Andalusia For muslim travelers

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Andalusia FOR MUSLIM TRAVELERS

THE SOUTHERN MOST REGION OF SPAIN is often regarded as the most enchanting and sought-after. Andalusia boasts cities of amazing beauty, an unparalleled Islamic heritage and welcoming people. Cordoba, Granada, Seville, Malaga, and the Costa del Sol: while these destinations are desirable for tourists worldwide, for Muslim travelers, they are simply indispensable.



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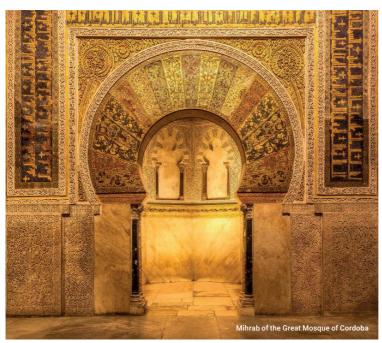


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Andalusia THE SPLENDOR OF AL-ANDALUS



Art & Architecture

During the Muslim rule in Spain, art, culture, and science flourished, with architecture being a prominent expression. Magnificent mosques, palaces, fortresses, and other civil structures were built throughout the Iberian Peninsula, particularly in Andalusia. The Mosque of Cordoba and the Alhambra in Granada are the main jewels of this era.



Science & Everyday Life

The advancement of science in Al-Andalus brought remarkable changes to daily life, like the first public hospitals. In Cordoba, in 852, Abbas Ibn Firnas performed the first flight.



A Living Legacy

Al-Andalus has left a rich legacy in Andalusia that is not only manifested in iconic monuments. It is present in the layout of the streets, gastronomy, music, crafts, language, and more.



CHRONOLOGY

711

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

756

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

929-1031

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

1031-1085

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

1086-1147 almoravids.

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

1147-1212

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

1238-1492

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

Cordoba



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



PLACES TO PRAY

MEZQUITA DE LOS ANDALUCES (The Andalusians Mosque)

Calleja de la Hoguera, 3 S +34 603 188 712

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

MEZQUITA AL-MORABITO (Al-Morabito Mosque)

• Jardines de Colón. • +34 606 222 276

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



HOW TO MOVE AROUND CONTINUTION DE CONTINUT



Sunrise in Medina Azahara archeological site (Cordoba).

Cordoba attractions you can't miss



TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY



Mosque-Cathedral

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



Medina Azahara

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



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

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



Flower 'Patios'

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



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



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



ABOUT THE HORSES

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



ORANGE BLOSSOM

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



Where to enjoy halal food in Cordoba





Bocaíto Andalusí (Moroccan – Middle Eastern)

Mercado Victoria
FULL HALAL PORK-FREE ALCOHOL-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY

Situated in the beautiful Mercado Victoria (Victoria Gastronomic Market), this is not just a food stall but a top-rated establishment for Arab cuisine in Cordoba. With a wide variety, high quality, fresh ingredients, and intense flavors, it offers an exceptional dining experience. (Capacity for 90 diners) www.facebook.com/bocaitoandalusi

Noor Restaurant (Andalusian)

Pablo Ruiz Picasso. 8 SOME HALAL €€€€

The renowned chef Paco Morales has rediscovered. the ancient flavors of Al-Andalus and reinterpreted them in an avant-garde and contemporary way at Noor Restaurant (2 Michelin stars). His profound research work has involved historians, archaeologists, documentalists and designers. A halal menu is available upon request (4 people or more).

(Capacity for 28 diners) noorrestaurant.es





La Pescadoteca (Seafood)

Mercado Victoria
FULL HALAL PORK-FREE ALCOHOL-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY

Cordoba is not by the sea, but the fish and shellfish that can be enjoyed here are fresh and exquisitely prepared. This is another of the stalls at Mercado Victoria. Unlike what usually happens in most of the eateries of this type in Spain, here you will find exclusively seafood. (Capacity for 90 diners) www.facebook.com/lapescadoteca





Damasquino Halal 2 (Middle Eastern)

Martínez Rucker, 6
FULL HALAL PORK-FREE ALCOHOL-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY

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The success of its 'older brother' (at Lucano, 19) was such that in a short time the Syrian owners of Damasquino Halal opened this second eatery in a much larger venue. The secret of the success remains the same; classic Middle Eastern dishes prepared with good ingredients, homemade flavors, and a careful presentation. (Capacity for 70 diners)

Petra (Moroccan – Middle Eastern)

♥ C. de la Hoguera, 3 FULL HALAL PORK-FREE ALCOHOL-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY

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

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FULL HALAL	SOME HALAL	PORK-FREE	ALCOHOL-FREE	MUSLIM-FRIENDLY CERTIFIED	SELF-DECLARED HALAL	DELIVERY	TAKE-AWAY

Muslim-friendly hotels in Cordoba





Palacio del Bailío *****

Ramírez de las Casas Deza, 10

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

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



Eurostars Palace *****

Paseo de la Victoria, No.

An eye-catching hotel with avant-garde design and high-quality facilities and services with very interesting location: right where the modern and the historic Cordoba meet. Its 162 rooms offer panoramic views.

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



La Ermita Suites ****

Plaza de Abades, 8

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

FEATURES: Muslim-friendly certified / Halal food if requested in advance and near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms

laermitasuites.com



Maimónides ***

• Torrijos, 4

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

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

Hotel Maimónides website

Maciá Alfaros ****

• Alfaros, 18

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

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

www.maciaalfaros.com



OLIVE OIL

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

SABOR A ESPAÑA

Pine nuts, almonds, honey... You will love the delights of this gourmet shop located in Cardenal Herrero, 22. HANDICRAFT In the Zoco ('Souk') Municipal (Judíos, s/n), you will find various artisans with their

own workshops.

JEWELRY

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



Granada



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



PLACES TO PRAY

MEZQUITA MAYOR DE GRANADA (Mosque of Granada)

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

MEZQUITA AT-TAQWA

(At-Taqwa Mosque or Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Mosque)

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

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



Granada attractions you can't miss



TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY



The Alhambra

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



The Generalife

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



Albaicín

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

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



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



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



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



SNOWY MOUNTAINS

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

CHURROS WITH CHOCOLATE

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



Where to enjoy halal food in Granada





Arrayanes (Moroccan)

Cuesta de Marañas, 4 FULL HALAL PORK-FREE ALCOHOL-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY

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

La Ruta del Azafrán (Mediterranean)

Paseo del Padre Manjón, 1 SOME HALAL SELF-DECLARED HALAL

With stunning views of the Alhambra and a privileged terrace, this is one of Granada's most enchanting restaurants. Their menu features iconic Mediterranean. dishes with a modern twist and others with Oriental influences. While not all dishes are halal, the menu includes clearly labeled halal options -with certified ingredients- as well as seafood-based choices. (Capacity for 54 diners) rutadelazafran.com

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Muglia (Indian)

FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY Joaquín Costa, 4

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





Mister Noodles (Southeast Asian)

Emperatriz Eugenia, 9 FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY

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

La Puerta de Syria (Middle Eastern)

• Elvira, 56 FULL HALAL PORK-FREE ALCOHOL-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY

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

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Muslim-friendly hotels in Granada





Alhambra Palace *****

Plaza Arguitecto García de Paredes, 1

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

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



Porcel Sábica ****

Pedro Antonio de Alarcón, 10

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

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





Reina Cristina ***

• Tablas 4

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

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

In Granada you

can enjoy several

One of the most

(C. del Darro, 7)

halal pastry shops.

prominent is 'Ziríes'

www.hotelreinacristina.com

Luna de Granada ****

Plz. del Guitarrista Manuel Cano. 2 This hotel, with 366 rooms, is a pioneer in providing Muslim-friendly services in Spain. Many family rooms. Located just 10 minutes from the historic center.

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

www.delunahotels.com

'TARACEA' GASTRONOMY

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

CERAMICS

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



Catalonia Granada ****

• Avenida de Madrid. 10

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

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

www.cataloniahotels.com

ALHAMBRA MOTIFS

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



Seville

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





PLACES TO PRAY

FUNDACIÓN MEZQUITA DE SEVILLA (Mosque of Seville Foundation)

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

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

MEZQUITA AL-HIDAYA (Al-Hidaya Mosque)

♥ Los Romeros, 26 ♥ info@mezquitalhidaya.com

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



Seville attractions you can't miss



TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY



Real Alcázar

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



Torre del Oro

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



The Giralda

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

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



The Cathedral

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



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



Plaza de España

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



FRIED FISH

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



GUADALQUIVIR CRUISE

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



Where to enjoy halal food in Seville





Taj Mahal (Indian)

Juan Antonio Cavestany, 12 FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY

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











Tanto Monta (Middle Eastern – Spanish - Mediterranean)

• Reves Católicos, 11 FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY €-€€

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

Al Medina (Moroccan)

San Roque, 13 FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY

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

Rincón de Beirut (Middle Eastern)

San Fernando, 21 FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY €€

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

Al Wadi (Middle Eastern)

♥ Jimios, 25-32 FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY

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

Mr Noodles (Southeast Asian)

San Franscisco Javier, 4 FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY

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

Muslim-friendly hotels in Seville





Alfonso XIII *****

San Fernando, 2

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

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



Meliá Sevilla ****

Or. Pedro de Castro, 1

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

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



NH Collection ****

◆ Av. Diego Martínez Barrio, 8 This hotel is located in the financial and business district of Seville, close to one of the main commercial areas. The 252 rooms are spacious, modern and functional.

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

www.nh-collection.com



OUTLETS

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

MALLS

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

ARTISAN FANS

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

CERAMICS

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



Hotel Cetina ****

Puente y Pellón, 22 This boutique hotel, featuring 37 rooms, is perfectly situated for exploring Seville on foot. It showcases a distinct personality with its stylish and contemporary decor, offering individually designed rooms.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal / Halal food available near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms (on request) www.cetinahotels.com/cetina-sevilla



Unuk *****

Ortiz de Zúñiga, 8 One of the newest and most avant-garde hotels in the city, located in a central and tranquil area known

as Seville's Soho. It has 34 modern rooms and cutting-edge technologies.

FEATURES: Some of the available food is halal; more if requested in advance and near the hotel / Alcohol-free rooms unukhotel.com

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Malaga



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







PLACES TO PRAY

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

Ingeniero de la Torre Acosta, 3 944 952 286 670.

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



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Panoramic view of Malaga's port at dusk.

Malaga attractions you can't miss



TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY



Alcazaba

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



Castillo de Gibralfaro

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



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

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



The Marina

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



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



The Museums They have catapulted Malaga as one of Spair's most sought-after destinations. With about 40, the <u>Picasso Museum</u> and <u>Centre Pompidou</u> shine brightest.



THE 'ESPETOS'

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



MARQUÉS DE LARIOS STREET

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



Where to enjoy halal food in Malaga















Palacio Nazarí (Middle Eastern – Moroccan)

Méndez Núñez, 7
FULL HALAL PORK-FREE ALCOHOL-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY

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

Azafrán (Moroccan)

Fernando Camino, 22 FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY €-€€

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

Mister Noodles (Southeast Asian)

Plaza de la Solidaridad, 9 FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY

If you have a penchant for noodles, fried rice, and the flavors of Thai and Asian cuisine, this is an excellent choice for you. It offers Halal-certified chicken and veal and a pork-free dining experience. Several locations in Malaga province. This one at Plaza de la Solidaridad is near the train station. (Capacity for 40 diners) www.facebook.com/misternoodles

La Peregrina Centro (Mediterranean)

Seafood and fish dominate the menu of this relaxed restaurant, featuring small tables and bar stools. Situated in the heart of Malaga, La Peregrina offers freshly sourced fish served in 'raciones' (sharing portions) or 'tapas' (small plates perfect for sampling). Great value for money. (Capacity for 40 diners) facebook.com/laperegrinacentro

Estambul Grill (Turkish)

Alameda Principal, 8
FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY

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

Tandoori Mexican (Indian – Mexican)

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This is a fusion that goes beyond the ordinary: a menu including traditional dishes from Indian gastronomy such as tandooris, birvanis, and curries, alongside the vibrant flavors of Mexican cuisine with fajitas, burritos, and tacos. Two distant cultures harmoniously blend within Tandoori Mexican. (Capacity for 80 diners) tandoorimexicanmalaga.com

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Muslim-friendly hotels in Malaga





Gran Hotel Miramar GL ****

Paseo de Reding, 22-24

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

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



Casual de Mar ***

• Avenida de la Aurora, 9

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

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

www.casualhoteles.com



STREET MARKETS

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



Vincci Málaga ****

Pacífico, 44

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

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

www.vinccihoteles.com

FASHION OUTLET DEI

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

DEPARTMENT STORE 'El Corte Inglés'

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



Málaga Centro ****

• Mármoles, 6

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

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

www.hotelmalagacentro.com



Petit Palace Plaza ****

Nicasio Calle, 3 Adjacent to Calle Larios, Malaga's most renowned street, this boutique hotel welcomes guests with its spacious rooms, accommodating up to 5 people.

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

www.petitpalaceplazamalaga.com

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Costa del Sol

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IN SPAIN. Renowned destinations such as Marbella or Torremolinos belong to this region. Here you can find luxurious resorts, picturesque villages, quality beaches, amusement parks, a diverse halal and Muslim-friendly offering, and the legacy of Al-Andalus everywhere.





PLACES TO PRAY

MEZQUITA REY ABDULAZIZ (MARBELLA) (King Abdulaziz Mosque)

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

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

MEZQUITA CENTRAL DE FUENGIROLA (Central Mosque of Fuengirola)

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

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



Costa del Sol attractions you can't miss



TOP ISLAMIC LEGACY



Ronda Village

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



Sohail Castle

This Islamic castle was constructed in the 10th century on a hill providing a strategic vantage point. It served a defensive purpose until the 18th century. Today, it stands as the symbol of Fuengirola (in fact, it's on the coat-of-arms), a hub of entertainment in the city and a prominent music venue in Andalusia.



Watch Towers

Throughout the Costa del Sol, you will find dozens of coastal towers that were erected to observe the shoreline and alert of the arrival of potential enemy forces, lighting a fire. Many of them date back to the Al-Andalus period. Later Christians built new ones with the same purpose or adapted those of Islamic origin.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS



Old Towns

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



The Promenades The beautiful and lively promenades are another major attraction of this region. The one shown in the photo is a popular pier in Marbella.



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



DOLPHINS SIGHTSEEING

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



SHOPPING AT THE DOCK

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



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Tuk Tuk Asian Fusion Marbella (Southeast Asian - Japanese)

• Av. del Prado, 71 SOME HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY

The prawn tempura, teriyaki salmon, tuna tataki, gyozas, and nasi goreng are among the standout dishes at this restaurant specializing in the fusion of Asian cuisines with a modern twist. Japan, China, Thailand, and Indonesia are represented on the menu, all enjoyed in the relaxing ambiance of Aloha Gardens. (Capacity for 150 diners) tuktukmarbella.com

Baalbak Marbella (Middle Eastern)

Conjunto Benabolá, 15 FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY €€-€€€

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

Masala Indian Restaurants (Indian)

♥ Multiple branches FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY €€-€€€

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

Pad Thai Wok (Southeast Asian)

Multiple branches
FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL TAKE-AWAY DELIVERY

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

Vintage 8 Torremolinos (Moroccan / Spanish / Fusion)

Antonio Navajas Ruiz, 9 FULL HALAL PORK-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL

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Inspired by cinema and music, Vintage 8 offers a creative menu combining Moroccan and Spanish cuisine, featuring unique culinary surprises that cannot be found elsewhere. The dishes are beautifully presented, and the tasting menu comes highly recommended. Located in Torremolinos. (Capacity for 34 diners) www.facebook.com/restaurant-vintage8

Al-Sham Marbella (Middle Eastern)

 Ricardo Soriano.40
FULL HALAL PORK-FREE ALCOHOL-FREE SELF-DECLARED HALAL DELIVERY

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

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Don Pepe Gran Meliá

• Vía Hotel Don Pepe, No. (Marbella)

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

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



Costa del Sol ****

• P° del Colorado, 29 (Torremolinos) This luxurious boutique hotel boasts 36 exceptionally comfortable rooms equipped with automation systems, as well as amenities such as swimming pool, gym, and jacuzzi.

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

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Alanda Marbella *****

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

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

alandamarbellahotel.com

EL CORTE INGLÉS

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

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



Molo Luxury ****

• Urb. Las Lolas. (Marbella)

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

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

www.mololuxurysuites.com



Crown Resorts ***

• Monte Paraíso, 2 (Mijas Costa) Crown Resorts Club offers apartments that can accommodate up to 6 people. Most of the apartments feature a

fan and a balcony, and all of them have a fully equipped kitchen.

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

www.crownresorts.com

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Essential Tour: Andalusia in 6 days

This essential tour can be done both by car or train and will allow you to discover the three cities that once stood as capitals of Al-Andalus –**Cordoba, Granada, and Seville**– and enjoy the essence of Andalusia. A short but complete itinerary to visit all the iconic places.

DAY 1 # CORDOBA

STARTING POINT. We suggest beginning with today's highlight: a visit to the **Grand Mosque** (or **Mosque-Cathedral**), which typically takes around 1 hour. Nearby, you'll find other notable attractions: **the Roman Bridge, Torre de la Calahorra, Alcázar, city walls,** and monumental gates. Explore the lively streets of the old medina of Qurtuba, with its abundance of cafes, restaurants (some of them halal), and enticing shops. Don't forget to visit the charming **Calleja de las Flores** alley.





DAY 2 # CORDOBA > SEVILLE

It will take about 1 hour and 45 minutes to travel the 140 kilometers between the two cities (55 minutes by train). Before heading to Seville, you might consider spending a few more hours or half a day exploring Cordoba, such as visiting **Medina Azahara**.

DAY 3 # SEVILLE

STARTING POINT. Head to the city's main monumental area, where UNESCO World Heritage sites are concentrated. Explore **the Cathedral** with the **Giralda tower** and the **Real Alcázar** (a guided tour takes 2 hours). Wander through the charming streets of **Santa Cruz** and unwind in one of its nice squares. In the afternoon, enjoy a leisurely **cruise along the Guadalquivir River** (1 hour) and visit the stunning **Plaza de España.** Why not dedicate the remaining time to indulge in some shopping?





DAY 4 # SEVILLE > GRANADA

If you travel by road without any stops, it will take you a little over 2.5 hours to reach Granada (250 km). The train journey takes approximately the same amount of time. You may consider spending a few extra hours in Seville before heading to Granada.

DAY 5 & 6 # GRANADA & END OF TOUR

STARTING POINT. Plan your visit to Granada around your scheduled time slot for **the Alhambra**, buying tickets well in advance. Allocate 2.5 to 3 hours. Another must-see is the **Albaicín** neighborhood. Take a taxi or bus to the top, near the **Mirador de San Nicolás** and the **Great Mosque**, then walk back downhill to the city center. On your sixth day take the opportunity to explore other areas of the city center (around **Cathedral** and **Darro Street)** if you haven't had the chance to do so already.



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The 'big four': Andalusia in 9 days



We propose an extended itinerary that will allow you to explore the four most important cities in Andalusia –Cordoba, Granada, Seville, and Malaga– with a two-night stay in each city and a glimpse of the Costa del Sol.

DAY 1 & 2 # MALAGA & COSTA DEL SOL

STARTING POINT. Explore the highlights of Malaga on foot: the Alcazaba, Gibralfaro Castle, the Roman Theater....Wander through the historic center, including the Cathedral, Larios Street, and the museums. Take a leisurely stroll along the port and enjoy the charming cafes and restaurants. On your second day, take an excursion to Marbella, the top destination in Costa del Sol.



DAY 3 # MALAGA > GRANADA

The journey by road takes approximately 1.5 hours (132 kilometers). Alternatively, there are 3 direct daily trains that connect the two cities in a slightly shorter time.



DAY 4 # GRANADA

STARTING POINT. The visit to **the Alhambra** (between 2 and 3 hours), will influence the rest of your stay. Assuming that you have already started enjoying Granada the day before, you will have plenty of time to explore other highlights.



DAY 5 # GRANADA > CORDOBA

There are about 8 direct daily trains that connect both cities in approximately 1h40m. The road trip requires more than 2 hours (198 kms).





STARTING POINT. Of course, the **Grand Mosque** and its surroundings. All the main highlights are forthcoming. Only if you want to visit **Medina Azahara** you will need to travel (8 km from the city). Allocate a total of 3.5 or 4 h.



DAY 7 # CORDOBA > SEVILLE

More than 20 speed trains connect both cities in approx. 50 m., while other trains may take up to 1.5 hours, which is comparable to the duration of a road trip (145 km.).

DAY 8 & 9 # SEVILLE & END OF TOUR

STARTING POINT. The main monumental area with the essential monuments: **Giralda, Cathedral, Real Alcázar**. You will have more than enough time to walk around the beautiful historic center and even take **a cruise on the Guadalquivir**.





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