

Finca Cortesin hotel review: a star on the Costa del Sol



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Golf, fine dining, high-end spa facilities and a chic beach club bring style to Spain's southern coast

Many travel destinations are greater and more complex than their reputation. Milan is more than just fashion, Paris more than just food, Berlin more than just nightlife and the Costa del Sol more than just Brits abroad.

In fact, Costa del Sol has a fascinating and ancient history, stretching back to the Phoenicians and beyond via Roman, Visigoth, Muslim Arab and Catholic conquistadors. And while the region has more recently been conquered by British package holidaymakers, away from the fish and chip shops, Irish pubs and Sambucca shots, it also has some areas of serious beauty and high luxury. And the highest of them all may just be Finca Cortesin.

Why visit?



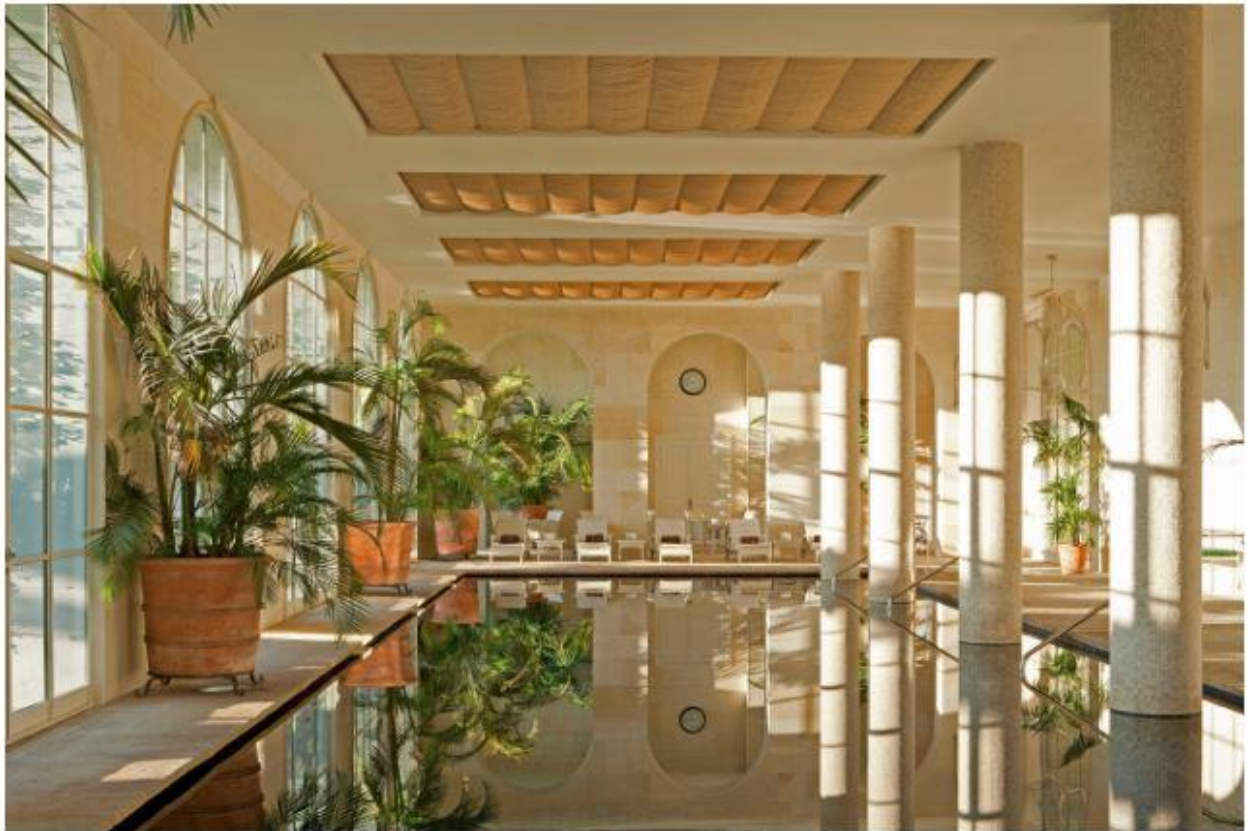
What to do at Finca Cortesin



More than just a hotel, Finca Cortesin offers exceptional dining options, high-quality spa treatments, golf courses, three pools, an art gallery, shops and just a short drive down the road, its very own private beach club.

The Week Portfolio visited for a weekend, but it would be easy to stay for a week or longer without ever getting bored. And while the hotel is obviously set up for the fine weather the Costa del Sol enjoys most of the year around, even on a wet and windy weekend like the one we experienced, there is plenty to do.

One highlight is the spa itself. Not only is it extensive, stretching to 2,200 sq m, but it also offers a wide range of treatments, including facial and body treatments, massages, thermal baths and a fitness centre. The spa also features a 25m indoor heated salt-water swimming pool. It is kept lukewarm rather than boiling hot, so is perfect for swimming as well as just splashing about. If you really want a workout, personal trainers are also available to assist on request.



Of course, many people's visit will be more about relaxation than exertion, and this is where the hotel's spa facilities come in. With ten individual treatment rooms and one double bed suite, complete with heated floors and your own choice of music and scent, you will be guaranteed a treatment tailored to the way you like to be manipulated. Products come from **Biologique Recherche** and the massages, this reviewer can happily report, are pure bliss.

If your idea of a holiday is more active than passive, then the golf facilities at Finca Cortesin will likely lure you away from the spa.

