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Andalucian escape La Bobadilla Loja, Granada



The Sierra de Loja mountain range undulates across the Spanish countryside, giving way to the very best of Andalucía. La Bobadilla certainly fits the bill, taking 'bucolic hideaway' to the next level. It is self-contained, but rest assured this isn't the 'resort' experience you might expect as you fly in to Malaga airport (40 minutes away by car). Designed by local architect Jesús del Valle and inspired by Spain's Moorish history, the hotel is a joyful maze of interconnecting courtyards, fountains and gardens. Wooden ceilings, tiled patios and marble columns combined with rich furnishings make the space feel homely, while hidden nooks reveal themselves as you explore.

The 70 rooms and suites blend warm hues with rustic brickwork and include a private sitting room and garden, terrace or balcony to ensure moments of solitude, where only the sound of swooping swallows will interrupt.

Local ingredients served across the hotel's three restaurants will leave you with a mild jamón habit; at the

locally acclaimed La Finca, braised goat and violet ice cream are exemplary of the mountainous setting.

Around 1,000 acres of private olive groves meet with orange trees (you're not far from Seville, remember) offering perfect hiking terrain. As well as an indoor pool and spa, a seasonal open-air pool invites you to take in the rays (a full weather report for the day ahead is left on your bed each evening). Golf, tennis, cycling and horse-riding are also available. Local oil and wine tastings and cooking classes are a more sedate way to spend an afternoon. *BG. Doubles from £136, barcelolabobadilla.com*

Places

A chic Moorish hideaway, an intimate Cotswold low-key escapes this month, while a bold Swiss



Business upgrade KAMEHA GRAND, ZURICH

Set in the heart of Zurich's sprawling central business district yet brash enough not to look out of place on the Las Vegas strip, the Kameha Grand is full of dichotomies. Sure, it's all smoked glass and mirrors on the exterior, set next to the kind of drab business hotels found anywhere in the Western world, but there's more to it than a fancy facade. The

rooms are playfully designed by Marcel Wanders, who brazenly champions Swiss heritage in each of the 245 rooms. Chocolate bar wallpaper adorns the walls, the minibar is dressed as a Swiss bank vault and an Alpine motif sits on the headboard. The restaurants are also far superior to what you'd expect on a company away day, too. It won't be long

before high-end Japanese Yu Nijyo wins a Michelin star, while hearty Italian L'Unico has an ex-three-Michelin chef putting together stellar pasta dishes with upwards of 400 combinations as well as the typically hearty desserts of his motherland. No expense has been spared and it shows. *MS. Doubles from £198, kamehagrandszurich.com*

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