distinction can become blurred. Local carafes and bottled vintage wines are of course widely available. Rome's delightful cuisine is particularly deserved after a long morning or afternoon of sightseeing.

## When to visit

Rome is a year round city, although during spring to early summer, and late summer, temperatures are milder and the crowds not quite so intense. Do be aware that the main Italian vacation starts mid-way through August resulting in the closure of more restaurants and shops than at other times. From late October to Easter visitor attractions may have shorter visiting times and renovation and repair works tend to be carried out. As for the seasons, summers are hot; spring and autumn are delightfully mild, winters are cool and at times rainy but with many sunny days.

## Rome attractions

Roma Pass is the capital's special tourist-cultural card that enables tourists and local residents to benefit from various discounts and services that make it easier to enjoy the splendours of Rome. Roma Pass gives you free access to some sights, queue-jump facilities, discounts to the other sights and museums and a public transport pass to use on the metro and busses. At the Coliseum a reserved turnstile is available for Roma Pass holders to get direct access to this most popular of monuments. For further details visit [www.romapass.it](http://www.romapass.it) or Classic concierge (freephone 0800 008 7289).

## Rome in 3 days

### Day 1

Just as Rome wasn't built in a day it shouldn't be visited in a day either. So, for your first day of three, start off by visiting the Roman Colosseum to marvel at one of the greatest architectural wonders of the world. From there walk up Palatine Hill, the birthplace of the city, to enjoy a stunning panorama of the city centre and the Roman Forum. Take time to explore the Roman Forum for yourself before making your way to Capitoline Hill and Michelangelo's splendid Piazza del Campidoglio. After lunch take in the sights of the Via del Corso, the Victor Emmanuel II monument, the Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps and the Borghese Park for sunset views over the city.

### Day 2

Spend the morning in the smallest country in the world, Vatican City, to enjoy the visual feast of the Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica and Square. After lunch a leisurely stroll along the banks of the Tiber can take you to the Botanical Gardens, the flower market and neighbourhoods of the Piazza Navona. This is the perfect spot to enjoy the many street performers, artists and musicians who gather there each day. There are also lots of dining opportunities in this area with bars, restaurants and clubs staying open until the early hours.

### Day 3

Rome is home to the Capitoline Museums containing artefacts and artworks of ancient Rome. You can easily spend a morning exploring these as they are connected by an underground gallery. After lunch take the Ancient Appian Way, the primary road that led into Ancient Rome. All along the road are ruins, cafés, nature trails, and various catacombs of crucified Christians. Art lovers should not miss out on the art collections of the Orangery and the Villa Giulia in the Borghese Park. Stroll through the park, hire bicycles or take a rowing boat out onto the lake.



## Hotel dei Mellini ★ ★ ★ ★

Superb location

Superbly located on the bank of the River Tiber, Hotel dei Mellini enjoys easy access to the historic sights and attractions of Rome with the Spanish Steps, St. Peter's Basilica and Piazza del Popolo all within a 15-20 minute walk. There is also excellent shopping in close proximity. Offering warm hospitality and impeccable service, it impressively blends Italian marble with contemporary style and guest rooms are spacious and elegantly decorated. An ample breakfast buffet and delicious Mediterranean specialities are served in the cafeteria-style dining room and the bar and outdoor patio are elegant settings in which to enjoy a drink. The hotel's terrace overlooking the city's rooftops is a delightful oasis in which to relax during the day and watch the sunset from at night, and in addition guests have access to a small gym.

Our guest experience rating: 92%

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### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, smart TV, WiFi, minibar and safe, plus kettle in deluxe room & suite
- Rooftop sundeck
- Gym, table tennis
- Cafeteria serving breakfast, bar
- WiFi in lobby and roof garden
- In-room massage service (charge)
- Children's playroom
- 80 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

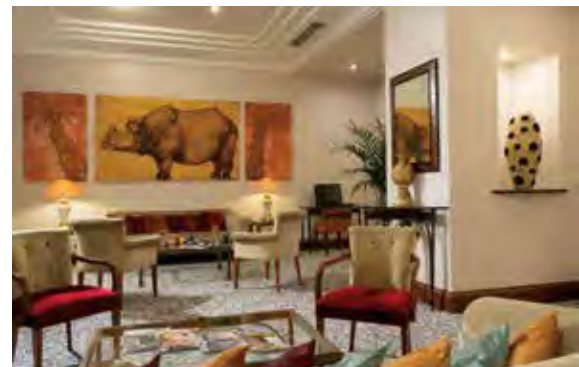
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1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £446-£717**

Extra nights from £73 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior street or courtyard view room with bath or shower room (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Leonardo Da Vinci (Fiumicino) airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 45 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR A BARBECUE

*You can enjoy your own barbecue on the hotel's rooftop terrace; get your steaks from the local butcher and order a picnic basket from the hotel for the rest (payable locally)*



Deluxe room



### PERFECT FOR DINING WITH A VIEW

*Dine al fresco at the Flair rooftop restaurant where Executive Chef Alessandro Caputo creates excitingly delicious dishes; try the Buio tasting menu for surprising flavours*



Superior room

## SINA Bernini Bristol ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Timeless elegance

Overlooking Bernini's famous Triton Fountain and dating back to the late 19th century the splendid SINA Bernini Bristol faces the Piazza Barberini, whilst the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and Via Veneto can be found just around the corner. Recently renovated, the hotel's ambiance is that of timeless elegance with spacious lounges boasting period furnishings, wonderful tapestries and Venetian glass chandeliers. Guest rooms and suites offer either a classic décor or a more modern style and some feature balconies. Tasty Mediterranean and international cuisine can be savoured at the rooftop restaurant The Flair, where during the summer, guests can dine al fresco on the terrace whilst admiring the spectacular views over the city where the majestic dome of St Peter's takes centre stage. Additionally there is a wellness centre with a range of massage treatments, sauna, Turkish bath and a gym.

Our guest experience rating: 82%

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### FEATURES

- All rooms feature satellite TV, WiFi and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Wellness centre with massage treatments, sauna, Turkish bath, gym, Jacuzzi
- The Flair rooftop restaurant, bar, lounges
- 127 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking savings**, **free nights** and **honeymoon offers** as well as complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £624-£954**

Extra nights from £132 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Leonardo Da Vinci (Fiumicino) airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 45 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

## Grand Hotel de la Minerve ★★★★★

Noble elegance and sophistication

Conveniently located a mere two minute walk from the Pantheon with the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain within a 15 minute stroll, sophisticated Grand Hotel de la Minerve is set in a former 16th century mansion and has retained a noble elegance with its Art Nouveau décor, chandeliers, plush sofas and a Liberty-style stained glass skylight in the lobby. There is a choice of elegantly chic and spacious guest rooms and suites with modern amenities. The breakfast buffet offers hot and cold dishes, and the roof terrace bar (summer) is a sought after spot for aperitifs and sunsets, before dinner in the adjacent a la carte restaurant where beautifully presented Italian and international dishes are accompanied by magnificent views over the city. Additionally there is a small gym available for guests' use.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

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### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Small gym
- Minerva Roof Garden Restaurant, Minerva Roof Garden Bar (seasonal), Le Cupole bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 135 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **free nights** and **savings** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £682-£1054**

Extra nights from £151 per person per night

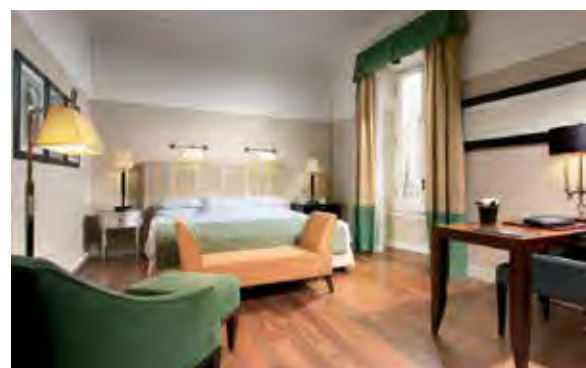
Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic street view room with bath and shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Leonardo Da Vinci (Fiumicino) airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 45 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR LOCATION

Many of Rome's landmarks and piazzas can easily be reached on foot within 5-15 minutes; Pantheon, Colosseum, San Pietro and Piazzas di Spagna, Venezia and Navona



Superior room



### PERFECT FOR SEEING THE SIGHTS OF ROME

Central, pedestrianised location with easy access to Rome's major sights including the Spanish Steps, The Pantheon, Piazza del Popolo and Piazza Navona



Superior room

## Hotel d'Inghilterra ★★★★★

A luxury palazzo in the heart of Rome

Located just a short stroll from the Spanish Steps and within easy access of Rome's major attractions and designer shopping, Hotel d'Inghilterra, part of Starhotel Collezione, is a restored 17th century palazzo that over the years have played host to a number of writers and artists, from Byron, Keats and Shelley to Hemingway, Gregory Peck and Elizabeth Taylor. This prestigious and luxuriously furnished hotel has the feel of a private home; guest rooms are individually styled, each with marble bathrooms and period furniture and some have panoramic terraces. Breakfast can be enjoyed al fresco or at the Café Romano restaurant which is a chic place to dine, and the Bond Bar, voted one of the top bars in Italy, serves excellent cocktails and arguably the best coffee in Rome.

Our guest experience rating: 82%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, safe and minibar
- Café Romano restaurant
- The Bond Bar offering an extensive cocktail list
- Internet connection and WiFi
- 88 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **free nights**, **early booking savings**, **honeymoon offers** and **complimentary room upgrades**, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £673-£1102**

Extra nights from £148 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior double room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Leonardo Da Vinci (Fiumicino) airport on Thursdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 45 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

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# Valletta

As Malta's tiny capital is little short of an open-air museum, it is recognised by UNESCO as one of the most prized historic areas of the world and was honoured to become the European Capital of Culture in 2018.

Extremely photogenic, it's a compact place to explore and its honey-coloured, Baroque architecture certainly creates a stunning first impression. Quaint cafés, wine bars and cosy restaurants adorn each corner of this worn-limestone city, and as you stroll along streets, through squares and alleyways, you'll glimpse commanding views over the Grand Harbour, stunning architecture, and shop fronts straight out of pre-war Britain. Valletta is one of Malta's main tourist attractions offering the majestic beauty of St John's Co-Cathedral, the imposing bastion walls and a treasure trove of priceless works of art. The city's unique setting nowadays plays host to a series of cultural events. A hive of activity during the day, the city is much quieter at night, and all the more charming for it.

## must do Valletta

### Upper Barrakka Gardens

One of Valletta's most beautiful parks, it offers a panoramic view of the Grand Harbour, features several notable statues and the firing of the Saluting Battery every day at noon.

### St John's Co-Cathedral

In an island of churches this is the most impressive. The colourful baroque interior is of particular note and belies the plain façade. The cathedral museum houses works by Caravaggio.

### National Museum of Fine Arts

A fine art collection which features masterpieces from the 15th to 20th centuries including Turner's watercolour depicting the Grand Harbour, and, curiously a painting of Gozo by poet Edward Lear.

### National War Museum

Commemorating the islands' ordeal during World War II, pride of place goes to the replica George Cross medal that was awarded to the entire population of Malta in 1942.

### Grand Master's Palace

Once the residence of the Grand Masters of the Knights of St John, and the seat of Malta's parliament until 2015, today the magnificent 16th century Grand Master's Palace houses sumptuous state rooms and an extensive armoury collection.

## Grand Hotel Excelsior Malta ★★★★★

Malta's most prestigious address

From its unique location by the edge of the sea, Grand Hotel Excelsior Malta is nestled between the mighty 16th century bastion walls of Valletta and the Marsamxett Harbour, and offers simply stunning views of both the harbour and Manoel Island. Arguably Malta's most prestigious address, the hotel boasts spacious deluxe rooms and suites; contemporary in style with a harmonious blend of classic and contemporary designs, they exude an overwhelming sense of style and grandeur. Sea view rooms with their breathtaking views over the harbour are highly recommended. Restaurants include the à la carte Admiral's Landing with its fine international cuisine with a Mediterranean twist. The Excelsior Club Lounge (local charge) offers WiFi, local & international newspapers, full buffet breakfast, afternoon tea with cakes, sandwiches, French pastries and cookies, plus pre-dinner drinks and canapés available 6-9pm.

Our guest experience rating: 82%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, flat screen satellite TV, internet, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Outdoor & indoor swimming pool, children's pool
- Access to small sandy beach
- Spa with fitness room, sauna, steam bath, massage and beauty treatments
- 2 restaurants, snack restaurant, 3 bars
- 429 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon offers** and **early booking savings** as well as other offers and complimentary extras, please call us

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £484-£1173

Extra nights from £82 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a deluxe inland view room, bath with shower (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Malta airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

Private transfer time approximately 15 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR SEA VIEWS

*Built almost into the bastion walls of Valletta between the capital and the sea, huge windows help to make the most of the stunning panoramic views across the water*



Deluxe sea front room



### PERFECT FOR VINTAGE CHARM

*Enjoy grandeur, luxury, and impeccably attentive service in a wonderful setting; there's an old world quality, a rare find nowadays, to this beloved hotel*



Suite with harbour view

## The Phoenicia Malta ★★★★★

Close to the city walls, Malta's rich history awaits . . .

The Phoenicia Malta, situated a short stroll from Valletta's city walls, was constructed during the 1940's with an aim to become the city's premier hotel. The aspiration was soon realised and the hotel is not only splendid, but ideally placed for visitors wanting to discover this truly remarkable city. Here a myriad of fascinating sights and vistas awaits and, as with any mainland European capital, Valletta offers a rich life of pavement cafés, fine restaurants and enviable international shopping. The Phoenicia Malta has a rich tradition of great hospitality and legendary personal service and it features attractive gardens and a pleasant outdoor swimming pool; ideal for a period of relaxation after a busy day or morning of exploration. Rooms or suites with harbour views are particularly recommended as they offer outstanding views to Valletta's city walls and beyond.

Our guest experience rating: 86%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, cable TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Outdoor pool
- Phoenix restaurant offering international, Mediterranean and local specialities, Bastion pool bar and restaurant, Palm Court Lounge, Club Bar
- Babysitting service
- 136 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon offers** and **early booking savings** as well as complimentary extras, please call us on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £551-£1305

Extra nights from £104 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior city view room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Malta airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

Private transfer time approximately 15 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Madrid

Culturally and historically exciting, Madrid boasts superb art collections, splendid architecture, a fantastic foodie culture plus a buzzing nightlife. And, unusually for a capital city, there's a considerable amount of delightful relaxing parkland and green space.

Numerous distinctly characterful neighbourhoods include exclusive Barrio de Salamanca with its beautiful 19th century architecture, upmarket boutiques, Michelin-star dining, stylish nightlife and art galleries, whilst predominantly residential Retiro, enveloping Madrid's beloved park, features neo-classical Puerta de Alcala Gate. Traditional tapas bars abound in the oldest neighbourhood, Austrias, which also houses the Royal Palace, Teatro Real Opera House, Sabatini Gardens and Plaza Mayor. The famed 2km long Golden Triangle of Art, Paseo del Arte, boasts three acclaimed art museums, and popular La Latina houses a famous flea market. The financial district, Castellana, features impressive skyscrapers plus Real Madrid's famed Bernabeu stadium.

## must do Madrid

### Art galleries

Few cities boast a wealth of art to rival that of Madrid and, along Paseo del Arte, there are three of the world's finest museums including the outstanding, privately-owned Thyssen Bornemisza, the ubiquitous Prado, and the delightfully contemporary Reina Sofia.

### Parks

There's much green space for all to enjoy; 17th century El Retiro Park is a favourite with the Madrileños, Madrid Rio, perfect for strolling and cycling, plus further delightful gardens include the Sabatini Gardens, the Royal Botanical Gardens, and Oeste Park.

### Royal Palace

The largest royal palace in Western Europe, majestic 18th century Palacio Real, comprises 3,000 rooms and boasts an astounding collection of outstanding paintings, sculptures, tapestries, antiques, and an opulent Throne Room with a ceiling painted by Tiepolo.

### Flamenco & opera

As the world's flamenco capital, Madrid boasts a plethora of *tablaos*, flamenco bars, where the raw emotion of this sensational art form can be enjoyed. At Teatro Real Opera House, productions including first-class opera and classical music concerts are held throughout the year.

### Al Andalus luxury train journey

Why not combine your stay in Madrid with a luxury 6 night train journey, see pages 10-11 for details.

## Hospes Puerta de Alcala Madrid ★★★★★

Elegance in the exclusive Barrio de Salamanca neighbourhood

Centrally located on Plaza de la Independencia, overlooking the Puerta de Alcala and with views of the city's major green space Retiro Park, boutique hotel Hospes Puerta de Alcala Madrid is set in a splendidly converted historic building dating back to 1883, with original architectural features beautifully complemented by a modern, sophisticated style. Luxurious guest rooms and suites are an alluring blend of historic and contemporary and the hotel's elegant award winning restaurant features delectable cuisine and enjoys views over Retiro Park from its outdoor terrace. There is a small gym and the exclusive Bodyna Spa features a range of holistic treatments, a Turkish bath and a small indoor relaxation pool. In addition, the Prado Museum, Reina Sofia National Art Museum and the Cybeles Fountain are all within a short walk.

Our guest experience rating: 92%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV and WiFi
- Bodyna Spa with 3 treatment rooms, Turkish bath, gym, small indoor relaxation pool, relaxation room
- Restaurant Malvar, lounge bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 42 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon offers** and **early booking savings** as well as **family offers**, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

### Al Andalus luxury train journey

Why not combine your stay in Madrid with a luxury 6 night train journey, see pages 10-11 for details.

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £588-£883**

Extra nights from £116 per person per night

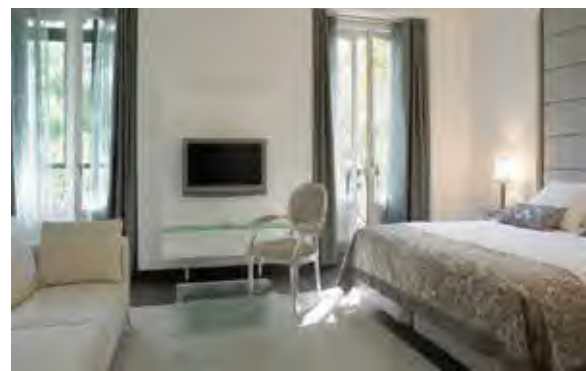
Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a dreamer patio view room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Madrid Barajas airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR MONUMENTAL VIEWS

*The hotel is close to the imposing Alcalá Gate, a triumphal arch that is one of the symbols of Madrid and you'll be able to see it from your room if you book one of the elegant suites*



Deluxe room



### PERFECT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SPLENDOUR

*Built for the Earl of Tepa by the Spanish royal architect Juan de Villanueva, who also created the Prado, this hotel still has a palatial feel with rooms and suites all individually designed*



Deluxe room

## NH Collection Palacio de Tepa ★★★★★

Stylish boutique hotel in Las Letras neighbourhood

Set in the heart of Barrio de Las Letras, Madrid's literary district, NH Collection Palacio de Tepa is a stylish boutique hotel set in a beautifully restored 19th century palace originally designed by the architect of nearby Plaza Mayor and the Prado Museum. Some of the city's most famed monuments, museums and the Gran Vía shopping area are all within an easy stroll. Spacious and contemporary furnished guest rooms and suites are filled with light, decorated in neutral tones and feature a range of modern amenities. Each morning the breakfast buffet offers a tempting choice of cooked and continental dishes, the wellness area features a range of massage and beauty treatments and there is a gym for guests' use. There are plenty of bars and restaurants in the surrounding area including the two Michelin star restaurant, La Terraza del Casino within a ten minute walk.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Wellness area with treatments, gym
- Breakfast room
- Complimentary WiFi
- 83 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early bookings savings** as well as complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

### Al Andalus luxury train journey

Why not combine your stay in Madrid with a luxury 6 night train journey, see pages 10-11 for details.

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £541-£780**

Extra nights from £100 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a deluxe room, bath with shower, and balcony or terrace on request (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Madrid Barajas airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Valencia

Valencia, Spain's third largest city, enjoys more than 300 days of bright Mediterranean sunshine a year and boasts white sandy beaches, a thriving restaurant culture, striking architecture, and an abundance of museums and galleries including the iconic City of Arts & Sciences.

Successive occupations have led to varied architectural styles including Roman ruins, the Barrio del Carmen quarter of cobbled streets and medieval palaces, Gothic monuments, Modernista buildings and the contemporary City of Arts & Sciences. Invest in a Valencia Tourist Card for discounted entry to the 34 museums, plus there's a stunning 13th century cathedral and the UNESCO listed 15th century La Lonja de la Seda; the former Silk Exchange. Due to the rice fields around Lake Albufera, Valencia is home to paella, and the city is proud of its gastronomic heritage and its flourishing restaurant scene includes lively tapas bars and Michelin star establishments. Impressive Mercado Central, one of Europe's largest food markets, is a haven for foodies, and there are vineyards to explore just inland from the city.

## must do Valencia

### City of Art & Sciences

Futuristic City of Arts & Sciences, designed by Santiago Calatrava, features an avant-garde opera house, interactive science museum, Europe's largest aquarium, Oceanographic and an IMAX cinema.

### Museo de Bellas Artes

Set in a 17th century convent and housing a renowned collection of Spanish classical art, Museo de Bellas Artes includes works by Goya, El Greco and Velázquez and Valencian artists Pinazo, Belliure and Sorolla.

### Turia Gardens

Set in the ancient river bed which runs through the city connecting the Bioparc and Cabecera Park with the City of Arts & Sciences, Turia Gardens boast 9km of lush vegetation, fountains and ponds, criss-crossed by 18 historical bridges; explore by foot, bicycle or canoe.

### Plaza de la Virgen & the cathedral

Linger over a coffee in Plaza de la Virgen with its beautiful central fountain, Basilica of the Virgin and Palace of Generalitat and climb the 207 steps of the Miguelete bell tower for astounding views. Don't miss the famed cathedral, purportedly the home of the Last Supper's Holy Grail.

### Beaches & Albufera Natural Park

About 3km from the city centre and easily reached by taxi, bus or metro are Las Arenas and La Malvarrosa beaches; further inland the Albufera Natural Park, features one of the largest lakes in Spain.

## The Westin Valencia ★★★★★

Elegance and glamour in the city centre

Nestling amidst towering date palms and lush greenery, cosmopolitan The Westin Valencia is ideally located in the city centre next to the Paseo de la Alameda and enjoying easy access to many of Valencia's cultural and historical venues, shopping and Malvarrosa Beach, reached by a short taxi journey. Set in an impressive Modernist building, art deco inspired interiors are elegant and stylish and guest rooms and suites are spacious and comfortable. There are three restaurants, each with its own al fresco terrace; a delicious buffet breakfast is served in Rosmarino, the elegant Komori offers Japanese delicacies with a modern touch and El Jardí tempts with the best of local Spanish cuisine and showcases Valencia's famous culinary creation, paella. Modern American style h-club Valencia is a trendy venue for evening cocktails and the Jardí Wellness Centre features an inviting indoor therapy pool.

Our guest experience rating: 86%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Jardí Wellness Centre with indoor therapy pool, hammam, sauna, experience showers, fitness studio and the latest in phytocosmetic treatments
- Rosmarino restaurant serving breakfast, Komori Japanese restaurant and El Jardí restaurant for lunch and dinner, h-club Valencia for cocktails
- 135 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking savings** and **offers** as well as complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £652-£1165**

Extra nights from £116 per person per night

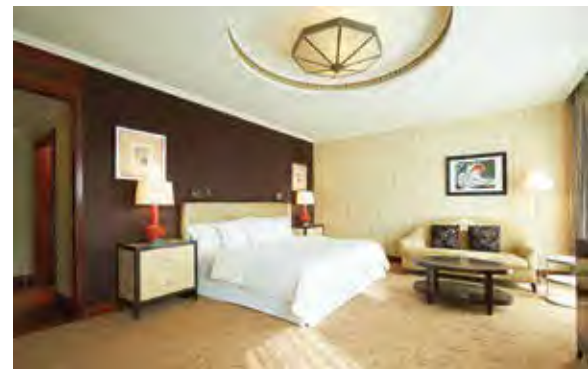
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**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR AL FRESCO BATHING

*Comfort is key at this central hotel; it even has rooms and suites that have private terraces which come complete with your own Jacuzzi so you can bathe beneath the stars*

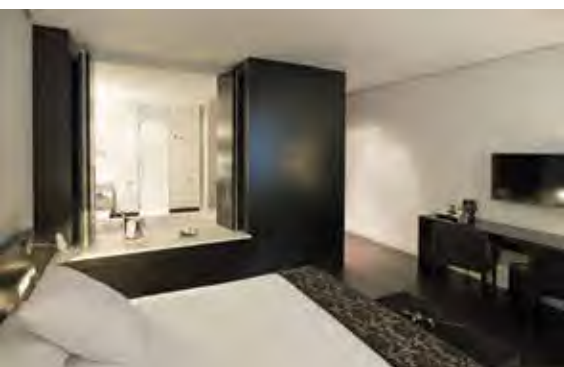


Deluxe room



### PERFECT FOR REGIONAL CUISINE

*You'll be able to sample local specialties such as Valencian paella and Arros negre - squid with rice and squid ink, in the hotel's excellent restaurant. Leave room for the traditional pastries*



Deluxe room

## Hospes Palau de la Mar ★★★★★

Stylish boutique hotel next to Turia Gardens

Located in the Eixample neighbourhood, next to Turia Gardens and a mere 200m from Valencia's historic centre, Hospes Palau de la Mar occupies two adjacent 19th century palaces that have been stylishly converted into an exclusive five star boutique hotel with a wonderful blend of original architectural features and contemporary interiors. Thoughtfully designed modern guest rooms and suites are well-appointed with luxurious marble bathrooms and views onto the city or the delightful inner courtyard garden. The hotel's highly regarded gourmet restaurant specialises in creative regional and Mediterranean cuisine making full use of the fabulous local produce available. The smart cocktail bar is ideal for an aperitif or after dinner drinks and the on-site Bodyna Spa, set over two floors, offers an array of rejuvenating massages and treatments together with a hydrotherapy pool, Turkish bath and sauna.

Our guest experience rating: 80%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Bodyna Spa with massages and treatments, hydrotherapy pool, Turkish bath, sauna, small gym
- Ampar Restaurant with local cuisine, Ampar lounge bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 66 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking savings** and **family offers** as well as other offers and complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £560-£998**

Extra nights from £91 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a dreamer city or garden view room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Valencia airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

## Travelling around the city

The main visitor attractions in Seville are best reached on foot, and often it's the quickest way. A detailed map is particularly handy within the historic old town and in the Santa Cruz neighbourhood. During late spring and the summer parts of the city are draped in toldos, heavy duty fabric stretched across buildings and streets to create shade. In less challenging temperatures cycling is a good way to get around, especially as Seville is relatively flat. Cycle paths are common and bikes are available to hire from street racks. The riverside cycle path is particularly scenic and a shared space with joggers. To travel further afield there is a good network of tram, bus and metro lines.

## Food & drink

As befits the city which proclaims itself the birthplace of tapas, Seville offers a huge selection of atmospheric tapas bars with a bewildering choice of diminutive plates of food. There are also larger plates for sharing, raciones, either in traditional tiled bars or more modern gastro joints. Seville is famous for its cuisine, boasting superb seafood platters alongside traditional recipes with multicultural origins reflective of its history, such as

spinach with chickpeas espinacas con garbanzos. Specials of the day will entice you to discover more of the indigenous food. Andalucia has many quality wine regions like Jerez, the home of sherry. The Sierras de Malaga and Ronda and parts of the Alpujarras, are not strangers to fine local wines.

## When to visit

Early spring sees the end of the winter chill and the start of the orange blossom flowering, rendering March rather fragrant. Holy Week at Easter and the Feria de Abril, starting two weeks after Easter Sunday, can be very busy. Summer can be extremely hot – not for nothing is it known as the frying pan of Spain – and as a result less busy; summer night skies are also an appealing deep shade of indigo blue. To see the sights September and October are your best bets, although mists are common in the late autumn and October or November can suffer heavy showers. December for Christmas lights, and nativity scenes around the cathedral.

## Seville in 3 days

### Day 1

Seville is easily explored on foot. Your first stop might be at the cathedral, it's the largest Gothic structure in the world. Here you can visit the final resting place of Christopher Columbus and climb the steps of the Giralda Minaret. For further Moorish influence visit the neighbouring Alcazar, the oldest royal palace still in use in Europe. The landscaped gardens are wonderful. Wander Seville's old town around the intriguing Jewish quarter of Santa Cruz. Walking along the Guadalquivir River is also a great way to pass a couple hours. Take in some great flamenco at Casa de la Memoria.

### Day 2

You'll have more than enough to do during a short break to Seville, but if you build in time for an escape from the city you could visit Italica, just 7km from Seville, to see the Roman ruins of the birthplace of the emperors, Hadrian and Trajan. Alternatively the Coto Donana National Park is among the last great wetlands of southern Europe, and home to the imperial eagle, flamingo, rare lynx, wild boar and red deer. Carthaginian Carmona is a picturesque ancient town, just an hour's bus ride from the city.

### Day 3

Spend, spend, spend. The pedestrianised Calle Sierpes and the tiny narrow lanes running off it, make up the heart of the city's shopping area. Here you'll find a large number of ceramics, for which the city is famous, more hand-painted silk fans than you can shake a stick at, and all manner of leather goods. Independent retailers carrying designer labels vie for your attention alongside more familiar high street department stores. It would be a shame and a little short of a crime to ignore the small delicatessens offering an assortment of fine sherries, local olives and whole legs of preserved ham which annotate the streets. Reward yourself once the shopping has taken its toll on wallets and feet.

## Al Andalus luxury train journey

Why not combine your stay in Seville with a luxury 6 night train journey, see pages 10-11 for details.



## Gran Melia Colon ★★★★★

Luxury in the heart of Seville

In the heart of Seville, a mere ten minutes from the Giralda Tower and Seville Cathedral and with shopping areas within five minutes, Gran Melia Colon enjoys a central location and is a superb hotel offering a high standard of accommodation and attentive service. Behind its grand neo-baroque façade, interiors in red and golden tones create a warm and elegant setting complemented by carefully chosen designer pieces by Philippe Starck and Marcel Wanders. Elegantly modern guest rooms and suites are individually designed and well-appointed. A buffet breakfast is served daily at the Majestic whilst El Burladero specialises in traditional Andalucian cuisine with a contemporary twist. Set on the top floor the wellness centre features an outdoor infinity plunge pool and panoramic sun terrace with stunning views of the city. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World.

Our guest experience rating: 82%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Spa by Clarins with roof terrace plunge pool, sauna, Turkish bath, therapeutic shower
- Fitness room
- Majestic breakfast restaurant, El Burladero restaurant, café, cocktail lounge
- Babysitting on request (payable locally)
- WiFi throughout
- 189 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

### Al Andalus luxury train journey

Why not combine your stay in Seville with a luxury 6 night train journey, see pages 10-11 for details.

### Please call us for prices

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a deluxe city or patio view room with shower room (max 2), including flights from your local airport and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR EXCLUSIVE ATTENTION

Enjoy special privileges with the hotel's Red Level boutique package which gives you access to an exclusive lounge, rooms with Nespresso machines and personalised concierge services



Supreme panoramic room



View from hotel

## Hotel Hospes Las Casas del Rey de Baeza ★ ★ ★ ★

Authentic and serene boutique property

Located in the heart of Seville's historic centre, around a 10 minute walk from the cathedral and the Alcazar Palace, tranquil Hotel Hospes Las Casas del Rey de Baeza is a beautifully converted 18th century Andalusian house set around charming, cobblestone inner courtyards. The typically whitewashed walls and ochre exterior blends wonderfully with the more contemporary inside, where comfortable and welcoming guest rooms and suites are decorated with elegant simplicity and overlook the central courtyard. The rustic Azahar restaurant serves a buffet breakfast and traditional Andalusian dishes, whilst the bar offers a tempting tapas menu and lovely views from its rooftop setting, where in addition, the small rooftop relaxing pool, decked terrace with loungers and help-yourself orange baskets awaits; a wonderful spot for relaxing after a day exploring. In addition, there's also range of soothing massage and beauty treatments at the Bodyna Spa.

Our guest experience rating: 92%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Small rooftop relaxing pool, terrace
- Bodyna Spa with 2 treatment rooms
- Azahar Restaurant, bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 41 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking savings** and **family offers** as well as complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

### Al Andalus luxury train journey

Why not combine your stay in Seville with a luxury 6 night train journey, see pages 10-11 for details.

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £557-£1143**

Extra nights from £90 per person per night

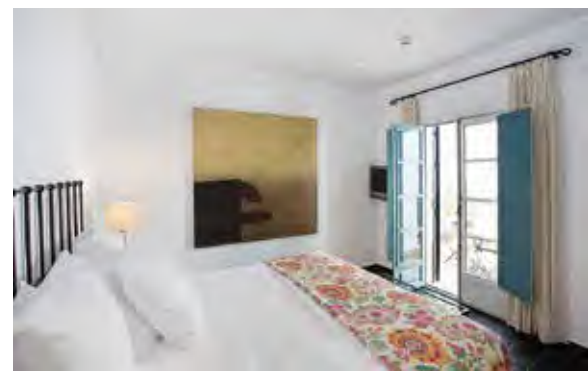
Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a dreamer room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Seville San Pablo airport on Mondays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

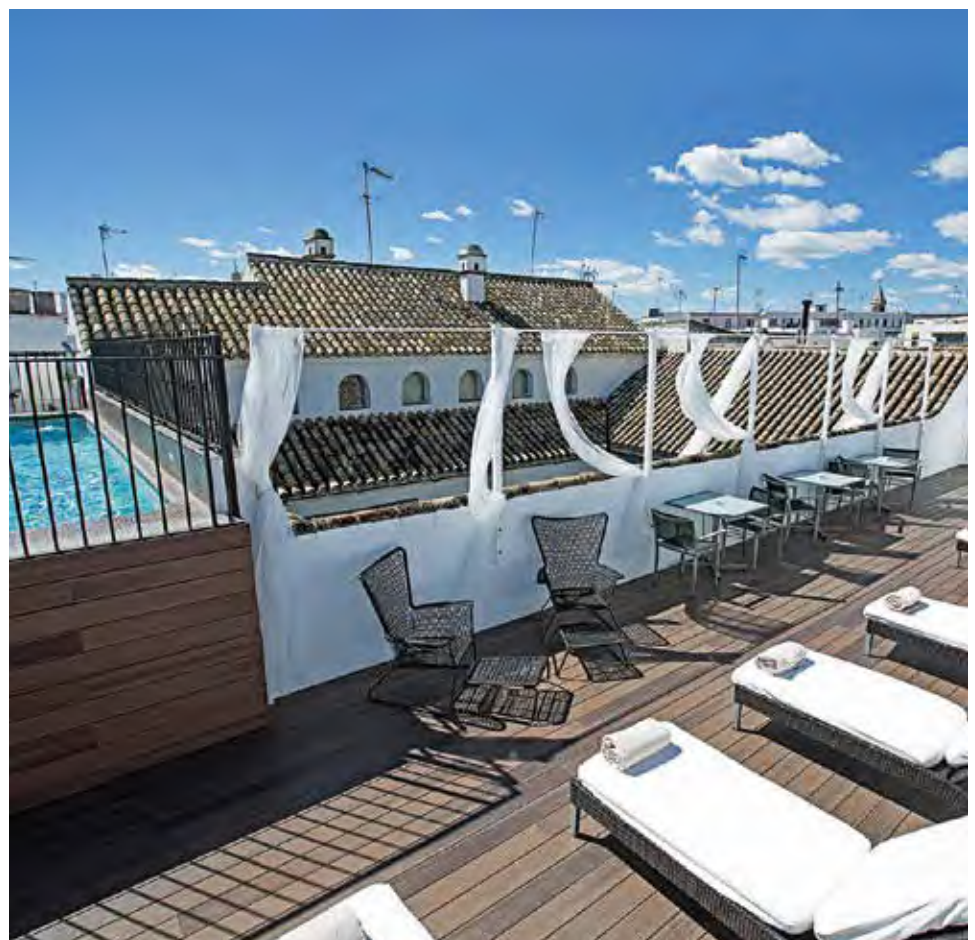


### PERFECT FOR BOUTIQUE CHIC

*Neutral colours, white walls and plenty of natural light combine to give this hotel a stylish, rustic feel that is wonderfully relaxing; after a treatment in its rooftop spa you'll be ready for anything*



Junior suite



## Hotel Inglaterra ★ ★ ★ ★

Right in the heart of the historic centre

Hotel Inglaterra enjoys a privileged location overlooking Plaza Nueva in the heart of Seville's historic centre, and with Seville Cathedral and Alcazar Palace within easy walking distance is an ideal base for discovering the city's many outstanding sights as well as the luxury boutiques that line the streets off Plaza Nueva. Behind the hotel's historic façade, elegant and comfortable guest rooms and suites are classically decorated with parquet flooring, period-style furniture and combine antique details and modern amenities. The hotel offers a delicious breakfast buffet every day in a restaurant with large windows and views of Plaza Nueva, and in addition guests can enjoy complimentary hot drinks and pastries from 11am to 6pm daily in the lounge. From the hotel's exclusive rooftop terrace guests can enjoy views of Plaza Nueva, the Giralda or the cathedral as well as stunning sunsets with a cocktail in hand or an afternoon snack and dinner.

Our guest experience rating: 80%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi (charge), minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Rooftop terrace
- Fitness room
- Restaurant for buffet breakfast, La Terraza for dining
- Complimentary WiFi in common areas
- 86 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

### Al Andalus luxury train journey

Why not combine your stay in Seville with a luxury 6 night train journey, see pages 10-11 for details.

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £487-£1103**

Extra nights from £67 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a comfort interior or exterior view room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Seville San Pablo airport on Mondays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR BIRD'S EYE VIEWS

*Sit down with a drink on the hotel's rooftop terrace and you'll be rewarded with expansive views of Seville's stunning skyline and historic cathedral; sip, sigh, enjoy*



Deluxe room



## H10 Corregidor Boutique Hotel ★★

Charming hotel in great location

Conveniently located with Seville's shopping district 200m away and the historic centre nearby, three star H10 Corregidor Boutique Hotel is a charming and comfortable hotel with friendly and helpful staff on hand to assist with local information and recommendations. The cathedral, Giralda and the magnificent Alcazar Palace can be reached on foot within 15-20 minutes. The hotel is built in typical Arabesque and Andalusian style set around a courtyard and guest rooms are furnished in a simple, classically elegant fashion. A varied breakfast buffet is served in the restaurant, or guests can choose to breakfast al fresco in the hotel's delightful Andalusian courtyard with its pretty tile display and fountain. In addition there is a cafeteria offering a selection of snacks and cocktails and guests have complimentary use of the gym situated opposite the hotel and bicycle hire can be arranged.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, Nespresso machine and safe
- Gym, bicycle hire
- Restaurant
- Complimentary WiFi
- 76 bedrooms

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking savings** and **family offers** please call us on 0800 008 7288

### Al Andalus luxury train journey

Why not combine your stay in Seville with a luxury 6 night train journey, see pages 10-11 for details.

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £395-£924**

Extra nights from £36 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a double room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Seville San Pablo airport on Mondays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR EVENING OUT

*The neighbourhood is great for an evening out with a fabulous choice of bars, restaurants, tapas bars and delis, and for jazz lovers, the intimate Naima jazz club a 2-minute walk away*



Double room



### PERFECT FOR FLAMENCO

*A five minute walk away is the Museo del Baile Flamenco; go during the day for an insight into the magical world and history of flamenco, or in the evening for its fantastic live show*



Double room

## H10 Casa de la Plata ★★★★★ NEW for 2020

Delightful and charming in a central location

A newly built four star hotel, H10 Casa de la Plata is located in the historic centre of Seville with the awe-inspiring cathedral, the iconic La Giralda bell tower and the Royal Alcazar Palace within a ten minute walk. The hotel's interior is inspired by the city's stately homes and blends traditional elements such as Seville's distinctive ceramics and tiles with more contemporary touches. Guest rooms and junior suites offer a delightful mix of modern flair and comforts with a classically elegant décor, and traditional Seville tiles and lattice work adding a final, authentic touch. A buffet breakfast is served each morning at the restaurant, or can be enjoyed next to a reflecting pool in the courtyard, whilst the ground floor lobby lounge and bar offers a menu of light dishes and a varied menu of drinks and cocktails.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, ceiling fans, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, Nespresso machine and safe
- Restaurant, lobby bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 73 bedrooms and junior suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking savings** and **offers** as well as complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

### Al Andalus luxury train journey

Why not combine your stay in Seville with a luxury 6 night train journey, see pages 10-11 for details.

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £443-£959**

Extra nights from £43 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a double atrium view room, bath or shower (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Seville San Pablo airport on Mondays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Granada

One of the most alluring and enthralling cities in all of Spain, Granada has much to offer, including one of Europe's finest treasures, the Alhambra. Built at the foot of the astonishing Sierra Nevada, the splendour of this historically fascinating town is immersive. Sensual, intoxicating, exciting and romantic Granada is extraordinarily compelling.

The sumptuous Alhambra palace is a shrine to the medieval history of Islam; when western Europe succumbed to the dark ages, the Alhambra shone a light which bathes Granada in its reflected glory to this day. But there is much more. The white washed houses, secluded gardens and narrow streets of the old Moorish quarter, Albaicin, are a delight. The city's five nave Renaissance cathedral and Gothic chapel are almost as impressive as the Alhambra; the 16th century monastery is one of Spain's gaudiest Baroque buildings. And the caves of Sacromonte are enshrined in the work of poet and playwright Garcia Lorca and home to generations of travellers who live to perform the Flamenco.

## must do Granada

### The Alhambra

One of the world's greatest historic monuments and arguably Spain's finest treasure, the Alhambra almost overwhelms with superb Moorish detail. The Nazrid Palaces are the pinnacle of the whole structure. Reserve a timed ticket at least a day in advance. Our concierge service can assist.

### Basilica of St John of God

A masterpiece of the Baroque style, the interior of the church of Saint John of God almost defies belief; its opulence is quite simply dazzling. There is gold, gold and even more gold.

### Capilla Real

The final resting place of Ferdinand V and Isabella I, this late Gothic Royal Chapel adjoins Granada's impressive cathedral. The sacristy museum houses an impressive art collection.

### Huerta de San Vicente

Poet and playwright Garcia Lorca spent summers at this early 20th century country villa, engaged in writing some of his best-known works. There is also a modern and attractive park.

### Catedral de Granada

The brooding presence of Granada's cathedral is somewhat lost with so many buildings vying for attention. But its interior, a heady mixture of Baroque, Renaissance and Gothic is more than worthy of a visit.

## Barcelo Carmen Granada ★ ★ ★ ★

Central location and fabulous rooftop terrace views

Centrally located in the heart of Granada's main shopping district, Barcelo Carmen Granada offers friendly service, modern and elegant interiors and is an ideal base for discovering Granada with the cathedral within a ten minute stroll and the simply magnificent Alhambra with its series of palaces and gardens 20 minutes away on foot. A choice of contemporary guest rooms and suites decorated in various cheerful colour schemes are bright, airy and well-equipped. Using the best of seasonal produce, traditional regional cuisine with a touch of modernity is created by the chef and his team and can be enjoyed in the restaurant or on the rooftop terrace with its fabulous views over the city and the majestic Sierra Nevada. A delightful pool with sunbathing areas and snack bar is also set on the rooftop and is available during the summer.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Outdoor rooftop swimming pool
- Carmen Restaurant and terrace, café, lounge bar, cocktail bar, rooftop snack bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 222 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from **£346-£726**

Extra nights from £47 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard city view room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Federico García Lorca Granada-Jaen airport on Saturdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

Private transfer time approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR VIEWS OF THE ALHAMBRA

*Make sure you have your camera handy when you come up to the hotel's roof terrace; it affords panoramic views of the serene Alhambra, framed by the distant peaks of the Sierra Nevada*

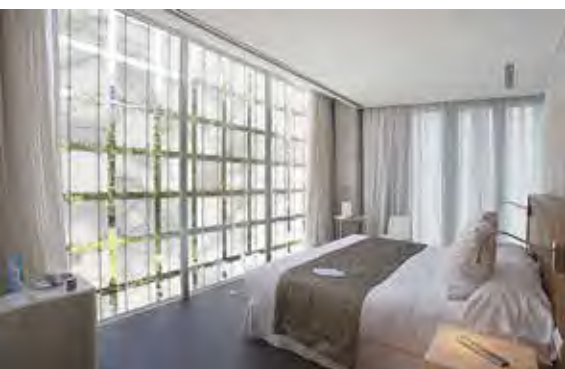


Deluxe room with Alhambra view



### PERFECT FOR INNOVATIVE COOKING

*There's more to Spanish cuisine than tapas as you'll discover at the Los Patos restaurant. It offers views of the garden as well as imaginative dishes such as tuna with lime cream and wasabi*



Dreamers room

## Hospes Palacio de los Patos ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

A striking blend of past and present

Located in the heart of Granada and well placed for discovering the city's sights with the cathedral 10 minutes' walk away and the magnificent Alhambra slightly further at 20 minutes, Hospes Palacio de los Patos is a lovingly converted 19th century grand palace joined by a dazzling new minimalist style wing in striking glass and alabaster. In the historical building stylish and contemporary designer furnishings vie for attention against a backdrop of original architectural features, beautiful trompe l'oeil ceilings and a showpiece grand marble staircase. Guest rooms and suites are finished in a modern sleek style, and a lush Moorish garden provides a lovely oasis as does the Bodyna Spa with its range of exclusive treatments and thermal plunge pools. Guests can choose to dine in the elegant surroundings of the restaurant or al fresco on the courtyard terrace surrounded by lovely greenery.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Bodyna Spa with treatments, sauna, Turkish bath, thermal plunge pools, thermal Jacuzzi
- Los Patos a la carte restaurant with garden terrace, coffee bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 42 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking savings** and **family offers**, as well as other savings, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from **£461-£991**

Extra nights from £90 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a dreamer Alabaster building patio view room, bath with shower (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Federico García Lorca Granada-Jaen airport on Saturdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

Private transfer time approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



*Images courtesy of Malaga City Tourism Board*

# Malaga

Famous for being the birthplace of Picasso, Malaga has undergone something of a reincarnation to stand head and shoulders with Granada, Cordoba and Seville. Huge investment has transformed the port into a vibrant city boasting a sparkling waterfront, fine eateries, a restored historic centre and a burgeoning cultural scene.

A startling multi-coloured, glass cube introduces you to the first Pompidou Centre outside of Paris; more than 30 museums dedicate cultural space to displays as diverse as Russian art, street art, the history of the automobile, 1920's to 1950's fashion, and of course, Picasso. Malaga is rapidly emerging as a city of culture to rival Madrid, with the Carmen Thyssen Museum Malaga, The Russian Art Museum of St Petersburg and the Museum of Malaga amongst the noteworthy. The Gothic cathedral is the jewel in the crown of the tastefully restored historic centre, whilst the wonderfully grand, marble-paved main shopping street Marques de Larios, is a mix of high street and designer names, and fine dining.

## must do Malaga

### Museo Picasso

Housing an enviable collection of more than 200 works, some of a very personal nature, this gallery is a fitting tribute to the city's most famous son. There are also impressive Phoenician, Roman, Islamic and Renaissance archaeological remains in the basement.

### Alcazaba

An extensively restored, 11th century Moorish palace and fortress, Alcazaba sits amidst fragrant jasmine, colourful bougainvillea, lush greenery and verdant orange trees. A small archaeological museum displays ancient ceramics and pottery.

### Centre Pompidou Malaga

Opened in 2015 the Pompidou is a low-slung modern building crowned by a playful glass cube. Permanent and temporary exhibitions include works by Kader Attia, Frida Kahlo and Francis Bacon.

### Catedral de Malaga

A small courtyard of fragrant orange trees marks the former site of Malaga's mosque. Now a 16th century cathedral with a soaring 40m dome and colonnaded naves, fine religious art and cedar wood choir stalls inhabits the space.

### Castillo de Gibralfaro

The ramparts of this heavily restored ancient castle afford the very best views of the city. There is also a military museum, noteworthy for its models of the castle complex and the Alcazaba.

## Gran Hotel Miramar ★★★★★

Spectacular views in historic setting

After having served as hotel in the 1920's, a field hospital in the 30's and a courthouse in the 80's, historic Gran Hotel Miramar has recently re-opened as an elegant and refined five star hotel and behind its magnificent art nouveau façade guest rooms and suites combine classic with contemporary in an Arabic, Mediterranean or Modernist décor and state of the art technology. Located right on the seafront in Malaga the hotel enjoys sweeping views of the sea and is just a few minutes' stroll from the beach. The restaurant boasts a range of culinary offerings with a lovely sea view and there's an outdoor pool, as well as a pool for children and supervised seasonal mini club with a host of activities for youngsters. The spa offers a menu of indulgent treatments in addition to a Finnish sauna and a full water circuit. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Outdoor swimming pool, children's pool
- Spa with water circuit, sensation pool, sauna, Turkish bath, gym
- Restaurant
- Children's club
- Complimentary WiFi
- 190 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking savings** and **honeymoon extras** and other offers, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £657-£1342**

Extra nights from £142 per person per night

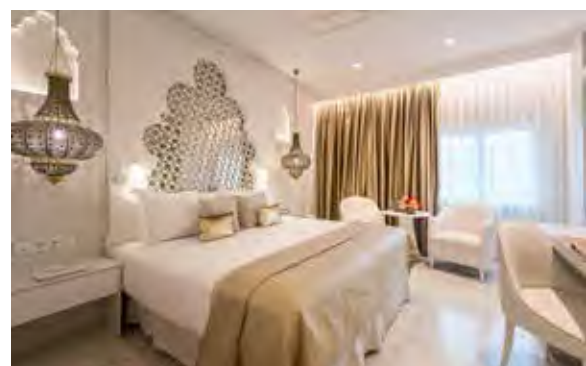
Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a premier room with bath and separate shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Malaga Costa del Sol airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR TAKING A SAUNA

*It was a field hospital during the Spanish Civil War, but this hotel now offers massages rather than medication. It even has a hot stone lounge and Finnish sauna in the spa*

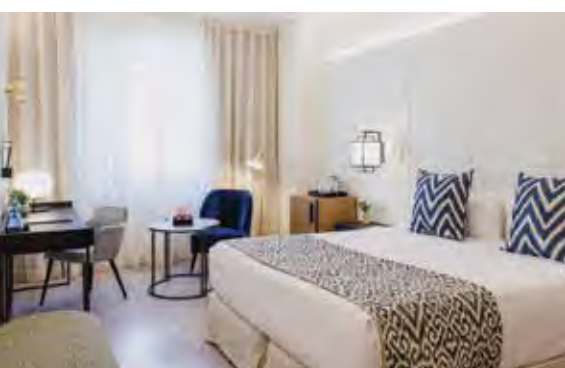


Premier Arabian room



### PERFECT FOR A SWIM WITH A VIEW

*This central hotel, conveniently close to the main visitor attractions, has a swimming pool on its rooftop terrace, so you can bask in the water whilst watching the sun go down over Malaga city*



Superior room

## Molina Lario ★★★★★ superior

Fabulous location in the heart of Malaga

Set right opposite the Cathedral in the old quarter of Malaga and a short distance from the port, Picasso Museum and the pedestrianised zone of the city, Molina Lario is a boutique hotel set over two 19th century buildings and an additional new building. The gorgeous and comfortable guest rooms are bright and recently renovated creating a calm ambiance and feature floor to ceiling windows. A delicious breakfast is served in the Matiz Restaurant which also offers Mediterranean inspired cuisine for lunch and dinner, plus innovative tapas dishes using seasonal local produce. Located on the rooftop and enjoying unrivalled views of the Cathedral, the highlight of the hotel is The Top Bar and terrace with a bijou swimming pool, the perfect place for early evening cocktails and tapas. The beach is within a ten minute walk. A member of Gallery Hotels.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Small rooftop pool
- Matiz restaurant, The Top bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 103 bedrooms

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** as well as complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £487-£948**

Extra nights from £85 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard outdoor patio view room, bath with shower (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Malaga Costa del Sol airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

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# Barcelona

One of the world's most enchanting cities, Barcelona offers beaches and sea as a captivating backdrop to architectural gems from Gothic to Gaudi, world class museums and galleries, an Olympic park, a peerless cathedral, a world famous boulevard and one of the most extensive medieval cities in Europe.

Barcelona's architectural treasures are reason enough to visit the vivacious and creative capital of Catalunya. The Gothic quarter is the true heart of Barcelona featuring 14th century cathedrals and palaces towering above an ancient maze of shadowy lanes and narrow streets. Elsewhere the spectacular modernista creations of Gaudi and his contemporaries are dotted around the city and evidenced in Park Güell and the soaring, sinuous spires of Sagrada Família. Artists have long been inspired by the city and a myriad of museums are devoted to the works of Miro, Dali and Picasso. Catalan cooking with its simple and flavoursome ingredients, is served in captivating settings: elegant Art Nouveau dining rooms, Basque-style tapas bars, rustic beachside chiringuito and Michelin-starred restaurants.

## must do Barcelona

### La Sagrada Familia

Work started on Gaudi's monumental cathedral in 1882 and is due to be completed in 2026, the centennial of the architect's death; Barcelona's most iconic building is a towering and awe-inspiring must see.

### Montjuic

The hilltop retreat of Montjuic features the grand Palau Nacional, the Olympic stadium, the ornate Font Màgica fountains, and offers endless exploring amid sculpture parks, botanical gardens, first-rate museums and beautiful panoramic vistas.

### Picasso Museum

Displayed in a cluster of medieval stone mansions and courtyards, which are as delightful as the art collection within, the Picasso Museum houses more than 3,000 pieces of the artist's earlier works.

### Park Güell

Gaudi's magic suburb, now a public park, is an UNESCO world heritage site and a whimsical, magical and enchanting space of fairy-tale gatehouses and a giant mosaic lizard guarding a magnificent staircase.

### Las Ramblas

In Gothic times a riverbed, this mile-long boulevard, running from Plaça de Catalunya to the Columbus Monument, is Barcelona's most famous thoroughfare and an essential part of any visit to the city.

## Travelling around the city

Like most cities Barcelona is great to explore on foot but it also has a clean, punctual, air-conditioned metro system that will take you to most of the major sights and attractions. There's also an efficient public bus service that serves Barcelona centre. A T10 ticket allows ten trips on the metro and buses. The Barcelona Card entitles you to free or discounted entry to many attractions and museums, as well as free public transport within central Barcelona and on the Montjuïc funicular. To book visit [www.barcelona-card.com](http://www.barcelona-card.com) or call Classic concierge.

## Food & drink

The Catalan capital's fêted and illustrious food scene is driven by a tasteful blend of superlative chefs, inventive cooking and rich, fresh ingredients. Lately, a thrilling new generation of chefs have applied the Catalan gift of innovation and design flair to their cooking with spectacular results. However traditional cuisine is yet to be fully eclipsed by the product of more youthful culinary masterminds, and reassuringly there remains a profusion of characterful tapas bars.

## When to visit

Barcelona is good to visit at any time of the year and is ideal for a long weekend. If a beach element to your city break is a priority then June, July and August would be best; August is particularly hot with fewer locals and more tourists. A common feature of September is stunning thunderstorms. January and February offer fewer crowds and some cloudless, blue sky days but cold snaps are likely too. Rainfall is highest in autumn and winter and spring can be quite changeable.

## Festivals

Exuberant Barcelona is a city that likes to party and when planning your visit it pays to keep an eye on the events calendar as much as the weather reports. Many of Barcelona's festivals are steeped in the colourful Catalan tradition and its spirit of independence. January features the Festival of Kings, June honours Saint Joan with beach parties, August has the Gracia festivities and September sees the largest celebration in the city with the four days of celebration surrounding the Festes de La Merce.

## Barcelona in 3 days

### Day 1

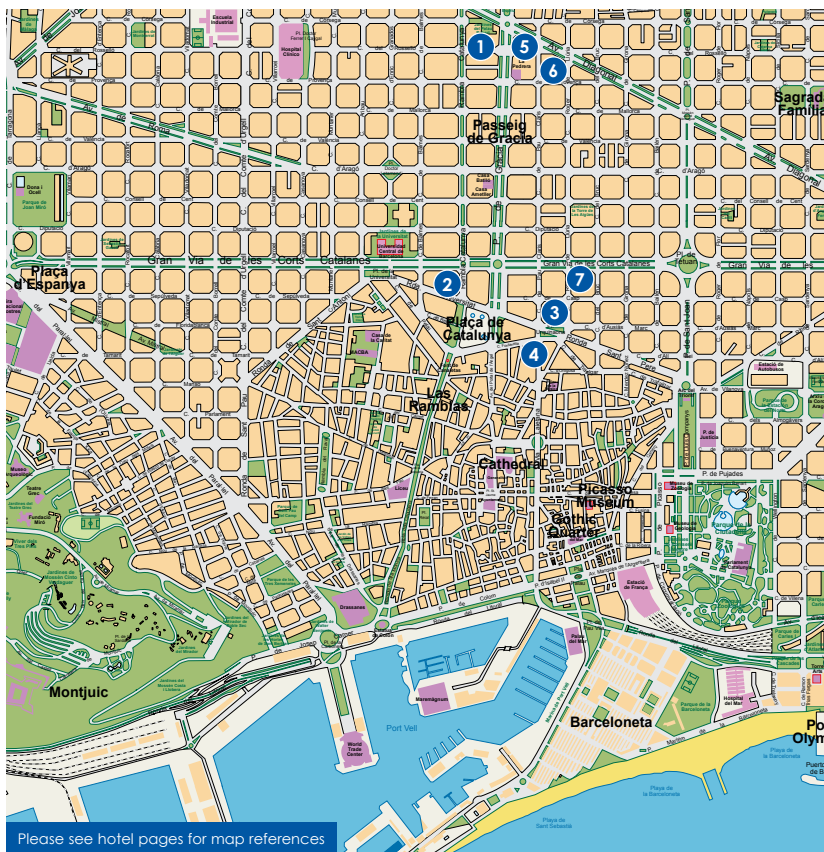
Begin the day in the city's Gothic quarter with a fascinating walking tour of Barcelona's impressive Gothic legacy stopping to enjoy the Picasso Museum. Then see the many sights and street entertainers of the Ramblas where you should stop, have a coffee and watch the world go by. Nearby La Boqueria Food Market is a riot of colour with beautiful displays of fruit, vegetables, delicious hams and cheeses, fresh fish and shellfish. Have lunch here before discovering some Gaudi gems along the Passeig de Gracia. Shop late and sample some traditional tapas in the evening.

### Day 2

You can easily spend the best part of a day in Montjuïc. Head for the heights via the funicular railway and enjoy the considerable delights of the Poble Espanyol, a place full of charm, with its full size replicas of buildings, streets and squares from many of the different regions of Spain. Take in the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya with its important pieces of Gothic art, the Olympic Stadium and Museum, the Joan Miró Gallery and the fabulous panoramic view of Barcelona from the hill, noting the ornate magic fountains, before finishing in the Barceloneta quarter where there are ample dining opportunities.

### Day 3

No visit to Barcelona can be considered complete without spending some time at the most emblematic of all Barcelona's sights, the Sagrada Família cathedral. Although unfinished it is the most visited monument in Spain with nearly three million visitors a year making the pilgrimage to Gaudi's towering masterpiece. Some 95 metres long, 60 metres wide and 170 metres high it is able to accommodate a congregation of no fewer than 13,000 people. For more flights of Gaudi fancy take in the Park Guell. If time permits, the Pedralbes gardens and the Camp Nou football stadium are more than worthy of a visit.



## Gallery Hotel ★★★★★ superior

Chic boutique style just off Passeig de Gracia

map ref.  
1

Centrally located, just off the main shopping avenue Passeig de Gracia, and with Plaza Catalunya and Gaudi's famous La Pedrera building within a short few minutes' walk, Gallery Hotel, renovated in 2019, is a chic boutique style city hotel offering attentive service and a friendly warm ambiance. Contemporary, bright and airy guest rooms are elegantly furnished and there's a smart rooftop terrace boasting fabulous views over the city and featuring a small pool and a bar serving snacks and light meals. A continental buffet breakfast is served each morning, and delightful Mediterranean style cuisine, accompanied by great wines from a fine list, can be enjoyed at Sintonia Restaurant, where, during the summer months, guests can choose to dine al fresco on the terrace in the attractive garden. In addition there's a gym and sauna for guests' use.

Our guest experience rating: 89%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Small rooftop outdoor pool
- Gym, sauna
- Sintonia restaurant, Bar Gallery Space for tapas, The Top rooftop terrace serving light meals
- 110 bedrooms

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon offers** as well as other offers and complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Mar-3 Dec  
**3 nights from £504-£824**

Extra nights from £91 per person per night

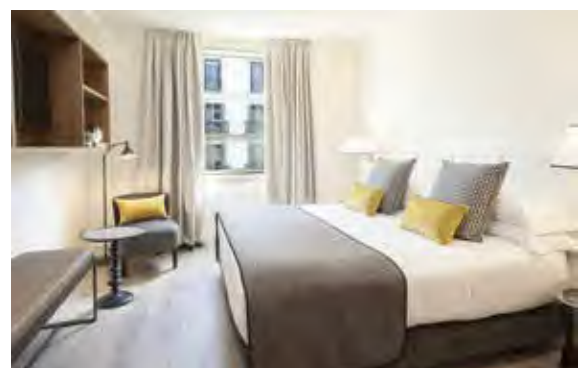
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**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR A ROOFTOP LUNCH

*The Top is the hotel's delightful rooftop terrace where you can enjoy freshly made salads, tapas and dishes for sharing, a selection of barbecued meat and fish, sweet treats and tempting cocktails*



Premium room



### PERFECT FOR CONTEMPORARY COMFORTS

*Although it's situated in an historic building, this hotel only opened in 2014 and its comfortable rooms have a sleek, modern appeal with Nespresso coffee makers, docking stations and WiFi*



Superior room

## H10 Metropolitan ★★★★★ superior

Elegantly modern in central location

map ref.  
2

A few minutes' walk from Las Ramblas and the fashionable boutiques on Passeig de Gracia Avenue, H10 Metropolitan is housed in one of the city's historical buildings and has been completely renovated and styled by prestigious designer Lazaro Rosa-Violan and the interior is a wonderful take on industrial Barcelona of the 19th century. Bright and well equipped with high-end amenities, guest rooms are finished in an elegantly modern style. A delicious breakfast buffet with freshly cooked a la carte dishes is available each morning and the Eden Bar serves a selection of light dishes and tasty cocktails. Set in the attractive atrium and surrounded by comfortable sun loungers the outdoor swimming pool offers a pleasant spot for a few hours in between sightseeing, or alternatively there is an inviting plunge pool located on the roof top terrace with great views over the Plaza de Catalunya and Tibidabo.

Our guest experience rating: 90%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, Nespresso machine and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Outdoor swimming pool, rooftop plunge pool
- Mini gym
- The Kitchen Restaurant for buffet breakfast, Eden Bar, Eden Terrace, lobby lounge
- Complimentary WiFi
- 85 bedrooms

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking savings** as well as **honeymoon extras** as well as other savings, please call us on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £488-£862**

Extra nights from £96 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a double atrium view room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

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## H10 Urquinaona Plaza ★ ★ ★ ★

Ideally located for Las Ramblas

map ref.  
3

Set in a restored 19th century building a mere five minute walk from Plaza de Catalunya and Las Ramblas and with UNESCO-listed Palau de la Musica Catalana concert hall nearby, H10 Urquinaona Plaza is a blend of contemporary comfort and original architecture and an ideal base for exploring the city. The bright and modern guest rooms feature high ceilings and dazzling white décor. A full breakfast is served in the Novecento restaurant and the L'Olivera Bar is a peaceful and relaxed setting for a chilled drink. The charming courtyard features a terrace with seating and a vertical garden and the stylish rooftop Lluna Terrace offers a bijoux plunge pool (seasonal) with pool bar and a sun lounge area and is a lovely spot to while away a few hours.

Our guest experience rating: 93%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, Nespresso coffee machine and safe
- Outdoor rooftop plunge pool
- Novecento restaurant for breakfast, L'Olivera Bar, Lluna Terrace rooftop pool bar
- Library lounge, business corner
- Complimentary WiFi
- 75 bedrooms

### CLASSIC VALUE

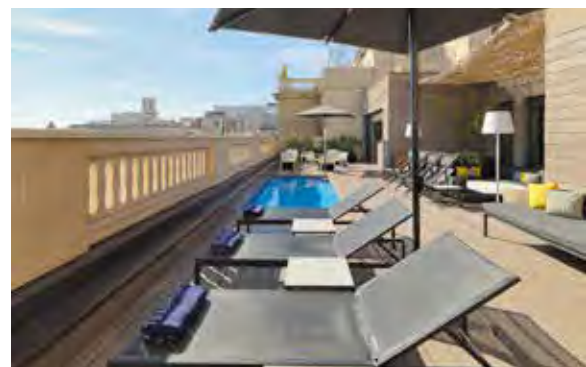
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1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £451-£773**

Extra nights from £78 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard room, bath with shower (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR AVANT GARDE-NS

*There's a visual twist in this hotel's quiet courtyard - a magnificent palm tree takes pride of place while plants flourish on its walls, creating a vertical emerald garden*



Basic room

## H10 Cubik ★ ★ ★ ★ superior

Design-led hotel in central location

map ref.  
4

Set in the heart of Barcelona with the cathedral and historic centre nearby, H10 Cubik is a wonderful design-led hotel set in a modern building of geometric shapes reminiscent of mid-twentieth century brutalist architecture; all beautifully enhanced by its cutting-edge interiors and iconic designer furnishings throughout creating a stylish and homely ambiance. Bright and light filled guest rooms and suites are elegantly modern and well-appointed, a full buffet breakfast and freshly cooked a la carte dishes can be enjoyed at the Market Restaurant each morning and the Robotik Bar is a stylishly comfortable setting for a relaxed drink. The fabulous eight-floor Atik Terrace and seasonal rooftop plunge pool with sun loungers is a must for its outstanding panoramic views over the Barcelona skyline.

Our guest experience rating: 92%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Rooftop terrace with plunge pool
- Bicycle hire
- Market Restaurant with buffet breakfast, Robotik Bar, Atik Tapas Bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 101 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking offers** and **savings** as well as complimentary extras please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £488-£899**

Extra nights from £96 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic atrium view room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR CUTTING EDGE DESIGN

*Barcelona is a city that likes to surprise and there's plenty to grab your attention here, with funky artworks, installations and strong splashes of colour in the common areas and the bedrooms*



Classic room

## Sir Victor ★★★★★ NEW for 2020 Avant-garde design hotel

map ref.  
5

Set just off of Passeig de Gracia, Barcelona's grand, vibrant shopping boulevard, and a few doors down from Gaudi's masterpiece Casa Mila, Sir Victor reflects and amplifies the vibrant, creative spirit of the city. With incredible city views, a deluxe spa, lively restaurant, rooftop pool and numerous meeting spaces, it's a rendez-vous spot for visitors and locals alike. The bright, spacious and beautiful guest rooms decorated using warm, natural materials for a cosy feel, feature balcony, local art and, for guests' enjoyment, a selection of books by international and local authors. The rooftop pool with its excellent views of the city invites to a refreshing swim after a day of sightseeing; or alternatively for a spot of pampering the spa features Jacuzzi, hammam, sauna and a variety of relaxing massages and treatments. A member of Design Hotels.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Rooftop outdoor pool
- Spa (adults only) with massage and beauty treatments, Jacuzzi, hammam, sauna, hair salon, gym
- Mr Porter Restaurant, bar & lounge
- Complimentary WiFi
- 91 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £629-£860**

Extra nights from £137 per person per night

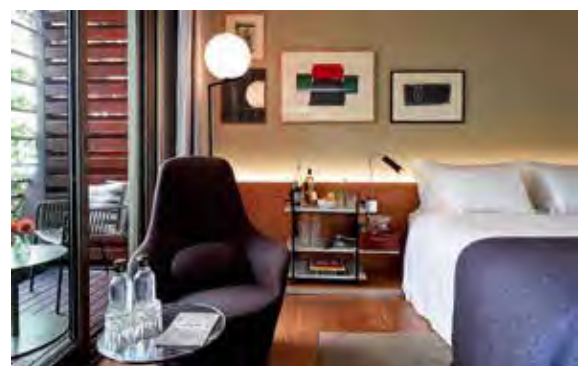
Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a Sir boutique city or garden view room with shower room, balcony (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR ROOFTOP VIEWS

*You will be rewarded with the most fabulous views to Gaudi's Casa Mila and Sagrada Familia from the hotel's elegant rooftop terrace; perfect spot for cocktails and music in the evenings*

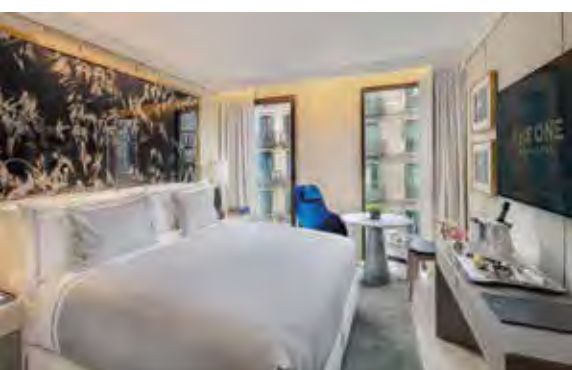


Sir boutique room



### PERFECT FOR A SPA MOMENT

*From Fire & Ice, Hollywood's Red Carpet acclaimed treatment, to a whole body massage or simply a foot revival treatment do take some time out from all that sightseeing and relax*



Cosy room

## The One Barcelona ★★★★★ gran luxe Sleek and sophisticated

map ref.  
6

Located in the city's most exclusive area with Gaudi's famed La Pedrera and the shopping avenue Passeig de Gracia within a 2-minute walk, The One Barcelona, designed in conjunction with award-winning designer Jaime Beriestai, is a luxurious and sophisticated hotel with first class service. Comfortable and contemporary styled guest rooms and suites feature abstract artworks and views of the courtyard or the city. Breakfast is a delightful combination of themed menus and a la carte choices, the chic Somni Restaurant offers beautifully presented Mediterranean cuisine and the adjoining cocktail and wine bar is great for an aperitif. In summer the Mood rooftop bar tempts with al fresco dining and splendid views of the Barcelona skyline and Sagrada Familia, and the rooftop plunge pool and sundeck is ideal for catching the sun, whilst the sleek spa provides a relaxed setting for a range of indulgent treatments.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Rooftop plunge pool
- Despacio Spa at The One with treatments, plunge pool, sauna, gym
- Fitness room
- Somni Restaurant & Cocteleria, Mood rooftop bar, cocktail & wine bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 88 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking offers**, **free nights** and **savings**, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £601-£991**

Extra nights from £137 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a cosy courtyard view room with shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

## Hotel Roger de Lluria ★ ★ ★ ★

Ideal base for exploring

map ref.  
7

Located near Plaza de Catalunya in the Eixample neighbourhood, four star Hotel Roger de Lluria offers friendly and personal service in traditional surroundings and is ideally placed for discovering the city with Las Ramblas and Paseo de Gracia with its designer boutiques, as well as Gaudi's masterpieces La Pedrera and Casa Batlló, a leisurely stroll away. Spacious and classically decorated the comfortable guest rooms and suites feature modern amenities. A full buffet breakfast of hot and cold dishes is served in the elegant breakfast room and there is a selection of snacks and drinks available at the intimate lounge bar. Although evening dining is not available at the hotel the dedicated team of staff are on hand to assist with dinner reservations, as well as museum and gallery opening times and any other local information guests may require.

Our guest experience rating: 82%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- El Mirall breakfast room, lounge bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 48 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

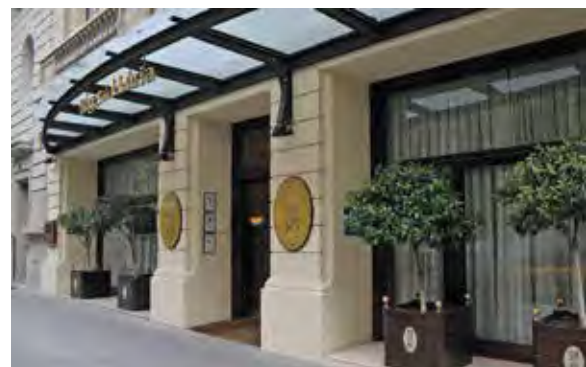
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1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £440-£844**

Extra nights from £74 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic street or courtyard view room, bath with shower (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR GETTING TO KNOW GAUDI

*You're just a few minutes' walk from the highlights of the Catalan capital here, so you'll be able to take your time admiring Gaudi's architectural masterpieces such as colourful Casa Batlló*

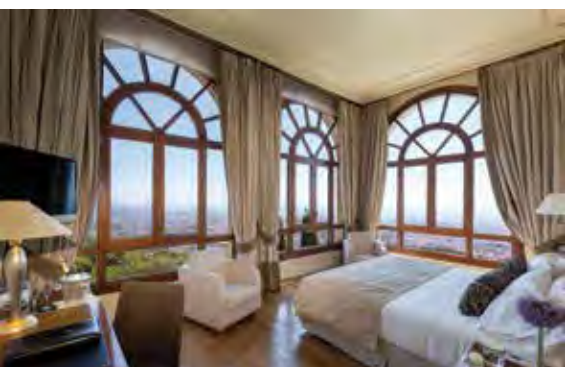


King room



### PERFECT FOR ZEN HARMONY

*Guest accommodation at this deluxe resort includes a minimalist Japanese suite with an Eastern-style bed, Jacuzzi on the terrace and views of a Japanese garden*



Deluxe room

## Gran Hotel La Florida ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ gran luxe

Prestigious deluxe hotel with sweeping city views

In an enviable location high above Barcelona on Tibidabo's Hill, prestigious Gran Hotel La Florida enjoys sweeping views over the city and coastline and, with a complimentary shuttle service to the city centre 20 minutes away, is the ideal hotel for those wishing to relax in a tranquil setting after a day sightseeing. Once a favourite of the city's high society and international celebrities the hotel has been meticulously renovated to its former glory and effortlessly blends 1920's original architecture with modern design. Art Nouveau inspired guest rooms and suites are classically elegant, the spa is a sanctuary of relaxation and the highlight is the fabulous indoor/outdoor pool overlooking the city's skyline from the sun terrace. Restaurant Barcelonas offers exquisite Catalan and Mediterranean fusion cuisine, Café 1925 is open for all day dining, whilst the poolside bar serves tasty snacks and refreshing cocktails.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Outdoor-indoor swimming pool
- Spa by L'Occitane with treatment rooms, sauna, steam room, Jacuzzi, fitness centre
- Café 1925 all day dining restaurant, restaurant Barcelonas, bar, pool bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- Complimentary shuttle service to/from Barcelona (subject to availability)
- 70 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **complimentary room upgrades** and **free night offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £506-£914**

Extra nights from £96 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a deluxe mountain view room with bath and separate shower (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat airport on Tuesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Palma

Recent investment has provided Mallorca with a genuine year-round city-break destination to rival the very best in Europe. An attractive, bustling and historic city whose refurbished grand mansions, handsome palm-lined streets, medieval walls, café-life and toweringly impressive cathedral defy the expectations of so many visitors.

Palma is the one real city of the Balearic Islands. As well as the magnificent Gothic cathedral, the city is home to a beautifully restored old town where cobbled streets are lined with designer shops, boutique hotels, trendy bars, delightful shaded restaurants and Es Baluard, a stunning contemporary art gallery. The cultural centre around La Llotja is the hub of the old town. The short tree-lined promenade of Passeig de Born and Parc de la Mer are ideal for relaxing strolls and the Poble Espanyol invites you on a whistle-stop tour of Spanish architecture. There is a range of Spanish high street fashion as well as a plethora of chic boutiques selling top designer brands and quality, artisan hand-made goods. With daily flights from many UK airports Palma is perfect for a weekend or mid-week break.

## must do Palma

### Cathedral La Seu

Palma's major architectural landmark took nearly four hundred years to complete. Its beautiful Gothic exterior is complemented by an interior which houses controversial restoration features by Gaudi.

### Es Baluard

This contemporary, stylish and well-conceived art gallery gains its cachet from a permanent collection of works by Miró, Barceló and Picasso as well as housing numerous temporary exhibitions.

### The Arab Baths

An intriguing and memorable, tiny garden-bound gem and one of the last remaining sites of the Moorish city that existed between the 8th and 13th centuries.

### Castell de Bellver

Formerly a summer residence of Mallorcan kings, this 14th century castle is an impressive historical monument and the fantastic views across Palma and the Bay make the trip very worthwhile.

### Plaça Major

There's no better place for people watching than sitting at one of the cafés that surround this elegant square, where street performers and artisans use the space as an informal stage for their talents.

## Santa Clara Urban Hotel & Spa ★★★★★ boutique

A fusion of traditional and modern styles

Santa Clara Urban Hotel & Spa has been converted from an old merchant's house into a modern, minimalist space located in the historic old town of Palma. Set in the very heart of the capital, a selection of restaurants, stylish bars and designer shops abound within the immediate vicinity and the nearest sandy beach is a 15 minute walk away. Junior suites feature plasma TV's and WiFi, whilst suites include an in-room Jacuzzi. A particular highlight is the lovely roof terrace offering the perfect spot to enjoy a cocktail with wonderful views of the cathedral, harbour and old town, or simply lay back and relax on one of the sunbeds, plus there's a bijou spa with a variety of massages and beauty treatments.

Our guest experience rating: 92%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite plasma TV, internet access, minibar and safe
- Urban spa with a variety of massages and beauty treatments, multi-jet massage shower, Jacuzzi, sauna, steam baths
- Rooftop sun terrace
- Bicycle hire
- Breakfast room, lounge areas
- A selection of restaurants, stylish bars and designer shops within the immediate vicinity
- 20 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

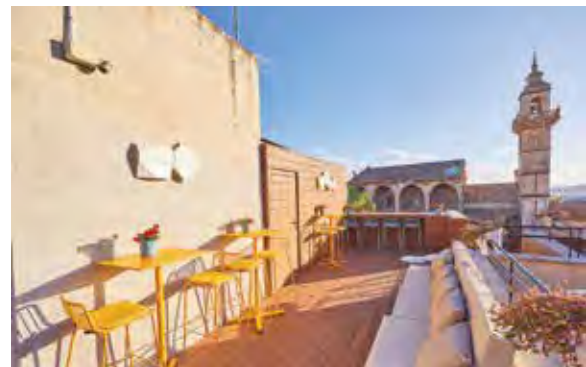
For **free nights, honeymoon offers** and **early booking savings** as well as other offers and complimentary extras, please call us on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from **£531-£964**

Extra nights from £115 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior room with shower (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Palma de Mallorca airport on Wednesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR A SENSE OF HISTORY

*It has modern comforts like free WiFi and walk-in showers, but its stone walls and wooden beams are charming reminders that this boutique hotel has been created from a 17th century building*

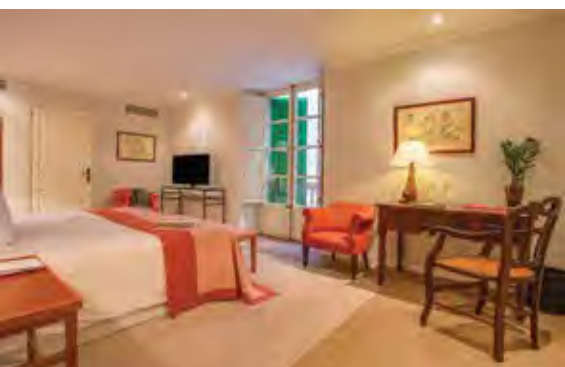


Artist impression



### PERFECT FOR LOCATION

*A few steps away is Santa Eulalia Plaza with its antiquarian bookshops, delightful cafés and bars whilst the vast Palma cathedral, L'Almudaina Palace and Parc de la Mar are a five minute stroll*



Deluxe room

## Boutique Hotel Can Cera ★★★★★

Beautifully restored and luxurious

Located in the Gothic Quarter close to Palma's most iconic monuments and beautifully transformed from a 17th century mansion, Boutique Hotel Can Cera has been skilfully restored and superbly decorated throughout, striking a delightful balance between its original architectural features and contemporary design aspects. Each of the 14 elegant and well-proportioned guest rooms and suites has a character of its own with a mix of period and modern design pieces creating a comfortable and tranquil ambiance. The hotel's Gastro Bar offers a tasty buffet and a la carte breakfast as well as a menu of delicious tapas and light Mediterranean dishes, all of which can be enjoyed in the very pretty courtyard. There are several spacious and homely lounges with modern and period style sofas and chairs for relaxing, the small sun terrace on the top floor boasts views over the city rooftops and the beach is about a 15 minute walk away.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Small wellbeing area with massage and beauty treatments, Finnish sauna, hammam, Jacuzzi
- Gastro Bar Can Cera
- Several lounges
- 14 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking offers, free nights** and **honeymoon extras**, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from **£543-£992**

Extra nights from £121 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a deluxe room with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Palma de Mallorca airport on Wednesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Lisbon

As European capital cities go Lisbon is equally understated and elegant. Should a beauty contest of European cities ever be held, the Portuguese capital would be assured of its place on the podium. The combination of mountain, ocean and city makes Lisbon immediately likeable and enchantingly attractive.

Although a modern cosmopolitan capital, Lisbon wears its heritage on its sleeve creating an enchanting marriage of past and present. The earthquake of 1755 might have denied the city world class palaces, churches and monuments, but this is more than compensated for by a graceful charm and easygoing friendliness. Alfama is the city's bustling medieval quarter, Belem the cultural heart and museum district and Bairro da Lapa its most elegant residential neighbourhood. Baixa is the area in which to shop and the Parque das Nações houses one of the world's largest and finest aquariums, Oceanario de Lisboa. Entertaining by both day and night a short break to Lisbon can be filled with sightseeing, lounging in cafés or dining in traditional Portuguese restaurants.

## must do Lisbon

### Alfama

A glimpse of the more traditional side of Lisbon is this working class fishermen's quarter; it has a distinct village atmosphere best sampled in the morning or during the June festival.

### Tram 28

A ride through the most scenic parts of Lisbon aboard an (often) vintage but (always) full tram which appeals to both locals and tourists, so there is a good mix of people on board.

### City views

Built across seven hills means the city affords panoramic views from almost everywhere; don't miss the views from the Castelo Sao Jorge, Miradouro de Nossa Senhora do Monte, Miradouro da Graca and Padrao dos Descobrimentos.

### Elevador de Santa Justa

A neo-Gothic curiosity which is the craftsmanship of Gustave Eiffel's apprentice, Raul Mesnier. Stunning panoramas of Lisbon's cityscape are to be had from the top of this vertical street lift.

### Torre de Belem & Jeronimos Monastery

Both are UNESCO World Heritage listed, with Torre de Belem, a flamboyant concoction of filigree stonework guarding the river entrance to Lisbon's harbour, and nearby, the 16th century Jeronimos Monastery is Lisbon's most impressive religious monument.

## Travelling around the city

In addition to a metro and buses, there are charming vintage trams trundling along narrow streets and historic funiculars making light work of steep hills. Purchase a pre-paid card and load with pay-as-you-go fares or day passes, or a Lisboa Card at €20 for 24 hours includes transport as well as allowing for free entrance to a great number of places of interest.

## Food & drink

From city-chic restaurant menus to humble fishermen's home-cooking, there is a huge variety of dishes. With a surfeit of fresh fish and shellfish, lovers of seafood will find themselves amply catered for. Pork, lamb and steak dishes are not an uncommon sight on menus taking their side alongside dishes influenced by former African, Asian and Oriental colonies, which might tempt the more adventurous palate. Portuguese ports and wines are eminently drinkable and a very varied selection of fresh fruit and vegetables complete a diverse culinary picture. Pastry-lovers must not leave without sampling Pasteis de Belem, delicious flaky tarts filled with custard like cream.

## Lisbon districts

The city's medieval quarter Alfama, is a labyrinth of narrow cobbled streets and steep crooked alleyways and the place to eat in local cafes, wander amongst the antique and bric-a-brac emporia and lose yourself in the twice-weekly flea market. The former industrial area Parque das Nacoes is home to the striking Vasco da Gama bridge and the city's impressive aquarium. Belem is the cultural heart with the Tower of Belem, Jeronimos Monastery, the Planetarium and the unmissable Ajuda Palace, whilst elegant residential neighbourhood Bairro da Lapa is home to foreign embassies, expensive town houses and Portugal's largest museum, the National Museum of Ancient Art. The central district of Baixa is the traditional shopping centre, whilst Bairro Alto is famed for its nightlife.

## When to visit

Belying a location on the very edge of Western Europe, the climate and ambience of Lisbon and the Estoril coast feel decidedly Mediterranean with a twist of the exotic and where Gulf-stream induced mild winters allow palm trees and birds of paradise to flourish.

## Lisbon in 3 days

### Day 1

Spend your first day in the two central districts of Baixa and Alfama. Make a start from the elegant riverfront square Praça do Comércio and stroll along the pedestrian shopping street Rua Augusta and through its landmark arch, and stop for lunch or a coffee. Lisbon is filled with bookshops and Livraria Simão must surely be one of the smallest in the world; take a quick peek on your way to Martim Moniz square to catch the little yellow 1930's Tram 28 up to Castelo de São Jorge for great views over the city. From here slowly make your way down the hill and wander amidst the narrow lanes and steep stairs of the medieval quarter of Alfama. There are lots of evening dining opportunities in Alfama, from sophisticated fine dining restaurants to wine cellars and bars serving delicious petiscos, Portuguese tapas.

### Day 2

Explore the Belem area in the morning. The city's cultural heart is the primary district for monuments and museums, tree-lined plazas, green open spaces and home to one of the city's most famous landmarks, the 16th century Torre de Belem standing guard at the river entrance to Lisbon's harbour. From here make a quick stop at the Museu Coleção Berardo art gallery before walking along to Gulbenkian Planetarium and Jeronimos Monastery. Stop at Pasteis de Belem for lunch and the most delicious custard tarts. After see the Padrão dos Descobrimentos monument on the banks of the river and visit the Ajuda Palace to see its collection of 18th and 19th century decorative arts.

### Day 3

Make the most of the strikingly modern district Parque das Nações this morning. Go for a pleasant walk along the waterfront and see the immense Vasco da Gama bridge extending for 11 miles over the River Tagus, visit the standout Oceanário aquarium and go for a ride on the cable car. Stop for a leisurely lunch along the boardwalk and shopping at the Centro Vasco da Gama. In the evening walk up the delightful Rua da Bica street, or catch the iconic Bica Funicular, up to Bairro Alto, the city's nightlife district. Find a restaurant that offers Fado music to experience this melancholic, haunting music that is an essential part of Lisbon's heritage.



## PortoBay Liberdade ★★★★★

Charming boutique style hotel in central location

Stylish PortoBay Liberdade enjoys a central location close to the fashionable Avenida da Liberdade and is within pleasant walking distance of Lisbon's main attractions. Behind its original early 20th century façade, this charming boutique style hotel cheerfully combines details of the past with modern features and elegantly contemporary guest rooms and suites. The Bistro4 restaurant combines bistro and haute cuisine, the Aviator6 cocktail bar features a menu of light meals and a great range of drinks, whilst Deck7 rooftop bar and outdoor lounge with Jacuzzi is perfect for cocktails, light snacks and lovely views across the rooftops. Further facilities include a small gym and indoor heated pool, plus an award winning spa with a range of pampering treatments, sauna and Turkish bath.

Our guest experience rating: 90%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, cable TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Spa with treatments (charge), relaxation room, sauna, Turkish bath
- Heated indoor pool with whirlpool, small gym
- Bistro4 a la carte restaurant, bar, Deck7 rooftop bar, lounge and Jacuzzi
- Complimentary WiFi
- 98 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking savings** and **honeymoon offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £560-£798**

Extra nights from £118 per person per night

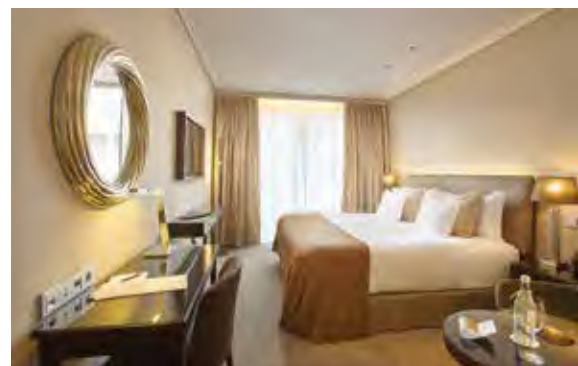
Prices per person based on room only in a classic double room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Lisbon Humberto Delgado airport on Wednesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR SPA TREATMENTS

*Not only does the award-winning spa feature a lovely vitality pool, steam room and sauna, it also offers exclusive treatments; Switch-Off, Desktop Recovery, Best Time Together & Rose Hydrator*

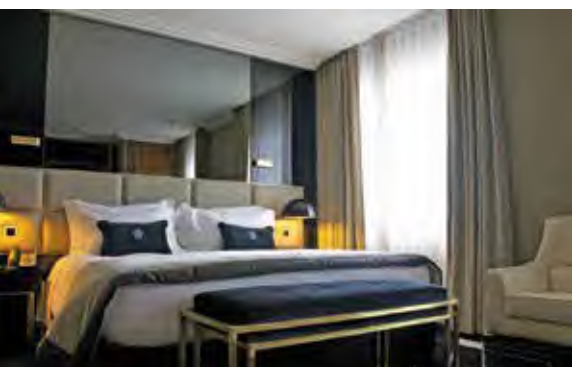


Superior room



### PERFECT FOR RETRO CHIC

*Gleaming marble and mirrors give a glamorous vibe to this hotel built in the 1940's in Portuguese modernist style. Recently restored, it retains its façade and original spectacular staircase*



Deluxe room with city view

## Altis Avenida Hotel ★★★★★

Luxury boutique hotel in the city centre

Located in the very heart of Lisbon on Praça dos Restauradores, near Lisbon's iconic Rossio and Restauradores squares, the prestigious Altis Avenida Hotel is close to theatres, museums, stylish boutiques and restaurants. Opened in 2010 in a completely restored 1940's building, the hotel boasts fabulous city views, elegantly modern and comfortable guest rooms and suites, and visitors will love the stylish Restaurant Rossio with its delightful open air rooftop terrace and tantalising cuisine. Guests may enjoy use of the GSpa at Altis Grand Hotel at a charge, including the health club, indoor pool and fitness club as well as the award winning spa at Altis Belem Hotel & Spa (charge).

Our guest experience rating: 88%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, HD TV, minibar and safe
- Use of swimming pool & fitness room at the Altis Grand Hotel (charge)
- Use of the spa at Altis Belém Hotel & Spa (charge)
- Restaurant Rossio
- WiFi
- Public parking (payable)
- 70 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **free nights**, **honeymoon offers** and **early booking savings** as well as other offers and complimentary extras, please call us on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £462-£790**

Extra nights from £84 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic courtyard view room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Lisbon Humberto Delgado airport on Wednesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

## Hotel Lisboa Plaza ★ ★ ★ ★

Characterful boutique hotel in the historic centre

Situated just off Avenida da Liberdade, a short walk from the Avenida metro station and Gloria funicular and tram connections, family run Hotel Lisboa Plaza is a charming boutique hotel and a member of Lisbon Heritage Hotels; promoting small and intimate family residences and historic buildings. There is a welcoming and home from home ambiance and the chic Café Plaza serves a buffet breakfast each morning and light meals and snacks throughout the day. Guest rooms were fully refurbished in 2015 in a traditional style and there's a small gym on-site and guests also enjoy use of gym and jet pool at sister hotel Heritage Avenida Liberdade five minutes away.

Our guest experience rating: 89%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities (on request) and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Terrace
- Gym
- Café Plaza serving buffet breakfast, bar, lounge, library
- Complimentary WiFi
- 106 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon** and **senior offers** as well as other offers and complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £417-£674

Extra nights from £70 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a petite street view room, bath with shower (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Lisbon Humberto Delgado airport on Wednesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR EXCELLENT SERVICE

*Visitors return time and again to this heritage hotel, tucked away on a quiet side street in Lisbon; it is family-owned with friendly, helpful staff that will quickly make you feel at home*

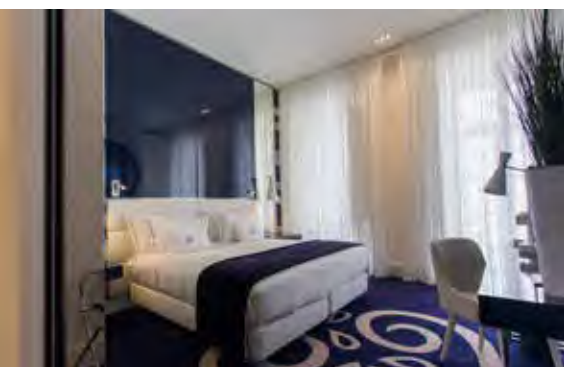


Petite room



### PERFECT FOR PANORAMAS & PIANOS

*A pianist plays in the evenings at Varanda de Lisboa, the hotel's acclaimed restaurant. It has panoramic views, so you can enjoy melodious meals whilst admiring the cityscape*



Deluxe room

## Hotel Portugal ★ ★ ★ ★

Chic city centre boutique hotel

Situated right in the centre of Lisbon, Hotel Portugal is the ideal base for exploring the historic heart of the city. Trendy Chiado and lively Bairro Alto neighbourhoods with their many bars and restaurants are within a ten minute stroll and famed tram 28 stops just behind the hotel. This stylish and comfortable property features chic, modern guest rooms and suites. A buffet breakfast can be enjoyed each morning. Varanda Lisboa Restaurant situated next door offers panoramic city views and a menu of traditional Portuguese dishes, whilst Jony Rules bar and terrace is a lovely setting for a relaxing drink at the end of the day.

Our guest experience rating: 93%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Varanda de Lisboa restaurant and Jardim Mundial restaurant (both located in adjacent Hotel Mundial)
- Jony Rules bar
- Organised wine cellar visits and wine tasting
- Complimentary WiFi
- 53 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **senior offers**, **honeymoon extras** and **early booking savings** as well as other offers, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £414-£697

Extra nights from £73 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Lisbon Humberto Delgado airport on Wednesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Porto

A city of hidden delights, Porto is best known as the historic home of port wine and boasts scenic riverscapes, a handsome quayside, traditional shops and elegant cafés, a wonderful mix of architectural styles, as well as lively squares and a buzzing nightlife, and of course a plethora of port wine lodges.

A popular weekend getaway Portugal's second largest city, romantic and stylish Porto, also known as Oporto, is the birthplace of port and with the surrounding area covered by vineyards, a haven for wine aficionados. Built along the hillsides and standing impressively at the mouth of the River Douro, the city boasts a 2,000 year long history and has an interesting blend of architectural styles, ranging from the 12th century cathedral to the striking new concert hall, Casa da Musica. The atmospheric waterfront is lined with cafés, clubs, bars and fine restaurants and port wine lodges offer tours and tastings of the finest fortified wines in the world.

## must do Porto

### Fundacao Serralves

Located 4km west of Porto is the wonderful 18-hectare park, Parque de Serralves. Set amidst its formal, landscaped gardens, swept gravel paths, romantic lake, fountains and whimsical art installations, is the strikingly minimalist building housing the Museu de Arte Contemporanea.

### Ribeira

Explore charming Ribeira neighbourhood, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with narrow, cobbled streets, colourful traditional houses, art galleries, ancient churches and a lively street life.

### Casa da Musica

One of the city's leading cultural venues, Casa da Musica concert hall is a stunning 17-sided avant-garde building hosting a wide variety of concerts, from classical to electronic, jazz to fado, major international productions to smaller experimental projects.

### River cruises

There are daily and frequent river cruises in the summer from an hour long cruise for the best views of the city's famous bridges to evening and dinner cruises and full day or weekend tours.

### Vila Nova de Gaia & port wine tours

On the south side of the river lies the town of Vila Nova de Gaia, home to the famous port wine lodges and warehouses with many of the wine lodges offering tastings and guided tours including Ramos Pinto, Calem and British-run Taylor's.

## Travelling around the city

In addition to buses and an efficient metro network there are delightful vintage trams and a funicular to make light work of the steeper hills. The Adante travel card for metro and buses provide good value and can be combined with a Porto Card allowing for free or discounted admission to attractions.

## Porto attractions

Of particular note is the traditional UNESCO-listed Ribeira neighbourhood, fortress-like Se Cathedral, the magnificent baroque Church of St Francisco with its gilt interiors and the splendid neoclassical Palacio da Bolsa, where the fabulous ballroom stucco walls are gilded with 18kg of gold. For a panoramic view climb the Torre dos Clerigos belltower, for Portuguese art there's Museu Nacional de Soares dos Reis and the Sao Bento railway station is a must for its striking interiors. The city boasts numerous spectacular bridges, plus there are a number of beautiful parks and gardens for an afternoon stroll, Avenida dos Aliados for shopping, the vibrant 19th century Mercado do Bolhao market, and long-established flea market, Feira de Vandoma, makes for an interesting Saturday morning.

## Food & drink

Porto boasts excellent fine dining restaurants such as the Michelin star restaurant at The Yeatman hotel as well as more traditional eateries serving generous portions of rustic cuisine. As can be expected, a huge variety of wonderfully fresh fish and shellfish feature highly on menu, the local delicacy is tripe stew, and popular francesinhas, bread topped with steak, sausage, cheese and a tangy beer-flavoured chilli sauce, is served in most places, whilst wine by the glass and small plates of petiscos, Portuguese tapas, can be enjoyed at one of the many bars. As well as the famous port wine, the surrounding vineyards in the Douro Valley produce full-bodied reds and the fresh and delicate white wine, Planalto.

## When to visit

Porto and the Douro Valley experience warm, dry summers and especially pleasant late spring and autumn temperatures in the low 20's; perfect for walking and sightseeing. For two weeks mid June the city takes on a festival atmosphere culminating in the lively Feast of St John on the 23rd June with music, market stalls, food and wine aplenty.

## Porto in 3 days

### Day 1

Stroll along Avenida dos Aliados boulevard to the main square Praça de Liberdade and on to Sao Bento railway station to marvel at its stunning interiors decorated with over 20,000 hand painted azulejo tiles. Stop off at the Romanesque Se Cathedral on your way to the Ribeira district where you might want to have lunch at one of the riverside restaurants and then spend the rest of the day exploring this historic neighbourhood. Catch the Guindais Funicular up the steep hill to Batalha at the top of the city for stunning views.

### Day 2

An early morning visit to the vibrant 19th century Mercado do Bolhao market followed by coffee at the legendary Majestic Café and on to Batalha Square to catch vintage tram 22 to Rua do Carmo. Seek out one of the world's most beautiful bookstores, the Livraria Lello & Irmao; its art nouveau staircase is fabulous. Then head for the 75m high Clerigos Tower and climb its 200 or so steps to the top for panoramic city views. Take lunch on the terrace of Restaurante Astoria, and head to the neoclassical Palacio da Bolsa, the former Stock Exchange, to see its splendidly gilded interiors. Walk along to Igreja de Sao Francisco for a peek at its catacombs and stunning golden carvings and to the Carmo area for dinner.

### Day 3

Start the morning on a cruise aboard a traditional Rabelo boat, crossing under the city's impressive six bridges, feast on Portuguese tapas for lunch and in the afternoon, as you walk across the iconic double-deck Ponte Dom Luis I bridge into Vila Nova de Gaia, take in the spectacular view from the top deck. Vila Nova de Gaia is home to the famous wine lodges and warehouses; Ramos Pinto, Calem and British-run Taylor's all offer guided tours and tastings. Stay into the evening and head to The Yeatman hotel for an exquisite gastronomic experience at the hotel's 2 Michelin star restaurant.

## Boutique river cruise

Why not combine your stay in Porto with a luxury 7 night all inclusive river cruise, see page 19 for details.



## Hotel Infante de Sagres ★★★★★

In the heart of the historical district

Located in the heart of Porto's UNESCO World Heritage area, Hotel Infante de Sagres offers charm, sophistication and genuine hospitality. Built in the 1950's and resembling a 19th century grand old manor house the hotel's lavish interior is a harmonious blend of crystal chandeliers, stained glass windows, antiques and modern custom-made furniture. Recently refurbished the hotel has been brought back to its former glory as Porto's premier historic luxury hotel. Perfectly positioned in the heart of the city and on the doorstep of many of its attractions guests will enjoy local landmarks, a huge and varied selection of restaurants, shops and bars, and all just a few steps away from the hotel. Vogue Café offers a fashionable dining experience in Porto and a destination for the modern and stylish to enjoy delicious coffee, cocktails and light cuisine in an effortlessly chic environment.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Sun deck with plunge pool (May-Oct)
- Vogue Café
- 85 bedrooms and suites

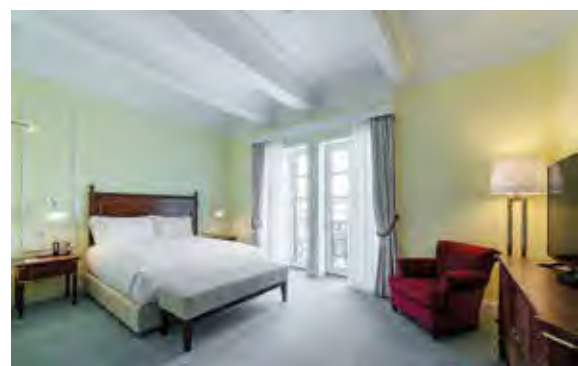
### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288



### PERFECT FOR A ROYAL STAY

*Fit for a king, the lavishly decorated Royal Suite boasts 19th century original antiques blended with contemporary works of art, a four-poster bed and large marble bathroom*



Deluxe room

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £504-£722**

Extra nights from £99 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic, street or internal view room, bath with shower, balcony (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Porto Francisco Sá Carneiro airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR A LUXURY RIVER CRUISE

*Why not combine your stay at the hotel with a luxury cruise along the Douro river; we offer 8-day boutique river cruises on board the finest ships, see page 19 for details*



Plaxa room

## Pestana Vintage Porto Hotel & World Heritage Site ★★★★★

Charming waterfront hotel in the historic quarter

Located right on the waterfront of the Douro and enjoying fabulous views of the river and the port wine houses on the opposite bank, charming Pestana Vintage Porto Hotel & World Heritage Site occupies a picturesque 16th century building in an area classified as a World Heritage Site. Set on the Ribeira square right in the historic core of Porto, the hotel is an excellent base for exploring the city's attractions with the cathedral and renowned Ramos Pinto port wine lodge within a short stroll and river cruises departing right outside the property. A modern and luxurious hotel, guest rooms and suites are well-appointed and tastefully decorated, and the majority face the river. Breakfast and stunning views of the waterfront can be enjoyed at the hotel restaurant, whilst the Heritage bar is perfect for tasty cocktails after a day of sightseeing.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, Nespresso coffee machine and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Restaurant RIB, Heritage bistro & bar
- Complimentary WiFi in common areas
- 109 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon offers** and **early booking savings** as well as other offers, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £475-£720**

Extra nights from £89 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic double city view room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Porto Francisco Sá Carneiro airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

## Pestana Porto - A Brasileira ★★★★★

Chic and sophisticated in privileged location

Set in the early 20th century property that once housed Porto's famed A Brasileira Café, Pestana Porto - A Brasileira has been carefully converted retaining the building's original architectural features alongside modern luxuries. The hotel is conveniently located with Sa da Bandeira Theatre, the beautiful Sao Bento train station and iconic Avenida dos Aliados nearby, and with the charming Ribeira neighbourhood within a 15 minute walk. The décor of the elegantly modern guest rooms and suites take inspiration from Portugal's historic spice trade, and rooms feature views of the hotel's courtyard or the picturesque rooftops of the city's historic centre. The chic restaurant serves a buffet breakfast and Portuguese cuisine and in addition there is bar and a café for light meals and fine pastries. Guests can work out at the on-site gym and there is a delightful French patio containing a natural vertical garden.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Gym
- Restaurant, bar, café
- Complimentary WiFi
- 89 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **early booking offers** please call us on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £512-£756**

Extra nights from £101 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a deluxe room (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Porto Francisco Sá Carneiro airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR IGREJA DE SAO FRANCISCO

*Don't miss this 14th century church in the Ribeira district. Behind the austere Gothic exterior its baroque interior is extensively decorated in a dazzling display of gilt-edged woodcarvings*

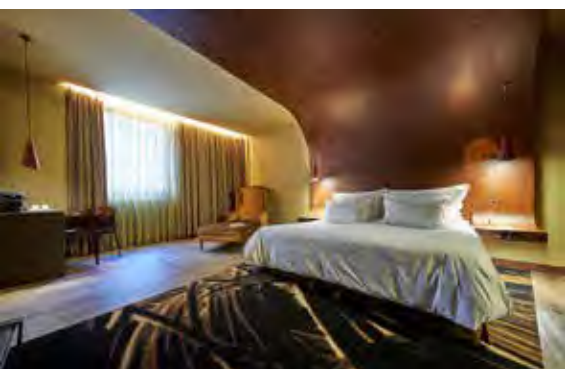


Deluxe room



### PERFECT FOR BOOKS & ART NOUVEAU

*Not to be missed and within a ten minute walk is Livraria Lello; a renowned bookshop housed in a stunning art nouveau building with a magnificent staircase and huge stained-glass skylight*



Audience room

## PortoBay Hotel Teatro ★★★★★

Unique design hotel in central location

Located in the centre of Porto and within a leisurely five to ten minute walk from many of the city's attractions including the popular Ribeira area, Clerigos Tower and the quirky Livraria Lello bookshop, the theatrical themed Hotel Teatro has been built on the site of the revered 1859 Teatro Baquet, once the haunt of the city's artists and intellectuals.

A contemporary boutique hotel its extravagant interiors of lavish velvets, dim lighting, costume filled glass cabinets and an opulent palette of black, bronze and gold ensures a 19th century playhouse atmosphere. Well-appointed, modern guest rooms and suites afford views of the hotel courtyard or the street, and the hotel restaurant Palco offers an a la carte menu of classic Portuguese dishes, whilst the Plateia Bar is the perfect stage for port and contemporary cocktails. Additionally there is a small gym on the sixth floor for guests' use. A member of PortoBay Hotels & Resorts.

Our guest experience rating: 80%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea making facilities and safe
- Some adjoining rooms
- Small fitness area
- Restaurant Palco, Bar Plateia
- Complimentary WiFi
- On-site garage (charge), charging point for electric vehicles
- 74 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking offers** and **honeymoon extras** as well as other offers and savings, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £437-£632**

Extra nights from £77 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a gallery street or courtyard view room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Porto Francisco Sá Carneiro airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Gibraltar

Gibraltar is one of Britain's last remaining colonies. The main street is similar to many a British high street but the weather is warmer, the atmosphere Mediterranean and the shopping is VAT free. Gibraltar's long and colourful history is one of its biggest attractions.

Despite the imposing appearance of the Rock, Gibraltar is small. In total, the area that it covers measures less than six square kilometres. It is the southernmost point of Europe and the only place in Europe where monkeys run free in a semi-wild state. Holding a unique strategic location, overlooking the Straits of Gibraltar and linked to the Spanish mainland, Gibraltar has attracted visitors for centuries. British, Moorish, Genoese, Portuguese, Spanish, Jewish, Maltese and Indian are all cultures represented in a rich and tumultuous history. These many influences are evident in the architecture, cuisine and customs of Gibraltar, and also in the many legacies that remain to this day, including prehistoric caves, a medieval castle, 11th century baths and Georgian and Victorian architecture.

## must do Gibraltar

### The Rock

Ride the cable car to the 426m summit of this imposing limestone ridge. The Upper Rock rewards with a breathtaking view; Africa fills one horizon, while the gates to the Mediterranean and the Atlantic are on either side.

### Apes' Den

This is the home of Gibraltar's famous Barbary macaques, the only free-to-roam primates in Europe. According to legend, if the Apes leave Gibraltar it will cease to be British.

### St Michael's Cave

St Michael's Cave is a remarkable natural cavern full of stalactites and stalagmites. The Cathedral Cave is now open to visitors and makes a unique auditorium for concerts, ballet and drama.

### The Great Siege Tunnels

Hewn out of the rock by hand these are gun emplacements used during the siege of 1779-83. New tunnel tours take you to the caves where the Allied invasion of North Africa was planned.

### The Upper Rock Nature Reserve

Entry tickets to the nature reserve include admission to the above attractions as well as the Moorish castle, Military Heritage Centre and the, Gibraltar: A City Under Siege, exhibition.

## Sunborn Gibraltar ★★★★★

Unique floating hotel

Standing in the Ocean Village Marina and with the iconic Rock of Gibraltar as a backdrop, Sunborn Gibraltar is an unique floating hotel and the world's first five star yacht hotel. Seven storeys high and exuding five star elegance this luxurious superyacht hotel features exquisitely appointed and stylish guest rooms and suites, the majority with Juliette balcony and all with full-height glazing to fully capture the views. A relaxed rooftop breakfast can be enjoyed in the Barbary Restaurant and evening dining options include a panoramic top floor fine dining restaurant and a chic gourmet venue and there is a sophisticated intimate cocktail bar, cosy lounge and sundeck bar to enjoy. In addition, there is a rooftop infinity pool available as well as a fitness centre, and a full concierge service will ensure a high standard of service.

Our guest experience rating: 81%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Small plunge pool
- Day spa and fitness centre with Finnish sauna and treatment rooms
- Restaurants offering fine dining, cocktail bars, lounge bars
- Casino
- Concierge service
- 189 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon offers** as well as other offers, please call us on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £464-£882**

Extra nights from £95 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard ocean village view room with shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Gibraltar airport on Mondays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 10 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR RELAXED ROOFTOP BREAKFAST

*Start the day with a breakfast of fruit, freshly baked bread and pastries, cooked specialities, waffles and pancakes whilst enjoying the views from the top-deck restaurant*



Superior cabin



### PERFECT FOR ALAMEDA BOTANIC GARDENS

*Take an afternoon stroll through the peaceful Alameda Botanic Gardens; the gardens span some 6 hectares with Mediterranean and subtropical plantings and a wildlife conservation area*



Junior suite

## The Rock Hotel ★★★★★

An institution amongst Gibraltar hotels

Built into the hillside of the limestone cliff and overlooking the Botanical Gardens, Gibraltar's legendary hotel The Rock boasts magnificent views across the Bay of Gibraltar, the Spanish mainland and the Rif Mountains of Morocco. Following a multi-million pound investment The Rock has been beautifully restored to its former glory, splendidly combining a genteel colonial feel with glamorous art deco whilst making the most of modern amenities and still providing exemplary service by its longstanding staff. Airy and spacious guest rooms and suites decorated in restful hues feature sumptuous bathrooms as well as a balcony or terrace offering glorious views. A buffet breakfast is served daily and time-honoured English afternoon tea is on offer in the lobby lounge bar, or on the iconic Wisteria Terrace where delectable cuisine can also be enjoyed in a delightful al fresco setting. Taking centre stage in the lounge is a smart new cocktail bar and across the road is the hotel's secluded garden and outdoor seawater pool.

Our guest experience rating: 86%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, internet access, coffee making facilities
- Outdoor seawater pool (seasonal Apr-Oct)
- Orlando's hair & beauty salon with aromatherapy, massage and facials
- Restaurant offering a la carte cuisine with Mediterranean, Iberian and North African influences
- Poolside bar
- 94 bedrooms and suite

### CLASSIC VALUE

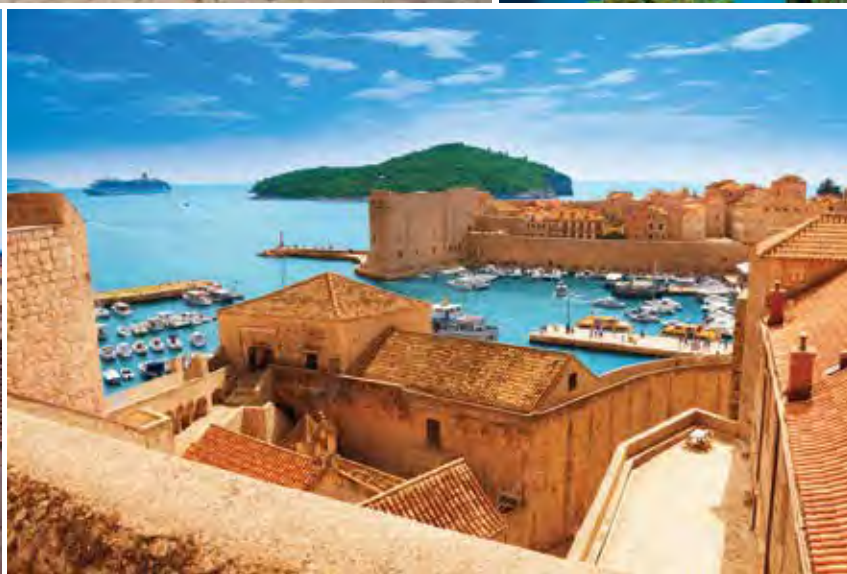
For **honeymoon offers** and **family savings** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £429-£842**

Extra nights from £84 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a sea view room with bath or shower room and some with balcony (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Gibraltar airport on Mondays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 15 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Dubrovnik

Described by George Bernard Shaw as heaven on earth, Dubrovnik, The Pearl of the Adriatic, is an outstanding city. Its historical and architectural significance have earned it a rightful place as an UNESCO World Heritage site. Encircled by ancient walls its Old Town is stunningly beautiful.

This magnificent walled city with its marble streets, narrow stepped alleyways and Baroque architecture boasts an 18th century cathedral, a 14th century Dominican monastery and the handsome Gothic Renaissance Rector's Palace, housing the Cultural Historical Museum. There are markets and boutiques, and a myriad of dining and nightlife opportunities around the pedestrianised Placa promenade or Stradun, the delightful heart of the Old Town boasting numerous restaurants and cafés amongst its marbled street bordered by decorative street lamps. The Mount Srđ cable car is one of the best places from which to enjoy the views. Dubrovnik is also a city with a vibrant cultural scene and is renowned for its film festivals and its summer music and theatre festival.

## must do Dubrovnik

### City walls

Dubrovnik's spectacular city walls are perhaps the best preserved in the world, and no visit would be complete without a leisurely, and compulsorily clockwise, walk around them. The views over the town and sea are sublime.

### Cable car

The ride to a height of 405m takes just four minutes, but from it you can enjoy a quite magnificent perspective of the city, Lokrum Island and the Adriatic.

### Lokrum Island

A protected area of natural beauty, Lokrum is one of the most scenic islands in the area. There's a dead sea, castle, Benedictine monastery and a small botanical garden to explore.

### The Dominican Monastery

Built in the early part of the 14th century there are two major attractions within the monastery, a museum full of valuable Renaissance treasures and a 15th century Gothic cloister.

### Dubrovnik Riviera

Enjoy the stunning Adriatic coast by taking a boat cruise from Dubrovnik to Cavtat and back, or from the port of Gruz to the Elaphiti Islands, Lopud or Sipan, boasting some of the region's best beaches.

## Travelling around the city

There is a frequently run bus service connecting all areas of the city. The sightseeing pass Dubrovnik Card allows for full use of the bus service plus free or reduced entrance to top attractions, and discounts in various shops and restaurants. Available for 1, 3 and 7 days, details from Classic concierge.

## Dubrovnik attractions

Dubrovnik's Stradun, or central thoroughfare is the delightful heart of the Old Town and is an absolute must-visit area boasting numerous delightful restaurants and cafés along the smooth cobbled streets themselves bordered by decorative street lamps. Walk the walls that envelope the Old Town for a bird's eye view of delightful vignettes of local daily life, or join a guided walking city tour and visit the Franciscan Monastery with its ancient pharmacy, Onofrio's Fountain, 16th century Sponza Palace, Orlando's Column, Church of St Blaise, the palatial Rector's Palace, and the 18th century Cathedral.

## Food & drink

The utmost compliment is paid by Italians visiting Croatia for fantastic seafood and excellent local wines. Coastal areas are heavily influenced by Mediterranean flavours and feature delicious seafood specialities; try black risotto with shellfish, octopus salad, and Ston oysters and mussels, considered some of the finest shellfish in the Adriatic. Dalmatian cuisine is based on simple recipes, traditional home cooking and the freshest, seasonal local ingredients with spring time the season for delightful, wild asparagus. Noteworthy wines include the powerful red Plavac Mali, and white Grk and Posip.

## When to visit

Best times to visit are spring and summer when days are sunny and dry; unusually, temperatures tend to be higher on the coast and, during August, 30°C is normal. For two months in the summer Dubrovnik's Summer Festival is Croatia's most celebrated cultural event with theatre, ballet and music, from classical to pop. Autumn is less crowded making for a quieter time for a visit.

## Dubrovnik in 3 days

### Day 1

Spend the morning exploring some of the Old Town's famous landmarks and pretty side streets, starting at the imposing Pile Gate. Walk along to the 15th century Onofrio's Fountain, visit the Franciscan Monastery with its beautiful 14th century cloisters, carry on past the palatial Sponza Palace, Orlando's Column, the baroque style Church of St Blaise and on to the Gothic-Renaissance Rector's Palace housing the Cultural Historical Museum. After lunch walk around the city's spectacular city walls for views over the Old Town and the Adriatic Sea. Join at the less busy Ploce Gate and walk anticlockwise the 2km long wall, parts of which date back to the 13th century, stopping at the various forts along the way. In the evening go for fine seafood at the historic and highly acclaimed Proto.

### Day 2

Head out of the city by bus, or by boat from the Old Town harbour, to Cavtat located 15km east of the city and enjoy a day at this tranquil seaside town. Stroll along its idyllic seafront promenade, hike up to the top of Rat peninsula for the best views and visit the Racic Family Mausoleum before going for a swim at Kljucice beach. Find a restaurant for early dinner before returning on the bus to Dubrovnik.

### Day 3

Catch the ferry for the short, ten minute ride from the Old Town harbour to the lush Lokrum Island and stroll through the beautiful botanical gardens of the medieval Benedictine monastery, go for a swim in the sea, lunch at Lacroma and admire the views back towards Dubrovnik from the island's Napoleonic fortifications before returning. Once back in the city ride the cable car to the top of Srđ Hill in time for sunset for the most stunning views of Dubrovnik and surrounding area, then dine at one of the city's fine restaurants; try Nautika for the freshest of seafood and a lovely setting by the water, or Restaurant Dubrovnik for rooftop dining and French influenced cuisine.



## Hilton Imperial Dubrovnik ★★★★★

Great location, perfect for exploring Dubrovnik

Just a few steps outside the historic Old Town's western entrance at Pile Gate, the luxurious Hilton Imperial Dubrovnik, originally built in the late 19th century, has been beautifully restored and boasts very high standards and enviable personal service, plus wonderful views of Dubrovnik and the Adriatic from its spacious terraces. The city walls, forts and museums are all within easy walking distance and Banje beach is only 500m away. Guest rooms are stylish and beautifully decorated, and executive rooms and suites additionally benefit from an executive lounge with complimentary light refreshments throughout the day and evening. International and Dalmatian signature dishes can be enjoyed in the contemporary Porat Restaurant, where dinner can also be taken al fresco on the terrace with its splendid views of the Old Town. Additional facilities include a fitness club, indoor pool, sauna and a steam room.

Our guest experience rating: 88%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, internet access, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Fitness club, indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room, massage and gym
- Porat Restaurant, The Imperial Bar and Lounge
- Gift shop
- 149 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon offers** and **early booking savings** as well as other offers and complimentary extras, please call us on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-30 Dec  
**3 nights from £456-£1172**

Extra nights from £62 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a guest room, bath with shower (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Dubrovnik airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes.  
Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR GAME OF THRONES FANS

*This grand old hotel is close to Pile Gate, the medieval entrance to the historic centre of Dubrovnik, the town which doubled as the fictional King's Landing in the TV series Game of Thrones*



King Executive sea view room



### PERFECT FOR WALKING THE WALLS

*The gorgeous city of Dubrovnik, a location for the TV series Game of Thrones, is a short bus ride from this hotel. Make sure you walk round the ramparts; they date back to the 13th century*



Double room with balcony and sea view

## Hotel More ★★★★★ boutique

Tranquil seafront setting

Enjoying a tranquil and stunning setting right by the azure sea on the beautiful Lapad peninsula, boutique Hotel More is surrounded by lush vegetation and fragrant pines. Dubrovnik Old Town is 3km away, reached easily by local bus or taxi, and there's a good selection of restaurants and cafes along the promenade that stretches along the peninsula. Guest rooms are furnished in a classic style and feature balcony or terrace with sea or inland views. Croatian and international cuisine is available in the elegant a la carte More restaurant. Additionally, in the unique setting of a natural cave and extending over three levels guests can enjoy refreshing drinks and cocktails at the Cave Bar More. There are two outdoor swimming pools, one set just above the promenade and one located on the fifth floor with beautiful views out to sea.

Our guest experience rating: 90%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, internet access, minibar and safe
- Outdoor swimming pool above the promenade, outdoor pool and Jacuzzi on 5th floor
- More Wellness & Beauty Centre, small gym
- 2 a la carte restaurants, coffee bar, pool bar
- Cave bar More
- 80 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon extras** as well as other offers and complimentary extras, please call us on 0800 008 7288

1 Mar-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £443-£948**

Extra nights from £58 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic inland view room, bath with shower, some with balcony or terrace (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Dubrovnik airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes.  
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## Rixos Libertas Hotel ★★★★★

Contemporary style, delightful cuisine and splendid views

Conveniently located just 1.6km, 15 minutes' walk, from Dubrovnik Old Town's northern gate, Rixos Libertas Hotel boasts awe-inspiring sea views. The contemporary styled classic rooms feature land views and French balcony, whilst superior rooms with balcony enjoy vistas of the delightfully azure Adriatic. A choice of dining venues include buffet style Mozaik, a la carte Lazear and the seasonal Azzur fish restaurant featuring the most romantic terrace in Dubrovnik. The Agora bar boasts a marvellous terrace overlooking the Adriatic and serves refreshing drinks and light snacks. The Anjana Spa is spread over two floors with an indoor and seasonal outdoor pool, various saunas and showers on the first floor, whilst the second floor features treatment rooms and a VIP room overlooking the Adriatic.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, LCD satellite TV, internet access, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting superior rooms
- Seasonal outdoor pool, children's seasonal outdoor splash pool
- Anjana Spa with indoor pool, sauna, tropical showers, Turkish bath, aromatherapy, various treatments, gym
- Mozaik buffet restaurant, Lazear a la carte restaurant, seasonal Azzur fish restaurant, bar
- Merit Casino
- 310 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking savings** and **offers** please call us on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £381-£1037**

Extra nights from £37 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic land view room, bath with shower, French balcony (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Dubrovnik airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR RELAXING

*Spend your days by the glorious pool, book a revitalising treatment at the Anjana Spa, enjoy dinner and stunning views on the open air terrace of Azzur restaurant and a nightcap at Agora*



Superior room



### PERFECT FOR A RIDE

*Ride the cable car to the top of Mount Srd; it takes just four minutes to reach the 405m where you can enjoy a quite magnificent perspective of the city, Lokrum Island and the Adriatic*



Superior room

## Hotel Lero ★★★★★

A well established, good standard hotel

Conveniently located with Dubrovnik's historical Old Town and its many famous landmarks within a 20 minute stroll (1.7km), the well established Hotel Lero is a good standard four star city hotel that has for the last 40 years provided friendly, personalised service combined with comfortable accommodation. Pleasantly decorated guest rooms feature all modern amenities with executive rooms on the top floor offering additional comfort and balcony with sea or pool views. An extensive buffet is served for breakfast and dinner in the main restaurant, with delicious traditional Bosnian cuisine at restaurant Taj Mahal. The nearby wellness centre provides a tranquil setting for soothing massages, as well as featuring an attractive outdoor swimming pool complete with drinks service. Alternatively, the nearest beach can be found 300m away in Miramare bay and nearby sports facilities include a sports hall with tennis courts.

Our guest experience rating: 83%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Wellness centre with a selection of massage treatments, Jacuzzi, sauna, steam bath, gym
- Buffet restaurant, Taj Mahal a la carte restaurant, bar
- 204 bedrooms

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon extras** and **early booking savings** as well as other offers and complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £392-£892**

Extra nights from £40 per person per night

Prices per person based on half board in a classic park, hill or inland view room with shower room (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Dubrovnik airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Split

With dramatic mountains as a backdrop and the clear Adriatic waters lapping at its shore, Croatia's second city, Split, enjoys a fabulous setting along the Dalmatian coast and boasts cultural and historical sites aplenty, a working port, one of the world's most impressive Roman monuments and a fine seafront promenade.

Founded in AD295 by Roman emperor Diocletian, Split has a sprawling centre with its core housed within the protective walls of the two thousand year old Diocletian's Palace; a UNESCO World Heritage site simply bursting with historic monuments, chic bars, sophisticated cafés and elegant boutiques. Also encircled by the walls is majestic Cathedral of St Domnius, and a colonnaded sunken square called the Peristyle. Split is a modern, thriving port, renowned for its vibrant nightlife and during July and August the celebrated Split Summer Festival features a wonderful music, opera and theatre programme. The wide pedestrianised seafront boulevard, the Riva, is lined with cafés, and beaches in the area include the sandy Bacvice and the pebbled Kasjuni.

## must do Split

### Diocletian's Palace

Split's fascinating heart, the Diocletian's Palace, comprises a captivating blend of architectural styles including the original Roman structure, modified in the Middle Ages, plus churches, forts and palaces from the early-Christian, Byzantine, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque periods.

### Palace gates

The four fortified gates leading in to Diocletian's Palace are named Gold, Silver, Bronze and Iron; and through the Golden Gate is a sculpture of the 10th century bishop, Gregorius of Nin, whose famed good luck big toe is polished to a shine!

### Cathedral of St Domnius

Located within the Diocletian's Palace, the Cathedral of St Domnius, the patron saint of Split was originally built as the Roman emperor's mausoleum and later converted into a church; its Romanesque belfry affords a fantastic birds-eye view over the city.

### Mestrovic Gallery

An imposing marble villa containing a wonderful collection of works by Croatia's most famous modern sculptor, Ivan Mestrovic, with the nearby Kastelet fortress arguably housing his most stunning creation of wooden reliefs.

### Marjan Hill

For spectacular views of the city and the nearby islands head up to one of several lookout points at the wooded Marjan Hill.

## Hotel Park Split ★★★★★

Traditional and refined elegance

Dating back to 1921 and the city's oldest hotel, prestigious Hotel Park Split enjoys a prime location directly above Bacvice Bay and the town's main beach and is an ideal base for discovering Split's wonderful sites with the Old Town a mere ten minute stroll away. The hotel offers attentive service and refinement amidst tranquil surroundings with comfortable, traditionally elegant guest rooms and suites featuring modern amenities. A hearty buffet breakfast can be enjoyed al fresco on the palm-lined terrace and in the evenings local delicacies can be savoured in the more formal setting of the restaurant; or experience dining at the Chef's Table. An outdoor pool with a wooden deck and loungers is ideal for relaxing moments, or alternatively Bacvice beach is just a few minutes walk away. A small wellness centre offers a range of indulgent spa treatments, hot tub, Finnish sauna and a gym for the more active.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Spa with treatments, hot tub, sauna, gym
- Restaurant, Imperial Bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 72 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking savings** and **free nights** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

25 Mar-21 Oct  
**3 nights from £443-£864**

Extra nights from £61 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard city view room, bath with shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Split Resnik airport on Wednesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR SIGNATURE SPA TREATMENTS

*This elegant hotel, perched above Split's main town beach, has a spa where you can experience 'halotherapy' an ancient treatment for a range of conditions*

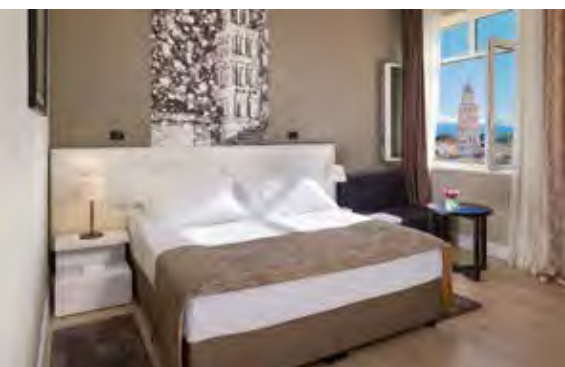


Superior room with sea view



### PERFECT FOR STROLLING THROUGH SPLIT

*Situated just a few minutes' walk from Split Old Town, this comfortable hotel makes an ideal base for exploring the town's historic attractions such as Diocletian's Palace*



Deluxe room with city view

## Cornaro Hotel ★★★★★

Fabulous hotel within minutes of city sights

Located in the heart of Split, mere minutes from the entrance to Diocletian's Palace, Cornaro Hotel is set in a historic building that has been transformed into a fabulous property suitable for couples, and is an ideal base for discovering the city's many sights, cultural events, restaurants and cafés. Contemporary and stylish guest rooms and suites are tastefully furnished and feature the latest amenities. A sumptuous buffet breakfast is available in the inviting restaurants, mid morning snacks and drinks can be enjoyed al fresco on the terrace, there is a wine bar with an excellent selection of Croatian wines and a rooftop bar with spectacular views over the city. In addition there are outdoor Jacuzzis (payable locally) and rooftop terrace for sunbathing, as well as a range of massage and beauty treatments together with a sauna and Jacuzzis. The lovely seafront promenade, Riva, is a short five minute stroll from the hotel.

Our guest experience rating: 86%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Rooftop Jacuzzis (payable locally)
- Wellness & Fitness centre with massage and beauty treatments, Jacuzzis, sauna
- Restaurants for buffet breakfast and a la carte dining, terrace lounge, wine bar, rooftop bar
- Complimentary WiFi, internet corner
- Souvenir shop
- 156 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking offers** and **savings** as well as complimentary extras, please call us on 0800 008 7288

25 Mar-21 Oct  
**3 nights from £460-£846**

Extra nights from £66 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a comfort room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Split Resnik airport on Wednesdays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Athens

Athens, the birthplace of civilisation and democracy, is a vibrant and exciting city packed with museums, monuments, parks, and squares crammed with tavernas, restaurants, bars and cafés. Named after Greek goddess, Athena, it is a city full of culture and simply brimming with buildings of archaeological and historical significance.

As Rome is eternal, so Athens is immortal. Situated in the Attica province and surrounded by mountains, the Greek capital is a modern city combined with a glorious past encapsulating mythology and history, and the birthplace of democracy. Athens is home to some of the most important heritage sites of Greek civilisation from antiquity through the middle ages to modern times. Although visitors will want to explore its culture and history, the city also offers a vibrant nightlife with a multitude of restaurants, tavernas, bars and clubs. With a wealth of sights to see, city breaks in Athens will keep your itinerary filled with things to do. It is an ideal year round destination boasting mild winters and hot summers.

## must do Athens

### Acropolis

Visible from almost anywhere in the city, and considered by many to be the most important ancient site in the Western world, little can prepare the viewer for the breathtaking magnificence of Pericles' stunning, monumental achievement.

### Planetarium

Athens is home to the most technologically advanced and largest digital planetarium in the world, featuring 3D virtual trips to the galaxy, with simultaneous narration in English, as well as IMAX movies from its 280 seat amphitheatre.

### National Archaeological Museum

The largest archaeological museum in Greece and one of the most important museums in the world devoted to ancient Greek art. The time span covered is immense from the Neolithic to the golden age of Greek history and beyond.

### National Gardens

Considered one of Athen's greatest treasures, these formal gardens are a tropical paradise in the middle of the city. Stroll, feed the ducks and visit the botanical museum.

### Ancient Agora

The heart of ancient Athens is a lush, refreshing break from congested city streets, and is dotted with beautiful monuments including the world's first shopping arcade, the best preserved Doric temple in Greece and an excellent museum.

## Electra Palace ★★★★★

Great location in the Plaka neighbourhood

Commanding fabulous views of the Acropolis, Electra Palace is located in the very heart of Athens, and with Syntagma Square a five minute stroll and the Acropolis a 15 minute walk away this five star hotel is an ideal base for discovering the city's major sights. Behind its neo-classical façade there is a choice of classically styled guest rooms and suites and those with views of the Acropolis are highly recommended. A buffet breakfast is served each morning at Motivo where in the evening tasty Mediterranean dishes can be enjoyed, or guests can choose to dine at the award winning Electra Roof Garden restaurant where the contemporary Greek cuisine is complemented by stunning views. Located on the fifth floor is the outdoor swimming pool with an all-day pool bar serving a range of refreshing drinks and tasty snacks, the Spa & Wellness Centre features a full service spa as well as an indoor pool, and a fitness centre is available for guests' use.

Our guest experience rating: 93%

## FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Seasonal outdoor pool
- Spa & Wellness centre with treatments, Jacuzzi, sauna, indoor pool
- Fitness centre
- Motivo Restaurant, Electra Roof Garden, Duck Tail Bar, pool bar
- Complimentary WiFi
- 154 bedrooms and suites

## CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £525-£1035

Extra nights from £89 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic room with bath or shower room (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Athens Eleftherios Venizelos airport on Mondays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

Private transfer time approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



## PERFECT FOR A PEACEFUL RETREAT

Leave the bustle of Athens behind at this splendid hotel. It boasts restaurants, bars, a fitness centre and a roof terrace where you can enjoy a night-time swim and gaze at the Acropolis



Classic room



## PERFECT FOR COCKTAILS &amp; VIEWS

Relax and admire the night time views of the spectacularly lit Acropolis from the M-bar on the 10th floor; try signature cocktails and delicious Asian bite size snacks, plus music by guest DJs



Suite

## Electra Metropolis ★★★★★

Ideal location for ancient and modern Athens

Adjacent to Syntagma Square, city hotel Electra Metropolis is ideally placed for experiencing both the ancient and modern side of Athens with the historic neighbourhood of Plaka a ten minute walk away and upmarket Kolonaki with its designer boutiques and sophisticated nightlife a five minute stroll. Interiors are elegantly chic and guest rooms and suites are tastefully decorated in a modern style.

Located on the 10th floor the Metropolis Roof Garden gourmet restaurant serves a delightful breakfast and fine, creative Greek cuisine in the evenings, all the while boasting spectacular panoramic views of the Acropolis and the city. The Library offers bistro style dining and set around the hotel's sky-light atrium the lounge bar is an ideal spot for a coffee or a late night drink. The small rooftop pool with sun terrace affords views of the Acropolis and Lycabettus Hill, and as well as an indoor pool the Aegeo Spa features numerous treatments.

Guest experience rating available in 2020

## FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Rooftop pool
- Aegeo Spa with treatments, indoor pool, fitness centre
- Metropolis Roof Garden restaurant for breakfast and Greek cuisine, The Library café-bistro, M-bar, Atrium bar lounge
- Complimentary WiFi
- 216 bedrooms and suites

## CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
3 nights from £552-£1053

Extra nights from £99 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a classic room with bath or shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Athens Eleftherios Venizelos airport on Mondays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

Private transfer time approximately 40 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Marrakech

Few cities in the world enjoy such a dramatic setting and intoxicating atmosphere as Marrakech. The rose-pink walls of this ancient city stoop beneath the soaring peaks of the Atlas Mountains whilst towering palm trees jostle for position amongst medieval ramparts where nesting storks colonise each vacant turret.

Marrakech encapsulates the exoticism of far more distant cities. The impenetrable Atlas Mountains have preserved the lifestyle and language of an indigenous Berber population who add a richness and unique cultural depth to the city. The Djemaa el Fna square is the focal point to which tribes and travellers have been drawn since ancient times. Each day, as the shadow of the Koutoubia minaret lengthens towards the square, the carnival begins as musicians, snake-charmers, fortune tellers, fire eaters and dancers gather to entertain the ever shifting circles of mesmerised onlookers. After wandering for hours through the seemingly infinite souks the square is the place to enjoy a refreshing mint tea, on the terrace of a pavement café whilst watching the colourful pageant unfold.

## must do Marrakech

### Majorelle Gardens

The painter Jacques Majorelle laid out the original gardens in the 1930's and they were lovingly restored in later years by Yves St Laurent and maintained through his estate. Sub-tropical vegetation offers plenty of shade for contemplation.

### Medina

With more than 16km of ramparts and gates, myriad stalls and shops, and 800 years of history it's up to the individual to decide how best to discover the heart and soul of this ancient city, but discover it you must!

### Saadian Tombs

Three ornate pavilions in an ancient walled garden which housed the sultans and their hareems. Hidden from public view until the 1920's the tombs provide a fascinating insight into the life of a bygone age.

### Street food

Forming what is probably the world's largest open-air restaurant, the hundred Djemaa el Fna food stalls are set up in the square at the end of every day and dismantled again before midnight.

### Ourika Valley

Thirty kilometres distant from Marrakech, the lush greenery at the foothills of the Atlas Mountains is one of the best preserved valleys in Morocco, boasting beautiful scenery with poplar trees and weeping willows.

## Travelling around the city

The myriad tiny streets and alleyways of Marrakech medina and the Djemaa el Fna square are best discovered on foot. Metered 'petit' taxis are an inexpensive way to get around those parts of the city outside the walls of the old town, whilst 'grand' taxis are for journeys further afield. Horse drawn carriages ply their trade from a carriage station close to the Koutoubia Minaret. You should agree a price that you're happy with before boarding; maybe hire one for half a day to see the Menara and Majorelle gardens.

## Food & drink

The Berbers bequeathed Moroccan cuisine many essential dishes such as couscous, tajine (tasty stews) and harira (hearty soups). The Bedouin Arabs introduced dates, milk, grain, bread and dried pasta. The Moors added Andalusian food to the palate with nuts, fruits, herbs and oil whilst the invading Arabs brought back a wealth of spices from the East. Moroccan cuisine is based around the staples of peppers, tomatoes, garlic, olives, eggs, onions, couscous, chicken, lamb, pigeon and fish. Beyond hotels and restaurants alcohol is becoming more widely available, with Flag the most popular beer.

## Morocco & Islam

In 2020 the fasting month of Ramadan will be observed from 23 April to 23 May, which might be an incentive or a deterrent to travel. Some restaurants choose to close for the month, but the nocturnal celebrations, particularly from the end of the second week, are colourful and lively. Whilst the observance of Ramadan for Muslims is legally enforced in Morocco it is difficult to view the country as one with a strict Islamic culture. The warmth of the welcome is indicative of the easy-going and friendly nature of its mixed Berber and Arab population.

## When to visit

For almost guaranteed winter sunshine Marrakech makes an ideal choice. Winter daytime temperatures are pleasant but it can be quite cool to distinctly cold in the evenings. Late April and May, and October and November offer sustained sunshine and blue skies without the fierce heat of June, July and August. The rainy season is nominally from November until March but there is rarely persistent or sustained rainfall during that period, just occasional flash-flooding. Summer varies from hot to very hot.

## Marrakech in 3 days

### Day 1

Acquaint yourself with this vibrant city by visiting the Saadian Tombs, the Bahia Palace and the Koutoubia Minaret. Take lunch in the modern area of Gueliz and visit the cafés and shops of the Avenue Mohammed V. Fortified by lunch, head back to the medina, in the company of an official guide, to visit the different quarters of the medina, seeing craftsmen practicing their traditional trades in a huge variety of souks. Secure a roof top café view of sunset at the Djemaa el Fna square as the food stalls start to open and crowds and entertainers flock to this ancient crossroads.

### Day 2

Continue to explore Marrakech by taking a horse drawn carriage to ride through the olive groves and to see the reservoir and pavilion of the Menara Gardens and the vista of the Atlas Mountains. Afterwards continue to the Majorelle Gardens to appreciate a peaceful hour or two away from the hustle and bustle of the city. After lunch take a relaxing spa treatment or hammam at Les Bains de Marrakech, one of the first private hammams in Marrakech. In the evening enjoy the cuisine and exquisite interior decoration of one of Marrakech's more traditional restaurants.

### Day 3

The Ourika Valley in the High Atlas is under one hour's drive from Marrakech, and offers a pretty escape from the hustle and bustle of Marrakech and a chance to experience Berber life beyond the city. Rising to around 1,500 metres, this is an ideal area for gentle hiking amongst the high green terraces and stunning views of the High Atlas Mountains. Take lunch at Setti Fatma, a favourite weekend retreat of the wealthier city dwellers, and admire the scenery of palm tree plantations, fruit trees, tiny hamlets, waterfalls and Berber villages in the rocky foothills.



## Hotel Es Saadi ★★★★★

A vintage haven in the heart of this famous city

Hotel Es Saadi nestles in 8 hectares of beautifully kept botanical gardens and is located just ten minutes' walk from the old walls of Marrakech. All guest bedrooms are generously proportioned and top floor suites are particularly recommended for fine views over the city and distant high Atlas Mountains. Maintaining the style of its time, this older hotel has been managed and owned by the same family for some forty years so you are assured the warmest of welcomes and the very best in personal service during your stay. Evenings may be enjoyed in the hotel's a la carte restaurant or piano bar which overlooks the spacious swimming pool. The Oriental Spa at the hotel which is situated adjacent to the swimming pool offers all you need after a busy day sightseeing including wonderful massages with essential oils, beauty treatments, and for those with energy still to burn, a well-equipped fitness room.

Our guest experience rating: 83%

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### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, minibar and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- Outdoor seasonally heated swimming pool with large sun terrace
- Oriental Spa offering massages with essential oils, sauna, hammam, treatments
- Fitness room, clay tennis court
- 8 hectares of well-kept gardens
- A la carte restaurant (jacket and tie preferred), snack bar, piano bar
- Boutique
- 150 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **early booking offers** and **savings** as well as complimentary extras, please call us on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £405-£917**

Extra nights from £57 per person per night

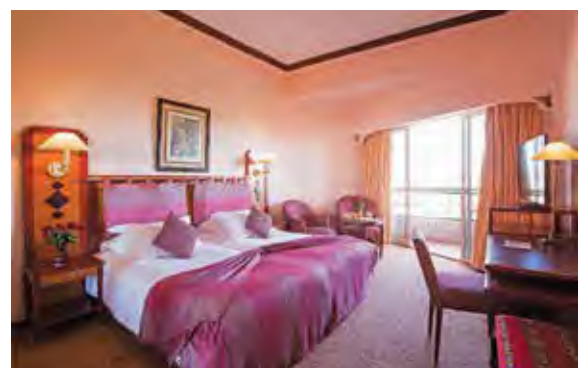
Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a twin or double room, bath with shower, and balcony or terrace (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Marrakech Menara airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR STROLLING

*The Bauchet-Bouhlal family's opulent garden is one of the hotel's highlights; Jean Bauchet owned the Moulin Rouge and it shows in many a flight of fancy dotted throughout the grounds*



Standard room



### PERFECT FOR AN OASIS OF CALM

*Enjoy excellent service and quiet relaxation in this most idyllic of settings in the heart of the medina; from shaded patios and poolside terraces to the serenity of the spa, there's no choice but to unwind*



Junior suite

## Villa des Orangers 1st Class Riad

Intimate riad close to Djemaa el Fna square

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Imagine a palace protected by one hundred-year-old walls and flooded with light, where the silence is broken only by the sound of trickling fountains in the shade of the orange trees. Located within a short walk of the Koutoubia mosque, Djemaa el Fna square and the Saadian Tombs, the superb Villa des Orangers is a beautifully restored riad designed for a discerning clientele.

Authentic and luxurious, this charming hotel is an oasis of tranquillity with guest rooms individually decorated in an elegant and traditional Moroccan style. There are two outdoor pools, a fitness room and a spa with a traditional hammam, whilst delicious Moroccan and Mediterranean cuisine is on offer in the restaurant and light lunches can be enjoyed al fresco by the poolside, on the terraces or in the shade of an orange tree. A member of Relais & Châteaux. This hotel is only suitable for adults and is not recommend children under the age of 12 years.

Our guest experience rating: 93%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, internet access, minibar and safe
- 2 outdoor swimming pools
- Spa Nuxe with 5 treatment rooms, Jacuzzi, hammam, fitness room
- Restaurant serving Moroccan breakfast and Mediterranean cuisine, 3 lounges
- 27 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **honeymoon offers**, **free nights** and **savings** as well as complimentary extras, please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £854-£1334**

Extra nights from £207 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a deluxe courtyard view room with bath and separate shower (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Marrakech Menara airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

## Les Jardins de la Medina 1st Class Riad

Moroccan style in beautifully tranquil gardens

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Formerly a Prince's Palace, Les Jardins de la Medina has been transformed into a charming boutique hotel offering a harmonious balance between past and present. The hotel, surrounded by the high walls of a traditional riad, boasts all modern comforts and delightful service. It's close to the Royal Palace and situated in the Kasbah quarter just a few minutes from the famous Djemaa el Fna square and the colourful souks. Discretely hidden behind high walls, the hotel has large, lush, sweet-scented gardens where orange trees, age-old palms and jacaranda surround the tranquil pool area. The restaurant serves international and fine Moroccan cuisine, and during the day lighter snacks are available on the terrace or by the pool in the gardens. Guests are welcomed with Moroccan tea and dried fruits and there's a new spa area with traditional hammam. A member of Charme & Caractère Luxury hotels.

Our guest experience rating: 92%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, flat screen satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea making facilities, espresso machine and safe
- Seasonally heated swimming pool
- Well-being centre with 2 spa treatment rooms, beauty treatment area, 2 hammams, traditional barber, yoga, gym
- Restaurant, bar, roof terrace
- Library lounge, autumn lounge, boutique
- Complimentary WiFi
- 36 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **free night offers** and **early booking savings** as well as other offers and complimentary extras, please call us on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £480-£971**

Extra nights from £82 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a superior patio view room, bath with shower (max 3), including flights from Gatwick to Marrakesh Menara airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



### PERFECT FOR TRANQUILITY

*Nestling within the bustling medina, the riad's luxurious gardens provide a haven of tranquillity and birdsong; the ideal setting after a day of sightseeing and wandering the vibrant souks*



Les Sultanes room



### PERFECT FOR TAJINES

*Master the skill of cooking traditional Moroccan tajines on a half day workshop at the riad's renowned cookery school; small classes are taught by a dada, a traditional Moroccan cook*



Deluxe suite

## La Maison Arabe 1st Class Riad

Legendary and sumptuously authentic

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Located in the heart of the Medina, the legendary La Maison Arabe boasts flower filled courtyards and beautiful Moroccan craftsmanship with tadelakt walls and cedar wood ceilings. An exotic and serene atmosphere prevails and most of the 26 uniquely decorated rooms and suites feature a private terrace and fireplace. The restaurants offer delicious Moroccan specialties, exquisite French and Asian cuisine, and tasty Moroccan and Asian tapas in the 30's style piano bar. Facilities include a renowned cookery school, a spa with two traditional hammams and a swimming pool set in the olive tree and rose filled courtyard. In addition, the hotel's Country Club and Kasbah is located a 15 minute drive away by complimentary shuttle service and offers a large outdoor pool set in wonderful, secret gardens. Please note this hotel does not accept children under the age of 5 years and is not recommended to those with walking difficulties.

Our guest experience rating: 96%

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar and safe
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Wellness centre with 2 traditional hammams, massage rooms and beauty treatments
- Country Club with large pool plus light snacks & drinks available (complimentary shuttle service)
- Le Restaurant, Les Trois Saveurs, piano bar, wine bar
- Cookery school
- 26 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **free nights** and **savings** as well as other offers and complimentary extras, please call us on 0800 008 7288

1 Jan-31 Dec  
**3 nights from £537-£1076**

Extra nights from £104 per person per night

Prices per person based on bed and breakfast in a standard patio side view room with shower room (max 2), including flights from Gatwick to Marrakesh Menara airport on Fridays (other departure days, flights & durations available) and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 20 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



# Dubai

Think of white, pristine beaches and sandy dunes, trendy glitzy malls and traditional souks, luxury resort hotels and award winning spas, aquatic explorations, desert adventures and wildlife sanctuaries, land and water sports, world-class golf and amazing man-made islands. Combining all these, Dubai has been transformed into a leading destination for couples and families.

One of seven Emirates making up the United Arab Emirates, Dubai was once a quiet coastal settlement at the mouth of the Dubai Creek. By the turn of the 20th century it had become a flourishing port and a centre for pearl diving, trade, fishing and shipping and today, although still surrounded by desert, Dubai is a major business centre renowned for its striking modern architecture. Dubai's exclusive Jumeirah Palm, also known as The Palm, is the world's largest man-made island and located off the coast of Jumeirah Beach boasts luxury beachside hotels and a waterpark. It's a destination offering affordable luxury with superb deluxe resort hotels, fabulous restaurants and tax free shopping; Dubai offers excitement, entertainment, culture and leisure experiences for all.

## must do Dubai

### Burj Khalifa

Dominating Dubai's skyline, boasting 160 floors and rising above the city at 828m, Burj Khalifa is the world's tallest building. Take the high-speed lift to one of the observation decks for breathtaking 360-degree views.

### Al Fahidi District

Head for the historic Al Fahidi quarter and explore its labyrinth of narrow lanes flanked by art galleries, museums, quirky shops and traditional merchants' coral clad houses.

### Souks

Aside from the traditional perfume and gold souks in the heart of the old Dubai and the vibrant textile souk in Bur Dubai, there are the recreated, modern versions Souk Madinat Jumeirah and Souk Al Bahar overlooking the Dubai Fountain.

### Dubai Mall

Home to 1,200 shops and designer boutiques, 150 restaurants, a giant indoor aquarium, an ice rink, and a huge indoor waterfall, The Dubai Mall is one of the city's best-loved attractions.

### Sand & snow

Experience an exciting 4WD adventure over the dunes or try sand boarding or a camel ride before dinner in the desert. In contrast, there's the amazing ski park located at the Mall of the Emirates where, unbelievably amidst the penguins, you can ski, snowboard and toboggan all year round.

## Fast track airport Meet & Greet

Dubai boasts a large and busy airport so, to help start your holiday in a relaxed fashion, we automatically include fast track airport meet and greet services as part of your trip. All Classic customers arriving at Dubai airport are met, accompanied, and fast tracked through immigration and security, and assisted with their baggage reclaim.

## Travelling around the city

Dubai's high tech metro will whisk visitors around the city between landmarks such as the Dubai Mall, Dubai Marina, the Gold Souk and the financial district. Tickets are purchased in the form of a smart card and can be used on all public transport including the tram, metro and the Palm Monorail and prices start from as little as AED3. Taxis are plentiful and there are dhow boats and traditional abra boats as well as a ferry and water taxis.

## Food & drink

From superb ethnic street food along the bustling 2nd of December Street to romantic dining under the shadow of the city's iconic Burj Al Arab, Michelin rated establishments and international restaurants, don't miss delicious Emirati food; try machboos, a spiced meat dish, traditional chebab bread and delightful luqaimat, crunchy, sweet dumplings.

## Activities

For those wanting more excitement than spending lazy days by the pool or on the beach there are plenty of activities to enjoy such as horse riding, cycling, squash and tennis, deep-sea fishing, diving, sailing and surfing, plus eleven outstanding golf courses, an ice rink, numerous health & fitness clubs and skiing in The Mall of Emirates.

## When to visit

Thanks to its superb sunshine and minimal amount of rain, Dubai attracts visitors on a year round basis and the warm and pleasant winters are popular, and average maximum temperatures of 25°C are perfect for those wanting to escape the dreariness of our British winters.

Dubai  
in 3 days

### Day 1

Start the day at the world's largest mall, the vast Dubai Mall. From haute couture to high street brands its 1,200 plus shops, restaurants, giant indoor aquarium and an ice rink makes for a busy morning. Stop for lunch in one of the many food outlets and in the afternoon head up into the city's most famous landmark, the 160-floor Burj Khalifa, currently the world's tallest building at 828m. Take the high-speed lift up to the 124th, 125th, or 148th floor observation decks for spectacular 360-degree views across the city, the desert and ocean, or to level 152 for afternoon tea in the clouds and a tour of the outdoor terrace. In the evening stop for dinner at one of the restaurants by the man-made Burj Khalifa lake and watch the music, water and light show at the Dubai Fountain.

### Day 2

This morning wander through narrow alleyways and take in the heady aromas and vibrant colours of the Spice Souk and the dazzling displays at the Gold Souk in Deira Dubai. Then catch a traditional abra water taxi across the Creek to the old trading centre of Bur Dubai to discover the bustling Textile Souk with its wonderful selection of colourful fabrics. From here walk along to the Dubai Museum housed in the city's oldest building, the Al Fahidi Fort dating back to 1787. Stroll amongst the wind towers and art galleries of Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood and cross into the Al Seef area where heritage buildings mingle with state of the art architecture; explore its open-air floating market, marina and stop for dinner at one of the many restaurants in the area.

### Day 3

Book a desert safari for the morning. For an authentic 1950's style desert experience travel in a vintage Landrover through the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve spotting native wildlife and Arabian Oryx before a traditional Emirati breakfast at a Bedouin camp. Once back in the city spend the rest of the day on the beach relaxing or enjoying some of the many watersports on offer. In the evening for something a bit different enjoy dinner aboard one of the traditional dhow river boats cruising along the Dubai Creek.



## Atlantis, The Palm ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ NEW for 2020

Striking and unique marine-inspired resort

Located at the tip of the crescent of the world's largest man-made island The Palm and paying tribute to the Lost City of Atlantis, the extraordinary marine-inspired Atlantis, The Palm offers an unparalleled range of facilities for all ages. Guest bedrooms and suites are elegantly appointed, and guests are truly spoilt for choice with a world of dining options ranging from lavish buffets to divine Japanese fusion at renowned Nobu and fine dining alongside a vast aquarium at award winning Ossiano. Among the wealth of leisure facilities are two stunning swimming pools, 1.4km of pristine beach and an adult only beach club, as well as an array of activities for children and teenagers. Further attractions include the unique Atlantis Aquaventure with world-record breaking rides and The Lost Chambers Aquarium with 65,000 marine animals, both offering complimentary access for hotel guests.

Guest experience rating available 2020

## FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Interconnecting rooms
- 2 outdoor swimming pools
- ShuiQi Spa & Fitness Centre
- Watersports, tennis courts
- 23 restaurants
- Atlantis Kids Club & The Zone
- Atlantis Aquaventure
- Nasimi Beach Club (21+ years)
- 1539 bedrooms and suites

## CLASSIC VALUE

For **offers** and **complimentary extras** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

## Please call us for prices and flight details for your preferred departure

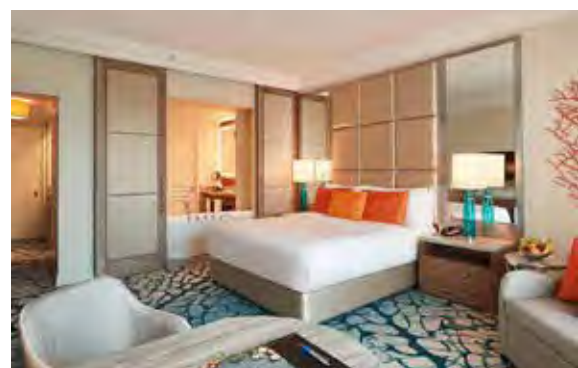
Based on bed and breakfast in a ocean view room, bath and separate shower, balcony or French balcony (max 4), including flights from your local airport and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 45 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



## PERFECT FOR A DAY IN THE WATER

Take advantage of your complimentary access to the 17 hectare Aquaventure Waterpark with record-breaking rides, waterslides and interconnected waterways for the whole family to enjoy



Ocean room



## PERFECT FOR BURJ KHALIFA

Head up into the world's tallest building, the 160-floor Burj Khalifa. Take the high-speed lift to the observation decks for breathtaking 360-degree views across the city, desert and ocean



Suite

## Jumeirah Beach Hotel ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ NEW for 2020

Stunning design and breathtaking views

In a prime location right on Jumeirah Beach and with a fantastically striking wave-like design, the family friendly resort Jumeirah Beach Hotel is one of Dubai's recognisable landmarks. Each of the luxuriously appointed guest rooms and suites feature floor-to-ceiling windows boasting spectacular sea views. There is a myriad of dining facilities to suit every occasion, from international buffet style to fine speciality restaurants. An excellent choice of leisure facilities include four outdoor swimming pools, tennis and squash courts as well as a selection of watersports and a PADI scuba diving centre, whilst the hotel's Talise Spa provides a tranquil space for a range of soothing massage and body treatments. Children are well catered for with Sinbad's Kids Club and can enjoy a separate pool, teenagers can chill out at The Hub and the whole family will be sure to enjoy the unlimited access to Wild Wadi Waterpark.

Guest experience rating available 2020

## FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- 5 outdoor swimming pools, children's pool
- Talise Spa
- Watersports, PADI scuba diving centre
- 7 tennis courts, 3 squash courts, gym
- 13 restaurants and bars, access to 50+ restaurants across Jumeirah resort
- Sinbad's Kids Club (2-12 years)
- Private beach
- 618 bedrooms, suites and villa

## CLASSIC VALUE

For **offers** and **complimentary extras** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

## Please call us for prices and flight details for your preferred departure

Based on bed and breakfast in a ocean deluxe ocean view room, bath and separate shower, balcony (max 4), including flights from your local airport and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 30 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

## Waldorf Astoria Dubai Palm Jumeirah ★★★★★

Elegance and glamour

NEW for 2020

In a splendid beachfront setting overlooking the Arabian Sea on the east crescent of Dubai's iconic island Palm Jumeirah, Waldorf Astoria Dubai Palm Jumeirah offers contemporary luxury, first-class service and New York Waldorf Astoria inspiration. Elegantly designed guest rooms and suites boast magnificent views; Pearl Club rooms enjoy exclusive access to The Pearl Club Lounge. Dining is a true delight at Social by world-renowned Michelin chef Heinz Beck, LAO specialises in delectable Vietnamese cuisine, Mezzerie offers international buffets, whilst Peacock Alley tea lounge serves a delightful classic Waldorf Astoria afternoon tea. A range of excellent facilities include an adult only pool and a family lagoon pool, fitness centre and tennis court, an inviting 200m long private stretch of beach and a watersports centre. In addition there is a supervised children's club, baby paddling pool and an award winning spa.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, Nespresso machine and safe
- Adult only pool, family lagoon pool, baby pool
- Waldorf Astoria Spa
- Watersports
- Tennis court, fitness centre
- Buffet restaurant, 3 a la carte restaurants, bar
- Coco's Kids Club (3-12 years), playground
- Private beach
- 319 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

#### Please call us for prices and flight details for your preferred departure

Based on bed and breakfast in a superior partial sea view room, bath and separate shower, balcony (max 3), including flights from your local airport and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 35 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



#### PERFECT FOR A DESERT TRIP

*Experience an exciting four-wheel drive adventure over the dunes or try sand boarding or a camel ride before dinner in the desert accompanied by a skilful falconry demonstration*



Deluxe skyline seaview room



#### PERFECT FOR A DAY IN THE SOUK

*Re-created in the style of traditional Arabian marketplace, the modern Souk Madinat Jumeirah offers a great experience; shop, dine, and enjoy show-stopping performances at Madinat Theatre*



Ocean deluxe room

## Jumeira Mina A'Salam ★★★★★ NEW for 2020

An exquisite hotel perfect for families

The luxurious Jumeirah Mina A'Salam translates to 'Harbour of Peace' and is set at the entrance to the Madinat Jumeirah resort complex. This magnificent resort is connected via meandering waterways and paths, and there are countless dining opportunities with a myriad of restaurants and bars within the resort offering a variety of cuisines. Guest rooms and suites designed in a contemporary style are bright and generously sized. There's an outdoor pool, a gorgeous stretch of beach and the captivating Souk Madinat with its winding streets offers a unique shopping experience. For those wishing to truly relax in this tranquil oasis, the exceptional Talise Spa boasts 26 treatment rooms, yoga classes, a variety of pools and saunas. The hotel is an excellent base for a family holiday with the Sinbad Kids Club providing a range of fun, educational activities.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities and safe
- Outdoor swimming pool, children's pool
- Talise Spa, Talise Fitness
- Watersports, tennis courts
- Numerous restaurants and bars, access to 50+ restaurants across Jumeirah resort
- Sinbad's Kids Club
- Complimentary WiFi
- 292 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

#### Please call us for prices and flight details for your preferred departure

Based on bed and breakfast in an Arabian deluxe garden view room, bath and separate shower, balcony (max 4), including flights from your local airport and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 25 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

## One&Only Royal Mirage - Arabian Court ★★★★★

Stunning beachfront resort

NEW for 2020

With dramatic architecture, Arabian Court welcomes guests with a reflecting pool, leading to the impressive grand gallery which is linked to sea facing accommodation designed in charismatic orient style. Located on a stretch of private beach, the hotel overlooks The Palm Island Bay and boasts 65 acres of lush, landscaped gardens, complemented by water fountains and winding pathways. Three superb restaurants include The Rotisserie offering all-day dining of traditional Northern European and Middle Eastern cuisine, the vibrant Nina restaurant showcases contemporary Indian flavours, whilst Eauzone specialises in modern dishes with an Asian twist in a delightful poolside setting. The pristine sandy beach, outdoor pools, tennis courts, spa and KidsOnly club are all at hand. A ten minute drive away is the Mall of Emirates, with Burj Khalifa and Dubai Mall a 20 minute drive. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi and safe
- Some interconnecting rooms
- One&Only Spa
- Outdoor swimming pools
- Watersports
- Tennis courts, fitness room
- 3 restaurants
- Children's club
- 172 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

#### Please call us for prices and flight details for your preferred departure

Based on bed and breakfast in an Arabian Court deluxe room, bath and separate shower, balcony or patio (max 3), including flights from your local airport and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 25 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades



#### PERFECT FOR A DAY IN THE MALL

Only a 20 minute drive away is Dubai Mall; with 1,200 shops and designer boutiques and 150 restaurants, plus a giant indoor aquarium and ice rink there is plenty to keep you entertained for a day



Arabian Court deluxe room



#### PERFECT FOR A SPA TREAT

Aside from a traditional Oriental hammam, the first-class spa offers a wonderful sanctuary in which to enjoy holistic, tailored spa therapies to unwind, restore and elevate mind, body and soul



Prestige suite

## One&Only Royal Mirage - Residence & Spa ★★★★★

Exclusive and intimate Arabian styled private residences NEW for 2020

In an exclusive part of One&Only Royal Mirage resort complex the exceptional Residence & Spa offers a more private and intimate sanctuary with its own reception, dining room and library exclusive to guests staying in one of the Arabian styled private residences. In addition, guests enjoy full use of facilities and services within the resort. The secluded gardens are a wonderful tranquil haven and the one kilometre of pristine sandy beach is perfect for leisurely days in the sun. Stylish fine dining can be enjoyed at the Dining Room restaurant and the Library Lounge is ideal for pre or post dinner drinks. The first-class spa offers 12 treatment rooms, a suite by Carita Paris as well as a traditional hammam and there is a state of the art fitness facility for guests' use. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World.

Guest experience rating available 2020

### FEATURES

- All rooms feature air-conditioning, satellite TV, WiFi and safe
- One&Only Spa, hammam, fitness room
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Watersports
- Tennis courts
- The Dining Room restaurant, numerous resort restaurants
- Children's club
- 48 bedrooms and suites

### CLASSIC VALUE

For **savings** and **offers** please call our reservations team on 0800 008 7288

#### Please call us for prices and flight details for your preferred departure

Based on bed and breakfast in a Residence prestige room, bath with shower (max 3), including flights from your local airport and include private transfers.

**Private transfer time** approximately 25 minutes. Please contact us for room and board upgrades

# Holiday information

## MAKING A BOOKING

If you book through a travel agent, they will check details and availability with us and if you accept these as satisfactory, a formal contract will exist between you and Classic Collection Holidays. If you make a booking directly with us, we will discuss and confirm the details of the holiday with you and, if you accept these as satisfactory, a formal contract will exist between you and Classic Collection Holidays and your credit card details will be taken at that time. In either event, you must pay the appropriate initial payment or, if within 8 weeks of departure, the full holiday price. The booking form (downloadable from our website) and payment must reach us within 4 working days of the booking being confirmed and we reserve the right to cancel the booking and apply full cancellation charges if they are not received within this time. Late bookings made within 8 weeks of departure require that the total balance is paid immediately. Normal cancellation charges apply to late bookings should you subsequently cancel. Recommendations can be made by our team although the final decision as to hotel and resort suitability is ultimately your choice and we cannot be held liable for our suggestions. To help maintain our high levels of service, calls may be recorded.

**Special requests** such as adjoining rooms, dietary requirements etc, should be detailed under Special requests on the booking form. We will inform the property management and/or carrier of your requirements but we cannot guarantee that these will be met. Where additional local costs are involved, payment should be made directly to the supplier. If you have a **disability or suffer mobility difficulties**, please complete our Mobility Questionnaire before we confirm your booking. You may wish to research the suitability of your chosen property with Tourism for All 0845 124 9971/73 [www.tourismforall.org.uk](http://www.tourismforall.org.uk)

## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

**Passports, visas & travel advice** Your passport, visa and immigration requirements are your responsibility and you should confirm these with relevant Embassies and/or Consulates. We do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements. For British Citizens, a full ten-year passport is required for travel and it is recommended that your passport is valid for six months from your return date to the UK. Children under 16 must hold their own five-year passport. Contact the UK Passport Agency 0870 521 0410 or [www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports](http://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports) for details. Please note that your name and initials on your flight tickets/documentation must match those on your passport. For up-to-date advice from the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office about travel to, and within, your chosen destination, please visit [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) noting that, as advice can change, it is important to check regularly for the latest information.



**Vaccinations & health requirements** In some countries it is wise, and sometimes obligatory, to have certain vaccinations. As regulations frequently change you should check with your GP's surgery or [www.travelhealthpro.org.uk](http://www.travelhealthpro.org.uk) for up to date information regarding health risks or vaccination requirements.

**Travel documentation** Your flight tickets including e-ticket information and holiday itinerary will normally be dispatched approx 10 days prior to departure although very late booking confirmations and e-ticket details may be forwarded by email only.

**UK airport charges** To cover the cost of development or improvement works, some UK airports charge an airport improvement fee which is payable within the relevant check-in area. For example, at Norwich International Airport a development fee of £10 per adult (16 years+) is payable.

## OUR BROCHURE & HOLIDAY DETAILS

**Brochure accuracy** This brochure was printed on 26 April 2019. Details are valid for departures from 1 January to 31 December 2020 or until publication of any revised edition, or you are notified otherwise by your travel agent or our reservations staff. All the facts in this brochure are re-checked for accuracy by our staff and, where possible, our hoteliers, although of course it is always feasible, especially in low season, that facilities may be unavailable as hotels, especially those which are open all year round, will require maintenance (eg pools), redecoration and refurbishment. Service within hotels may change from time to time eg dining changes from traditional waiter service to buffet style. Such events are regrettably beyond our control although we will alert you to significant changes at time of booking, or if you have already booked, we will contact you as soon as is reasonably possible if there is time before your departure.

**Hotel details** We are happy to advise hotel web addresses, but cannot accept responsibility for their accuracy.

**Room types and upgrades** Single rooms normally carry a supplement which is for the convenience of having a room to yourself and location/facilities may be inferior to that of a twin room. In family rooms and twin or double rooms that take additional beds, do note that the extra bed/s could be of a folding or convertible sofa type and beds for children may not be

full adult-sized singles. When additional beds are put in a room, floor space will be reduced and cupboard access may be limited. Junior suites normally have a sitting area, and suites have a sitting area or separate sitting room. In Greece, contrarily-named bungalow rooms are housed in low rise, one and two storey terraces often built in long rows so guests can expect neighbours on either side. Ocean or sea view rooms enjoy views of the ocean/sea although foliage, buildings etc may sometimes interrupt a full view. Ocean facing or sea facing rooms will face the ocean/sea but will normally be on lower floors where the view of the ocean/sea may be obscured through gardens/trees etc. Side ocean view or side sea view rooms tend to offer a restricted view of the ocean or sea. Please note that the main additional feature of any room category attracting a supplement may often be its view and that this will not necessarily include additional internal room facilities or amenities.

Room upgrade supplements are normally detailed on the hotel pages, but occasionally you may see the phrase on request which means that we will have to contact the hotel for up-to-date prices.

**Hotel facilities** normally incur a charge eg sun loungers, tennis, squash, mini-golf, pool table, watersports, entry to disco/nightclub, use of fitness/leisure and spa facilities, children's clubs, cots, safety deposit boxes and car parking.

**Air-conditioning** Most hotels offer in-room air-conditioning although this may be controlled centrally and might only be available at certain times of the year or subject to the prevailing weather.

**Check in/out & duration of holiday** On arrival at hotels, check in time is normally 4pm and check out 12 noon. Most hotels can provide luggage storage and changing room facilities if you arrive earlier or stay later, and you may be able to pay locally for a late check out from your room. The number of nights on your confirmation invoice refers to the number of nights reserved for you in your hotel. If you arrive very late at night or in the early hours of the morning, your accommodation is immediately available as it will have been reserved for the whole night and this will count as one of your holiday nights.

**Meal arrangements** Full board normally consists of breakfast, lunch and dinner; half board is breakfast and dinner. Breakfasts are normally served buffet style. Full board or half board arrangements are generally served in the main dining room and are based on a standard table d'hôte menu although this normally includes a choice of dishes. Many hotels offer buffet style meals and some a combination of waiter and buffet service. A full a la carte menu is available for an extra cost in most of our hotels and customers should note that when half or full board is offered as a la carte dining, exclusions such as lobster, prawns etc may be available for a local supplement. Most hotels offer the option of booking any number of nights on half or full board so that you can pay in the UK and decide which nights you wish to eat at the hotel when you arrive: simply ask our reservations staff for details.

**All inclusive** arrangements vary widely between hotels and where this concept is offered, it is wise to check specific details at booking stage as many hotels only include local spirits and wines and may limit your choice of restaurant or dining room. As with meal arrangements (above), if a full a la carte menu or restaurant is not included within the all inclusive concept, it may be available for an additional cost and exclusions such as lobster, prawns etc may be available for a local supplement.

**Dress code** Due to the sophisticated nature of many of our hotel restaurants, shorts and t-shirts are unacceptable for evening dining and slightly more formal attire is recommended. Formal dress is normally required for gala dinners and if you'd like to find out further details of dress codes at a particular hotel, simply contact our reservations team.

**Children & infants** To take advantage of children's prices, a child must normally be aged 2-11 years at the date of return and must share a room with two adults or full fare paying passengers, although some hotels offer special reductions for a second child sharing the room, or for older children, or for a child travelling with one adult, or where children share an interconnecting room. Children paying child prices can normally benefit from reduced half board supplements (when booking same board basis as adults) and will not normally be charged room supplements although if these are payable, relevant prices will be advised at time of booking. Normally children staying in their own room will be charged as full fare paying passengers including relevant room and half board supplements. Please note that infants and children's dates of birth (on the date of return from holiday) must be advised on the booking form. Infants (under two years of age at date of return) pay a charge to cover our administration costs and additional charges may be levied for certain flights, inter-island connections or business class cabins. Hotels will charge locally for food and cots. Please note that the regulations applied to the manufacture

of cots in other countries are not as high as those in the UK and may not conform to British safety standards.

**Child seats** Although we can request child seats for private transfers in resort, they cannot always be guaranteed and in such cases we suggest that you bring your own.

**Babysitting** arrangements are available at many properties although the service will vary and the sitter may not remain in the room with the child. If you wish to use a babysitting service, you must arrange and pay for it locally with the sitter who is frequently a member of the hotel staff not qualified in child care.

**Health & safety** All our properties are checked regularly for compliance in respect of local regulations. However, guests must exercise caution particularly with regard to fire safety, swimming pools, balconies, lifts etc, where compliance may not be equal to British standards.

**Resort development** may be in progress and occasionally the work involved will result in building work being in evidence. We cannot forewarn of all developments, however, if the works taking place, either through noise or other inconvenience, is felt by us to affect your overall holiday enjoyment, we will supply all such information to you directly or via your travel agent. Many of our resorts are in popular holiday destinations which invariably have busy road networks so you may encounter some traffic disturbance especially during peak season.

**Representation** Due to the specialist nature of our programme it is not always practical to visit our guests in their hotel especially during multi-centres, island hopping or fly drive holidays. All customers will be given emergency contact numbers and departure details will be confirmed on arrival in resort. Our resort representative or local agent will normally make contact within 24 hours of your arrival to ensure that everything is in order, although should you encounter any difficulties during your stay, please contact your hotel manager in the first instance, and if further assistance is required, simply contact our resort manager or local agent who will endeavour to resolve the problem.

## YOUR HOLIDAY PRICE INCLUDES

1. Return flights (or other transportation) between the UK and overseas (where applicable)
2. Luggage allowance as specified on your documentation
3. Private transfer or hire car between the overseas airport and your hotel (as detailed on our confirmation)
4. Accommodation and board basis as detailed on your confirmation
5. Services of our representative or local office/agent
6. Any additional items or pre-booked excursions as detailed on your confirmation

Please note that refunds are not available for services provided but not utilised

## YOUR HOLIDAY PRICE EXCLUDES

1. Transport between your home and departure airport
2. Travel insurance (condition of booking)
3. Meals and refreshments en route, except those included on aircraft
4. Optional excursions
5. Cost of passports and relevant visas
6. Cots and local infant charges
7. Excess baggage including golf clubs etc
8. Locally payable tourist taxes (where relevant)

**PLEASE NOTE** Booking Conditions and Holiday details constantly change. Please see our website for up to date information.

**Sustainability** We contribute annually to The Travel Foundation to offset emissions from our staff flights. Visit [www.thetravelfoundation.org.uk](http://www.thetravelfoundation.org.uk) to see details of their work. Additionally we have recently formed an association with Travelife; a global sustainability organisation which works closely with hotels helping them to improve their social, economic and environmental impacts.

**Care for our environment** The paper used in this brochure is from sustainably managed forests and controlled sources.

## 100% FINANCIAL PROTECTION

All the flight inclusive holidays within this brochure are financially protected by the ATOL scheme under ATOL number 5837. When you pay you will be supplied with an ATOL certificate (for further information about financial protection please see our booking conditions and [www.atol.org.uk](http://www.atol.org.uk)). For holidays and travel arrangements which do not include travel by air, your financial protection is administered by the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) under membership number W5429. In the unlikely event of our

insolvency, the CAA and/or ABTA will ensure that you are not stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid to us for an advance booking. ABTA members help holidaymakers get the most from their travel arrangements, and assist them in the unlikely event that things do not go according to plan. Under ABTA's Code of Conduct, we maintain a high standard of service to our customers. For further information about ABTA, the Code of Conduct, and the arbitration scheme, contact ABTA tel 0207 637 2444 or [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com)

# Booking conditions

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

**1. Provision of your holiday** We will arrange for the provision to you of the services which make up the inclusive holiday as confirmed to you. These services will be provided either directly by us or by independently contracted suppliers. When you, or your travel agent, ask for your holiday booking to be confirmed, we allocate your chosen holiday to you and give confirmation of the booking at that moment. It is then that a firm contract exists between you and Classic Collection Holidays Limited (Registered in England no. 1512421) on the basis of these booking conditions. This also acts as your acceptance of our booking conditions and your holiday is secured from that moment. If your holiday includes flight arrangements, you will be issued with an ATOL certificate immediately and, in any event, you will receive a holiday confirmation invoice verifying the details. All holidays and offers, including but not limited to Classic Value offers, advertised in the brochure are subject to availability and are as confirmed to you by telephone or on your Holiday Confirmation Invoice.

### 2. Your holiday price

**A. When you book** All prices, supplements and offers shown in this brochure are based on costs at time of printing (26 April 2019) although we reserve the right to amend all prices, supplements and offers (up or down) when we receive notification of new costs. Hotels practice fluid pricing which means that costs may significantly increase during periods of high demand. Classic Value may not be available where we have exceeded our contractually pre-allocated rooms at certain hotels. Prices in this brochure include airline rates applicable at the time of printing and are subject to change. The government charges a levy to cover financial protection in the event of an airline failure and we automatically add this to your invoice total at the booking stage. Once you have confirmed your holiday booking, the price is protected subject to clause 2D of these booking conditions. Please note that not all hotel features detailed are complimentary, and some are subject to seasonal demand.

**B. VAT and Exchange rates** Our VAT Registration number is 503 944 749 and all prices quoted in this brochure include VAT where relevant (at 20% at time of going to press). The brochure prices of holidays were calculated using exchange rates quoted in the Financial Times Guide to World Currencies on 2 April 2019 in relation to the following currencies: Euro 1.1646, US Dollar 1.3048, Danish Krone 8.7021, Swedish Krona 12.1671, Swiss Franc 1.305 Moroccan Dirham 12.3829. Please note a) these rates are not comparable with note or tourist rates which are quoted in national newspapers b) hotel costs, transfers, resort representation, excursions, local taxes and part of the flight cost are typically paid in the currency of your holiday destination country. Aviation fuel is paid in US Dollars. All of these costs are affected by changes in the cost of buying foreign currency, as per exchange rates listed above. We reserve the right to increase our prices in accordance with these booking conditions.

**C. Price Promise** If you can find the same flight inclusive holiday at a cheaper price at the time that you book, we undertake to match the price and will give an additional £10 per adult saving off any competitor's price. In order to take advantage of our Price Promise, the component parts of the relevant holiday must be identical and we reserve the right to request confirmation in writing of the relevant competitor's holiday price. Our Price Promise cannot be actioned retrospectively after a booking has been made, and it is only available on new bookings made during the validity of this brochure. Unfortunately we cannot always match prices where we believe our competitors have made a pricing error or where they are offering the holiday arrangements at a price below their operating costs. If a

competitor's price is greater than £150 per adult and/or £50 per child below our price, we deem one of these two scenarios to be true and will not honour our Price Promise.

**D. Surcharges (after booking)** Once you have booked, the price of your holiday travel arrangements may be varied due to changes in transportation costs such as fuel, scheduled airfares and any other airline cost changes which are part of the contract between airlines (and their agents) and the tour operator or organiser, and also in respect of government action such as changes in VAT or any other government imposed changes. In the case of any small variation, an amount equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, and any amendment charges, will be absorbed or retained. For larger variations, this 2% will still be absorbed for increases but not retained from refunds. In either case there will be an administration charge of £1 per person together with an amount to cover agent's commission. In the unlikely event that this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 8% of the price of your holiday travel arrangements, you may cancel your booking and receive a full refund of all monies paid, except for any amendment charges. Should you decide to cancel for this reason, you must exercise your right to do so within 14 days from the issue date printed on your final invoice.

**E. Tourist tax** Some regions and cities impose a tourist tax. Amounts often vary between region and hotel star rating and often are payable by customers locally on departure from their hotel. Tourist taxes may be introduced or changed without prior notice and our reservations team are happy to advise current rates where applicable.

**3. If your booking is changed** It is unlikely that your booking will have to be changed, but we do plan the arrangements many months in advance, therefore we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most of these changes are very minor, but where they are major, we will inform you or your travel agent as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before your departure. A major change is one that is made to a major part of your holiday arrangements before departure, such as a change of your departure airport (except between London airports), resort area or time of departure or return by more than twelve hours, or offering accommodation with a lower category rating. If we have to make a major change you have the choice of the following: A accepting the changed arrangements as notified to you, B purchasing another available holiday from us, or C cancelling your holiday and receiving a full refund of all monies paid. Additionally, if we make a major change after you have paid the full balance of your holiday and you accept A, B or C you will be entitled to compensation on the scale shown below.

Period before scheduled departure within which a major change is notified to you or your travel agent:	Compensation per adult
More than 56 days	Nil
43-56 days	£20
29-42 days	£30
15-28 days	£40
0-14 days	£50

**Important note** Compensation payments do not apply to changes caused by reason of war or threat of war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial disputes, natural and nuclear disasters, fire, or other circumstances that may amount to force majeure.

**4. If your holiday is cancelled** We reserve the right in any circumstance to cancel your holiday and, in this event, we will return to you all money you have paid us or will offer you an alternative holiday of comparable standard to purchase. In no case, except for those beyond our control, will your holiday be cancelled after the balance is paid and in such cases compensation will be paid per clause 3.

**5. What happens to complaints** Disputes arising out of, or in connection with, this contract which cannot be settled amicably may be referred to arbitration if the customer so wishes, under a special scheme arranged by the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) which is approved by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute. The ABTA scheme provides for a relatively simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on the customer with regards to cost. Under the scheme, customers must pursue their claim within 12 months of the date of return from their holiday. (Outside this time limit, arbitration under the scheme may still be available if the Company agrees, although the ABTA scheme does not require such agreement). The scheme does not apply to claims for amounts greater than £5,000 per person or £25,000 per booking, neither does it apply to claims which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. However, the scheme can deal with compensation claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a per person limit of £1,500 on the personal injury or illness element of the claim. Full details can be provided by us or [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com)

**6. Our responsibility for your holiday** We accept responsibility for ensuring that all component parts of the inclusive holiday, limited to items included on confirmation invoice, and subject to the paragraph entitled Air Passenger Rights below, are supplied to you as described in this brochure and to a reasonable standard. If any such part is not provided to your satisfaction due to the fault of our employees, agents, or suppliers, we will pay you appropriate compensation if this has affected the enjoyment of your holiday (see Important note in paragraph 3 above). Our liability in this respect is limited to a maximum of three times the value of the holiday. We must ask you however, to be patient and understanding in the event of unforeseen alterations to your holiday made by our suppliers over whom we have no direct control.

**Air Passenger Rights** Under EU law you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from your airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details of these rights will be publicised at EU airports and will also be available from airlines. However reimbursement in such cases is the responsibility of the airline and will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday cost from us. Your right to a refund and/or compensation from us is set out in paragraph 3. If your airline does not comply with these rules you can make a complaint via the Civil Aviation Authority [www.CAA.co.uk](http://www.CAA.co.uk)

**7. Excursions (whilst participating in arrangements made by us)** Excursions or other tours that you may choose to book or pay for whilst you are on holiday are not part of the holiday provided by us. For any excursion or other tour that you book, your contract is with the operator of the excursion or tour and not with us and we are not responsible for the provision of the excursion or tour or for anything that happens during the course of its provision.

**8. Personal injury (whilst participating in arrangements made by us)** We have taken all reasonable and proper steps to ensure that proper arrangements have been made for all the holidays which are advertised in this brochure and that the suppliers of the various services which will be provided to you as part of the inclusive holiday are efficient, safe and reputable businesses, and that they comply with the local and national laws and regulations of the country in which they provide those services. We have no direct control over the provision of services to customers by suppliers. However, subject to the Notes below, we will pay to our customers the equivalent of such damages as they would be entitled to receive under English law in an English Court for any personal injury to the customer, including illness or death, caused by the negligence, as

understood in English Law, of the servants or agents of ourselves or of any of our suppliers contracted or sub-contracted by us to provide any part of the arrangements for your holiday as described in this brochure. With regard to any relevant international convention for example, the Montreal Convention in respect of travel by air, the Athens Convention in respect of travel by sea, the Berne Convention in respect of travel by rail, and the Paris Convention in respect of the provision of accommodation, which limit the amount of compensation that you can claim for death, injury, delay to passengers and loss, damage and delay to luggage, we are to be regarded as having all benefit of any limitation of compensation contained in these or any conventions. Copies of these can be made available on request.

**9. Personal Injury (unconnected with travel arrangements made by us)** If you, or any member of your party, suffer death, illness or injury whilst overseas arising out of an activity which does not form part of your holiday arrangements or an excursion arranged through us, we shall at our discretion, offer advice, guidance and assistance. Where legal action is contemplated and you want our assistance, you must obtain our written consent prior to commencement of proceedings. Our consent will be given subject to you undertaking to assign any costs or benefits received, under any relevant insurance policy to ourselves. We limit the cost of our assistance to you or any member of your party to £5,000. Under your travel insurance cover, you must make an insurance claim under the legal expenses section in respect of any legal fees incurred abroad for that purpose.

**Notes in respect of paragraphs 8 & 9** We would request that you (a) notify us of any claim for personal injury within 2 months of your return from holiday; (b) assign to Classic Collection Holidays any rights against a supplier or any other person or party you may have relating to the claim; and (c) agree to co-operate fully with us should our insurers wish to enforce those rights. This assignment is necessary to enable us to try to recover from suppliers any compensation paid to customers and associated costs as a result of personal injury to customers caused by the negligence of those suppliers. It is not our wish to profit from such assignment, and in the unlikely event of our recovering more than such compensation and costs, any excess will be paid to the injured customers.

## YOUR COMMITMENT TO

### CLASSIC COLLECTION HOLIDAYS

**1. Your holiday contract** As soon as your holiday booking is confirmed, you must sign a booking form accepting our booking conditions. Your contract is made on the terms of these booking conditions which are governed by English law and the jurisdiction of the English Courts. You may however choose the law and jurisdiction of Scotland or Northern Ireland if you wish to do so. Any disputes arising will be heard in the English Courts unless you prefer the courts of Scotland or Northern Ireland.

**2. Payment for the holiday** When you book, you pay a deposit of £150 per person or an agreed sum to cover non-refundable flight seats and/or hotel or other costs\*. Usually deposits are your commitment until 8 weeks (56 days) before departure when your final balance is due. You must normally pay the balance at least 8 weeks before departure. For bookings made within 8 weeks of departure, full payment is required at time of booking. If payment is not received as detailed, we reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled and your deposit/s forfeited. If you pay your travel agent for your holiday, they will hold that money as our agents from the time they receive it until they pay it to us. Deposits and balances paid directly to us can be made by bank transfer, cheque or card and we reserve the right to pass on charges incurred by premium rate cards. \*Please note that holidays including Renfe's Al Andalus train

itineraries require a minimum deposit of £900 per person, whilst holidays including Uniworld River Cruises require a minimum deposit of £300 per person and balances are due 120 days (17 weeks) prior to departure. For any alternative or additional deposit and/or payment and balance arrangements, we will notify you at the time of booking.

**3. If you change your booking** If you want to change any details of your booking (eg transfer to a different holiday, substitution of a passenger, departure date or airport), we will do our best to help as soon as we receive your request in writing. We charge an amendment fee of £25 per person named on the booking form for each detail of the booking to be changed and, in addition to the amendment fee, we will charge for any additional costs we incur in making the amendment/s. You should give us reasonable notice of changes and please note that it is highly likely that amendment costs will increase the closer the change is made to your departure date. If amendments to a booking are made, and the booking is subsequently cancelled, we reserve the right to charge the original cancellation charges that would have been payable prior to the amendment.

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Some arrangements (eg flights purchased from certain airlines and certain hotel bookings or other costs) may not be refundable or transferable after a reservation has been made and any alteration request may incur a cancellation charge of up to 100% of that particular part of the holiday arrangements. Where the price varies depending on the number of persons travelling and the numbers are amended, the price will be recharged on the basis of the new party size. Any increase in price per person payable as a result of a part cancellation is not a cancellation charge and will not normally be covered by your chosen insurance. A separate cancellation charge will be levied in respect of bookings cancelled in accordance with paragraph 4 below. A new confirmation invoice will be issued as appropriate on which the cancellation charges will be shown.

**4. If you cancel your booking** You or any member of your party may cancel your booking, or part of it, once it has been confirmed, but the instructions will only be valid if in writing and signed by the person who confirmed the booking. Your written instructions should go either to the travel agent you booked with, asking them to notify us immediately, or if you booked direct, to our address. To compensate us for the expense of processing your booking, payment of cancellation fees are on the scale shown. The amount payable depends on when we receive your written instructions.

#### Holiday cancellation terms (standard)

Period before scheduled departure within which written holiday instructions are received by us	Amount of cancellation (% of total price)
More than 56 days	Deposit/initial payment
43-56 days	30% or deposit if greater
29-42 days	50% or deposit if greater
15-28 days	70% or deposit if greater
8-14 days	90% or deposit if greater
7 days or fewer	100%

For non-standard cancellation terms, we will detail exceptions with your confirmation invoice. For example holidays including Uniworld river cruises:

#### River cruise cancellation terms

Period before departure within which written holiday instructions are received by us	Amount of cancellation charge (shown as a % of total price)
More than 119 days (17 wks)	Deposit/initial payment
90-119 days	20% or deposit if greater
60-89 days	35% or deposit if greater
30-59 days	50% or deposit if greater
29 days or fewer	100%

**5. If you have a complaint** If you have a complaint about your holiday please refer the matter to the supplier immediately (airline, hotel, car hire company etc). If further assistance is required our agent/representative in resort should be contacted. Matters can most easily be resolved for you on the spot when the supplier can see and understand the exact nature of any problems you have. It is unreasonable to take no action whilst on holiday, then complain afterwards. In the unlikely event that matters cannot be resolved to your satisfaction our agent/representative will ask you to record details on a holiday report form of which you will be given a copy, and you must then follow up your report by writing to our Customer Relations team within 28 days of returning from resort.

**6. Holiday illness** If you, or any member of your party, become unwell whilst on holiday you must consult a local doctor in order to receive appropriate treatment and to obtain a full medical report. You must also report your illness as soon as reasonably practicable to our local or telephone agent/representative, the contact details of whom can be found on your travel documents.

#### Notes in respect of paragraphs 5 & 6

Failure to follow the procedures set out in paragraphs 5 and 6 above may reduce or extinguish any rights you have to claim compensation from us or any of our suppliers either in accordance with these booking conditions or otherwise.

**7. Holiday participation** We reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a customer if their conduct is disruptive and affects the enjoyment of other holidaymakers, and we shall be under no liability for any extra costs incurred by such a person as a result of our doing so. Aircraft captains are legally entitled to deny boarding to any passenger presenting themselves at the aircraft who, at the captain's absolute discretion, are unacceptably under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Any passenger who is denied boarding on the outbound flight for that reason, shall be deemed to have given notice of cancellation of his/her booking at that moment, and cancellation charges will apply in accordance with paragraph 4.

**8. Your accommodation** The accommodation provided is only for the use of passengers shown on the confirmation invoice as confirmed by us; subletting, sharing or assignment is prohibited.

**9. Your travel ticket conditions** When you travel with an air or sea or rail carrier, their conditions of carriage apply, some of which limit liability. These conditions are often the subject of international agreements between countries, and copies of the conditions which apply are available for inspection at the travel agent where you book your holiday.

**10. Travel Insurance** It is a condition of booking with us that you and all members of your booking are adequately insured on holiday and that the insurance is suitable for your needs and the type of activities you will be undertaking as part of your holiday. We reserve the right to request written details of such policy. You are responsible for indemnifying us in full in the event that we incur any losses or expenses arising out of your failure to take out adequate insurance cover.

**11. Data Protection & GDPR** Classic Collection Holidays is registered under the Data Protection Act 1988 and deals with all personal data in accordance therewith. It is, of course, necessary for us to pass personal data to airlines, hotels, transportation companies, insurers and other agents in order that we can arrange your holiday. By confirming a booking with us, you have consented to allow the passing on of such data as we determine necessary for that purpose. Under the Data Protection Act, you have the right to inspect relevant personal information held by us. From 25 May 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force and relevant information including our role as data controller, is detailed in the privacy policy statement on our website.



## Your journey

City breaks tend to be short and we can easily book your outbound flights with one airline and your return journey with another, ensuring that you can choose exactly the times you'd like to travel to make the most of your time away. You could even travel by Eurostar or train on the way out and fly back at the end of your trip; just let us know what works best for you.

**Flexible flying** We can book flights from any UK or Irish airport so you have the option to choose the dates, times and duration to suit you. We're happy to book scheduled, charter and low cost airlines; even private jets for the utmost privacy. And, as we personalise every holiday, we can book different airlines for your outbound and return journeys so that you can make the most of your time away. Where possible we'll include pre-allocated seating and the standard luggage allowance, and where available, we can book cabin upgrades, priority boarding, in-flight meals and additional luggage.

**Relax & travel** A lovely way to start your holiday is to be driven to the airport by our award-winning partners at Tristar Worldwide Chauffeur Services. Or, if you prefer to drive, we can book airport hotels and car parks through our travel partners, FHR.

**At the airport** Via Lounge Pass, we can book airport lounges and additionally, we can book a personalised VIP meet and greet service with Ace Handling for any outbound, inbound or transit journey.

**Airport assistance** If you require assistance at the airport or on the flight, please let us know when you book or as soon as possible before your holiday. Airlines normally offer airport assistance on a complimentary basis, but most require at least 48 hours' notice (longer during peak periods) and, as we'd rather get everything sorted for you in good time, please confirm your requirements as soon as you can.

**Rail services** European trains are frequent, comfortable, punctual and reliable and as Europe is criss-crossed by an impressive network of interconnecting, often high speed, trains, there are quick and relatively inexpensive rail options to travel to many of our cities including Milan, Florence, Rome, Venice and Verona. Plus, of course, there's the splendid Venice Simplon-Orient-Express from London (pages 8-9) and Spain's superbly elegant Al Andalus (see pages 10-11).

**Eurostar** The most frequent Eurostar services to Paris and Amsterdam run from St Pancras International, with additional services from Ebbsfleet and Ashford. The journey time to Paris' Gare du Nord station takes approximately two hours. Journeys to Amsterdam include one change onto a Thalys high speed train at Brussels, and total journey times to Amsterdam's Central station take between four and five hours.

Eurostar offers three classes of travel. Standard includes check-in up to 30 minutes before departure and a variety of food and drinks from the buffet car. Standard premier features more spacious seating, magazines and a light meal and drinks served at your seat. Business premier gives access to the business lounge with WiFi, and offers fast-track check-in, at seat power sockets, larger seating area, newspapers and magazines, plus drinks and a meal served to your seat.

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