

PRESS RELEASE

Anantara Invites Guests to Immerse in Andalusian Charm with the Launch of Anantara Villa Padierna Palace Benahavis Marbella Resort

Anantara Hotels Resorts & Spas' first footstep into Spain turns heads with the fanfare of a Flamenco flourish.

Set amidst expanses of rolling hills overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, Anantara Villa Padierna Palace Benahavis Marbella Resort is a tranquil oasis of historic allure on Spain's Southern coast. Boasting three world class golf courses, an impressive Anantara Spa, Club de Mar private beach club, expansive Romanesque event spaces and numerous gastronomic outlets, Anantara's first property in Spain combines every element into palatial luxury on the Andalusian coast.

Anantara Villa Padierna Palace marries a unique palazzo-style setting with service and experiences that showcase the best of Spanish cuisine, culture and history, ensuring the property is a true golf, spa and gastronomic destination resort. Designed by British architect, Ed Gilbert, Anantara Villa Padierna Palace offers 132 guest rooms and suites, including nine luxurious one and two bedroom villas, each uniquely designed for guests seeking added privacy, with dedicated butler service and private pools. A stunning garden swimming pool, ensconced in stylish cypress and palm trees, is the centrepiece of the picturesque grounds.

A gallery hotel, Anantara Villa Padierna Palace is filled with more than 1,200 original artworks – an eclectic mix of paintings, sculptures and artefacts, all thoughtfully displayed throughout the expansive grounds and lush gardens. All of the villas and many guest rooms are enhanced with large private terraces, overlooking manicured golf courses and sea views beyond. On a clear day, the mountains of Morocco can be spotted on the horizon. Frequented by celebrities, royalty and First Ladies alike, the latest addition to Anantara's portfolio offers traditional Spanish service with all the trappings of modern luxury for a home away from home.

Putting Anantara Villa Padierna Palace firmly on the map as a gastronomic destination resort, the property's impressive restaurant and bar offering is second to none, with something to suit every taste and occasion. Spain's iconic 99 Sushi Bar & Restaurant has a new outlet at the property and Spanish two Michelin star chef Paco Roncero will be launching his new concept restaurant – O by Paco Roncero – during the month of July. Diego Cabrera, famed as one of the World's 50 Best Mixologists, will also be adding some flare to Eddy's Bar at the hotel. In addition, guests can enjoy the beach at Club de Mar Beach Club, with its Champagne and oyster bar and resident DJs. Anantara's signature Dining by Design exudes romance in wisteria canopied private courtyards or al fresco dining in a starlit Roman amphitheatre.

Palatial settings and distinguished practitioners combine to create the Anantara Spa. Inspired by the fabled Roman Baths, the spa features 10 specialised treatment rooms and an extensive hydrotherapy circuit with 3 dedicated rooms (Aqua Tub Detox Massage and Slimming Jet

Shower) and the Hammam and aromatherapy steam rooms. Luxurious marble is floodlit by skylights, creating pillars of natural light which illuminate the 21,000 sq ft space.

Anantara Spa also offers an array of medical beauty treatments, administered by expert therapists trained in the latest medical wellness. The spa also offers bespoke care and attention from a dedicated team of doctors and healthcare professionals equipped with the latest technology and first class facilities.

After hiking in the Sierra las Nievas mountain range, guests can enjoy private meditation sessions or Pilates on sun dappled terraces. Indigenous signature treatments and specially tailored golf massages are available to revitalise and restore the weary. One to one sessions with alternative therapists, experts in holistic healing and nutritionists expand and deepen the journey into Andalusian wellness.

Situated in Marbella's 'Golden Triangle' golf region, Villa Padierna Golf Club envelopes the property and is comprised of three 18-hole golf courses; Flamingos Course, a par 71, Alferini Course, par 73, and the par 63 Tramores Course. In addition, Villa Padierna Golf Club is home to the Tramores Golf Academy by Michael Campbell, offering avid golfers of all levels an elevated golfing experience. Nestled in a small valley with a continually spring-like mild climate, the golf club is perfectly positioned for year round enjoyment.

The 22,000 sq ft Villa Padierna Racquet Club is home to several tennis courts, paddle tennis courts and a croquet lawn. The hotel's new Kids' Club offers family friendly services to entertain youngsters and give parents a stress free stay. Little ones enjoy a welcome amenity; their own bathrobes, toiletries and bedtime treats, as well as children's menus at most restaurants.

A tranquil oasis on the revered Costa del Sol, Anantara Villa Padierna Palace is the ideal springboard from which to dive into authentic Spanish history and culture. The property is positioned away from the bustle of Marbella and the glamour of Puerto Banus, yet close enough to indulge in their exceptional nightlife and superior luxury shopping.

Private helicopter journeys transport to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ronda, one of Spain's most visited landmarks. Unwind the window of a vintage car to inhale orange scented Mediterranean air whilst ascending hundreds of feet above sea level to centuries old *Pueblos Blancos* (Spanish White Towns) high in the mountains. Turn back the hands of time by roaming a traditional olive oil *finca* before stopping by a vineyard for tastings of the famous wines of Serrania de Ronda.

Guests wishing to unleash their artistic flair can do so with an al fresco watercolour lesson led by a local artist in the historical Moorish town of Casares. Languish in long Spanish summer evenings, the perfect setting for a private Flamenco performance, or even a lesson for the brave.

Anantara Villa Padierna Palace is a 50 minute drive from Malaga International Airport, 15 minutes from the infamous marina of Puerto Banus and 10 minutes from the historic Marbella town.

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