

CONSEJOS SOBRE ALOJAMIENTO Y RESTAURANTES EN ESPAÑA

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*These are places that I have stayed. Read accompanying notes carefully.

*My favorite cities are Madrid and San Sebastian. If you only have time to visit two cities try these. My suggestions for activities are below.

* These are only suggestions and I assume no responsibility.

*¡Espero que tengas un buen viaje en España! ¡Viva España!

*Call me with any questions: 805.440.3064 Cell

SUGGESTED ITINERARY	RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES
DAY 1	Madrid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hop-On Hop Off Bus

Madrid	Hotel Regente www.hotelregente.com C/ Mesonero Romanos, 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the Gran Villa in the middle of everything. Great Location. • Ask for a room on the Gran Villa side. Nice view at night. • Breakfast can be included at time of booking – good • Remember to leave your key at the desk when not in the room • I primarily use this hotel upon arrival and departure from Madrid. Otherwise I stay at an Airbnb because it costs less.
	Airbnb Suggested <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calle Concepcion Jeronima 8, Madrid • Hosted by Rafa Yañez, +340675 850 101 • One block from the Puerta Del Sol – Good location with restaurants nearby and metro connection • The place was great, modern, clean and I recommend the host and flat. • 2 bedroom two bath. Hip. • Only thing is that it has filtered light not natural. Didn't bother us though.
Cordoba	NH Collection Hotel Plaza de Maimonides 3 Cordoba www.nh-collection.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good location, new, helpful, nice atrium for a gin and tonic surrounded by Velasquez paintings • Breakfast • This was easier than spending time looking for an Airbnb because I only spent one night.
Malaga	Airbnb Avant-Garde Penthouse with terrace in downtown suggested Calle Refino, 23, Portal 1, Piso 3, Puerta D Malaga, +34 609 545 262 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nice, modern, and very new with kitchen • Two bedroom, two bath, top floor terrace with view of city. • The terrace is on the top floor to which you must navigate a large metal spiral staircase. Take a backpack to cart a bottle of wine up there!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good location • Good hosts – very friendly and showed us around a bit
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Granada	<p>Airbnb Suggested Albaycin neighborhood overlooks the Alhambra palace - terraza Calle San Juan de Los Reyes, 90 Granada, Andalucia 1810 Hosted by Carlos Abad and his girlfriend speak English, +34 691 748 833</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great location • Old world charm, not new however clean and amenable • FANTASTIC view of the Alhambra Palace • Two bedroom, 1 bath. • The only drawback is that to get from the flat level to the street level you'll need to climb quite a few stairs. It didn't bother us. I stopped once to catch my breath but perfectly doable.
San Sebastian	<p>Airbnb You want to be near Playa de la Concha/ Zurriola or Hotel Londres which is on the beach in a great walking part of town https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/15763330?location=San%20Sebasti%C3%A1n%2C%20Spain&s=bXqZYf8C</p>
	<p>Hotel Ezeiza Av. de Satrústegui, 13 Playa de Ondarreta Donostia - San Sebastián Spain Tel. +34 943 21 43 11 Hotel Ezeiza ** is a familiar Hotel located in front of Ondarreta Beach in San Sebastian/Donostia, a quiet district of the city with its own life. While this hotel is a bit farther from the city center it is walkable or by taxi. While it is 2** it is really nice and the view superior and price is right if requested. https://www.hotelezeiza.com/en/</p>

Smart phones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use your smart phone to take photos of all documents before departure including priced paid! Passport, train tickets, museum entrances, etc in case you lose the real thing or it is stolen!! • Type an agenda of your trip beforehand and email it to friends just in case. You will also have a copy on your phone for your own use – very handy when being so very busy in Spain! • Use these so when you are going in different directions you can always be in contact with one another. • Use Google Maps instead of a real map or download a map off line • When you arrive in Madrid the first thing you do after securing your location is to go to the Verizon store in the Plaza del Sol and buy a SIM card. They will put it in for you. Use this when in Spain then return the old one when you are on the return flight. This SIM card can be recharged any time you find yourself in Europe again. • KEEP THE OLD ONE AND THE ACTIVATION CODE! Very important!! • Take photos of the restaurant signs to remember them upon your return and get a business card.
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Trains and	<p>*Buy your tickets ahead of time. The big train station is called ATOCHA. Renfe AVE is the high speed train that leaves from here. It goes many places however not all. You can</p>
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Buses	<p>only book train passage three months in advance.</p> <p>The other train station is called CHAMARTIN. This station has the smaller trains and may have some high speed.</p> <p>The bus often is useful because the train may not go there. For example when going from Pamplona to San Sebastian there is no train because of the mountains so the bus is serviceable. Also, from Granada to Madrid there is no high speed that goes the entire distance so you can take but to prescribed location then AVE from there. It might need to go to Cordoba I think...Can't totally remember. The bus is perfectly safe, clean, and serviceable.</p>
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Entradas Tickets	<p>*I recommend that you purchase all tickets ahead of time to avoid having to stand in line!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El Prado Museo – Great cafeteria, plan on spending the whole day! Any tour is great! I recommend the night tour of the Alhambra palaces. It opens in the spring and is not open all year. ONLY buy tickets for the Prado not a physical tour as you can rent audio headphones. Be aware of price as it relates to tour. 15 Euros is the admission price and does not include a actual tour. https://www.museodelprado.es/en/visit-the-museum • Reina-Sofía Museo – good cafetería albiet small Tel. (+34) 91 774 1000 Calle Santa Isabel, 52 28012 Madrid Online: 8 € http://www.museoreinasofia.es/en/visit • El Museo del Traje also has great cafetería/restaurant- A bit out of the city but totally worth it! Address: Avenida de Juan de Herrera, 2. Madrid, 28040. Metro: Moncloa (lines 3 and 6) and Ciudad Universitaria (line 6) Bus: Lines 46, 82, 83, 84, 132, 133, G Website: http://museodeltraje.mcu.es
Bus	<p>*I recommend the Hop-On-Hop Off Bus in any city to get the layout of the land. It's good when imbibing in vino tinto so you don't have to drive! http://madrid.city-tour.com/en?utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=EN_RES_S_BUS_Madrid_Especific&utm_term=%2BMadrid%20Bus%20Tour&utm_content=EN_RES_S_Madrid%20Bus%20Tour</p>

Suggested Restaurants

*When you pass by a restaurant before you go in look it up on Yelp to see how many stars it is. No less than 3.5!

*Always make a reservation if you are able.

*I found sooo many great restaurants and many are not listed however you will find your own and that will be part of your adventure☺

<p>Madrid Restaurants</p>	<p>My favorite es El Pimiento Verde Teléfono: 915 764 135 Castelló, 18 (Esquina Jorge Juan) Madrid Casual and the artichoke their signature dish is a must try! http://www.elpimientoverde.com/</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a reservation or go early enough to grab a table outside on the sidewalk. Just on the margin of the Plaza Mayor by Mercado San Miguel, another great place for tapas y vino tinto. They have a grilled artichoke dish, fabulous baked fish called Merluza, and a dessert of which I can never say the name. It is a carmel ice cream ball floating in a carmel pudding with warm baked apples underneath! Awesome!!
	<p>Great tapas and dinner Parilla Alhambra C/Victoria 7 Madrid 28012 teléfono: 91 531 31 24</p>
	<p>Bar and great food! Very busy so go a bit early or make a reservation Erre Que Erre €€Spanish, Mediterranean 810 525 024 <i>Calle Cava Baja, 24</i> La Latina</p> <p>“Really good tapas, great drinks and great staff... very friendly. They are open until 2:00 am, their tuna sandwich and sangrias are to die for.”</p>
	<p>You MUST eat tapas at the Mercado San Miguel off the Plaza Mayor. YUM!! Drink <i>cava</i> (champagne) at the bar too!! READ THIS ARTICLE...MERCADO SAN MIGUEL Y MERCADO SAN ANTON SON LOS MEJORES EN MI OPINION.</p> <p>https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2015/jan/29/top-10-food-markets-madrid-spain</p>
	<p>Chocolatería San Ginés for great churros y chocolate 913 656 546 <i>Pasadizo de San Ginés, 5</i> Puerta del Sol</p>
<p>Cordoba Restaurants</p>	<p>Casa de Pepe de la Judería Calle Romero 1, 14003 Cordoba, Spain +34 957 20 07 44</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a reservation on the terrazza! Increible!!! • The food is awesome but the view surpasses it! Be there in time before the sunset.
Granada Restaurants	<p>El Huerto de Juan Ranas Callejón de Atarazana Vieja, 6 y 8 18010 Granada, España +34 958 286 925 www.elhuertodejuanranas.com in the Albyacin neighborhood take a taxi too steep to walk!! Drinks or dinner or both!! You don't need a reserve for the patio but go a little early to not have to wait for a table. The most spectacular view ever! The Alhambra!! All food awesome!!</p>
	<p>Azafrán Street level, great location, sit on the patio or inside, lunch or dinner or tapas Paseo Padre Manjón, 1 18010 Granada España +34 958 22 68 82 https://www.eltenedor.es/restaurante/ruta-del-azafran/7309</p>
Malaga Restaurants	<p>This I can't remember. We liked the looks of an outdoor patio restaurant and looked it up on Yelp. Had a 4* rating without the price. I had lamb chops. Yum!!</p>
Pamplona Restaurants	<p>La Mar Salada YUM!!! \$\$ - \$\$\$ Mediterranean, Spanish Calle Leyre 12 31002, 31002 Pamplona, Spain, +34 948 22 45 14 http://www.restaurantelamarsalada.com/ Reservas</p> <p>Nuez Pimientos del piquillo are my favorite! 4 Calle Taconera, Pamplona, Spain, +34 948 22 81 30 Reservas</p> <p>Bars</p> <p>Café Iruña Very famous Hemmingway hangout!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bar <p>Plaza del Castillo, 44. 31001, Pamplona (Navarra). Teléfono: 948 222 064 Email: info@cafeiruna.com</p>

<p>San Sebastian Pinchos Restaurants</p>	<p>Borda Berri, *The Sport Bar – Order warm grilled duck liver (foie gras) at the bar! So inexpensive and it will melt in your mouth! https://www.cntraveler.com/galleries/2015-03-26/10-cant-miss-pintxos-bars-in-san-sebastian-spain</p>
<p>San Sebastian Restaurants Sitdown</p>	<p>ALDANONDO JATETXEA Calle Euskal Herria, 6 20003 San Sebastian +34 943 84 54 76 *A good sit down restaurant sort of family style, relaxed and good food when tired of pinchos.</p> <p>Gandarias The best traditional Basque cuisine with premium products: fresh, local and seasonal. Menu is extensive and contains a wide range of vegetables, salads, meat and fish. http://www.restaurantegandarias.com/en/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address: August 31rd Street, no. 23. Old Town, San Sebastian (Gipuzkoa) • Phone number: 943 426 362 • Reservation: reservas@restaurantegandarias.com <p>Restaurante Kokotxa They have 1 Michellene Star! http://restaurantekokotxa.com/ TEL +34 943 42 19 04 Calle del Campanario, 11, 20003 Donostia-San Sebastián</p> <p>Aita Mari Mariscos</p> <p><i>C/Puerto 23, esquina Mari (junto a Portaletas) 20003 Donostia - Tel: 943 43 13 59</i></p>