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# Luxury for all the senses



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*Sheltered by majestic mountains, Anantara Villa Padierna Palace Benahavis Marbella Resort is close to some of the country's most beautiful 'white villages', the town of Marbella and the sparkling sea. Expect a compelling combination of European elegance with upscale gastronomy across 8 dining venues, as well as exceptional leisure facilities including a super-stylish beach & racquet club, an award-winning spa and championship golf courses.*

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A tranquil oasis situated on the southern coast of Spain's celebrated Andalucía region, Anantara Villa Padierna Palace Benahavis Marbella Resort is the ideal springboard from which to dive into Spanish history and culture. The resort, a member of The Leading Hotels of the World, is set amidst rolling hills dotted with vibrant fuchsia jacaranda trees, with whitewashed villages nestled in the mountains above the spectacular southern Spanish coastline.

The resort is a well-established property in Southern Spain, having been conceived and created by a Spanish family passionate about the finer things in European life. Since opening as a new Anantara resort, in 2019, guests are promised a stay that is luxury for all the senses. From the sensory delight of the indulgent, light-filled guest rooms and suites; to tantalising cocktail concoctions at Eddy's bar; the tempting new flavours across the hotel's dining; the invigorating sports and leisure options; pampering in the spa; to inspirational cultural excursions – Anantara has created a unique and remarkable way to become immersed in the pleasures of Southern Spain. Anantara Villa Padierna Palace offers indigenous experiences, which reflect the Arabian and Roman heritage of this unique region of Spain.

Designed in the style of an elegant Tuscan palazzo by English architect Ed Gilbert, the resort is home to more than 1,200 original works of art. Guests can enjoy a range of luxurious accommodation options across the resort's 130 guest rooms, suites and villas. Deluxe Rooms are decorated in neutral tones, including details in travertine marble, with views over the golf course, gardens and swimming pools. Suites offer spacious surroundings and balconies with exclusive views as well as being home to some of the most valuable works of art.

The Resort also offers the option of staying in one of its extensive Villas, which combine the exclusivity of a private residence with the comfort of a luxury hotel. One is the Obama Villa, renamed after the First Lady, Michelle Obama, chose to spend her holiday in Spain in it during the summer of 2010.





### A HEALTHY FOOD PARADISE

Host to eight elevated dining concepts, the Anantara Villa Padierna Palace gastronomic offering is second to none with something to suit every taste and occasion. Innovative restaurants blend traditional Spanish flavours into modern culinary art. Wisteria blanketed courtyards conceal romantic cloisters and casual refreshment is offered poolside or in between rounds of world-class golf. With outlets ranging from modern Spanish fine dining, to artfully crafted cocktails and award winning Japanese cuisine, dining at Anantara Villa Padierna Palace is truly a culinary adventure.

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Yumm! is our recommendation: a healthy food paradise with a warm and cosy atmosphere to share with friends and family. Located in the Racquet Club, Yumm! is a haven for simple, seasonal and healthy food, inspired by locally sourced fresh ingredients to invigorate body and soul. Energize yourself with a fruit juice, a rich salad or a poke bowl in the indoor bar or the outdoor terrace after a good tennis or paddle game.

### A JOURNEY INTO ANDALUSIAN WELLNESS IN DAZZLING SURROUNDS

An expansive enclave of opulence, Anantara Spa at Anantara Villa Padierna Palace offers elite pampering journeys in a haven of tranquillity, with natural light and soothing aromas cocooning guests in a sophisticated retreat. Rooted in Thailand, Anantara Spa's diverse offering of treatments and facilities showcase the best of international wellness against a backdrop of luxurious Romanesque design. Embodying Anantara Villa Padierna Palace's impeccable hospitality, expert therapists are trained in the latest medical wellness and lavish personal attention.

Inspired by the fabled Roman Baths, Anantara Spa features twelve specialised treatment rooms and an extensive hydrotherapy circuit with three dedicated rooms, a Hammam, aromatherapy steam rooms and relaxation areas. Luxurious marble is floodlit by skylights, creating pillars of natural light which illuminate the 21,000sq ft space.