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LUXURY, SOPHISTICATION AND COZINESS IN THE HEART OF MADRID

In the heart of the most vibrant Madrid is the place where history meets the present. The iconic Gran Hotel Inglés, the oldest hotel in the capital, belonging to the Hidden Hotels chain, is reinvented with the original architectural splendor united in a design where time stands still. An icon of luxury, sophistication and warmth in the heart of the Barrio de las Letras, in the heart of the most traditional Madrid.



A BOUTIQUE HOTEL WITH HISTORY

Opened in 2018, Gran Hotel Inglés has 48 rooms and suites, designed with an Art Deco aesthetic that recreates a luxurious atmosphere of relaxation. The restoration and renovation of the hotel has been carried out by the prestigious Rockwell Group architectural firm, which has managed to recover the original glamour and elegance of the oldest luxury hotel in the capital, incorporating historical images and objects found during the refurbishment into its design.

The lobby ceiling features circular chandeliers, inspired by a classic English mansion, while the lobby bar is conceived as a meeting point for both locals and international visitors.

The owners, Carmen Cordón and Ignacio Jiménez, kept the promise made to the hotel's original owner, Don Agustín Ibarra, "not to skimp on the furnishings or the many modern technologies that can be used in their new home". Like Don Agustín in his day, Carmen and Ignacio traveled the seven seas with the mission to capture and translate the magnificence of the halls, rooms and dining rooms into the current incarnation of the Gran Hotel Inglés.

David Rockwell and his team fell in love with the hotel's history and poured all their experience into ensuring that their first complete project for a historic hotel in Spain was an establishment of excellence.



During the renovation, the number of rooms and suites was reduced to just 48, in a display of contemporary design, so that guests would not have to cross the hallway to use the bathroom. As a result, most of the rooms have a bathtub and shower, something unthinkable in the 1880s and still extraordinarily difficult to achieve in such a historic building.

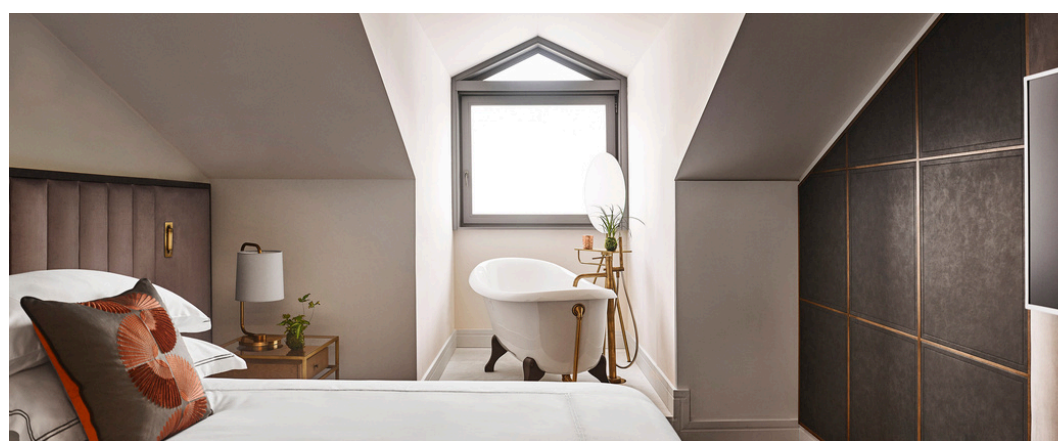
Rooms and suites range from the Deluxe, which opens onto its own bright courtyard, to the Meller Suite, with its own private terrace with Jacuzzi, or the Presidential Suite, with separate bedroom, work area, living room, dining room and guest bathroom, as well as a charming private terrace overlooking the central Echegaray Street.

The hotel has **11 Deluxe** rooms (27 m²), **8 Grand Deluxe** rooms (30 m²), **14 Preferential** rooms (33 m²), **7 Executive** rooms (36 m²), **3 Premium** rooms (40 m²), **3 Junior Suite** rooms (50 m²), **1 Suite Meller** rooms (50 m²), **4 Suite Echegaray** rooms (60 m²), **1 Presidential Suite** rooms (93 m²) and **1 Royal Suite** rooms (125 m²), each room has been uniquely designed to offer different experiences.



Inside each room you will find everything you need to enjoy a pleasant stay:

- King Size Bed or Twin
- 500 thread count Egyptian cotton/satin sheets
- Personalized pillow menu
- Full bathroom with rain shower
- Wolfston coffee maker
- Exempt bathtub
- Minibar with gourmet products
- Work desk and reading area
- High-speed Wi-Fi
- Smart TV with international channels
- Individual climate control
- 24-hour room service
- Access to the wellness area and gym
- Cover service
- Shoe shine service
- Laundry service





PRIVILEGED LOCATION IN THE HEART OF MADRID

Gran Hotel Inglés is located on Echegaray Street, one of the oldest streets in the capital, recently converted into the most fashionable place in the Spanish capital and considered one of the most fascinating and coolest arteries in the world. Located in the heart of the Barrio de las Letras, one of the most central districts of Madrid, and a dynamic cultural center full of monuments, most of which can be reached on foot from the hotel.

The narrow streets surrounding the Gran Hotel Inglés are full of history, with tapas bars, centuries-old taverns, tablaos flamencos, the best restaurants and quaint stores where you can discover pieces by Spanish artists. This is where the city's first theaters opened in the courtyards at the end of the 16th century, and where many giants of the Golden Age of Spanish literature, such as Cervantes, Lope de Vega and Quevedo, made their home.

Whether for a traditional chocolate with churros in the Plaza del Angel, a stroll to visit the house where Cervantes lived, a late afternoon visit to the Botanical Gardens to buy flowers at the oldest flower shop in Spain, or a few drinks and live music at the historic Café Central, considered one of the best jazz clubs in the world... the history of these streets, acclaimed as the cradle of Spanish theater and the arts, is more alive than ever and Gran Hotel Inglés is the guardian and witness of this Madrid culture par excellence.





TRADITIONAL AND AVANT-GARDE GASTRONOMIC PROPOSAL

Gran Hotel Inglés was the first hotel in Madrid to have its own restaurant. Today, that tradition is reborn in LobByto, where exquisite Madrid gastronomy meets contemporary technique to create a cuisine with soul.

Here, savoring Madrid is a way of living, looking at and feeling the city from its historical heart. From an ensaladilla that awakens memories to torreznos that melt in the mouth, everything is based on absolute respect for the product. The most traditional tapas coexist with luxury bites in a proposal that celebrates flavor in all its forms.

And when evening falls, the experience continues.

Signature cocktails, live music from Thursday to Sunday and an elegant and relaxed atmosphere in the hotel lobby make LobByto the perfect place to share tapas, be surprised by new mixes and enjoy Madrid with all five senses.



EXPERTS ON THE SECRET ART OF LIVING

At Gran Hotel Inglés, every moment is lived as an unrepeatable experience. Because here, the real distinction is in the details, in the unexpected flavors, in the music that accompanies a drink or in the light that falls on the tables in the hall.

Those who visit us are not only looking for a place to sleep, but a place to let themselves go. From the daily Afternoon Tea in the lounge -with warm scones, homemade pastries and champagne- to the weekend Show Brunch, with live music, vibrant cocktails and a gastronomic proposal that surprises and conquers.

The classics also have their moment. Every Saturday and Sunday, Cocido Madrileño is revived with all its flavor, while on any day of the week, L'Aperitif transforms the simple act of working up an appetite into a small everyday luxury.

All of this in the intimate setting of LobByto, where the essence of the city fuses with contemporary design and the soul of the city.

Because at Gran Hotel Inglés, uniqueness is not sought after. You live it.





THE LEGACY OF A LUXURY ICON

The origins of the hotel lie in a “cultural center” that opened in 1853, called Café Inglés. It was a meeting place for writers, artists and the aristocracy in the heart of the city. However, it was not until July 27, 1886 when the Correspondencia de España announced to its readers “with satisfaction” that the “active and very well known owner of the Café Inglés, Don Agustín Ibarra, has just acquired a wonderful house under construction and has the exclusive purpose of converting it into a hotel and on the very large first floor to build a restaurant as good or better than the one found abroad”.

The construction and renovation of the building cost Don Agustín some 90,000 pesetas, and on December 17, 1886, the Gran Hotel Inglés was officially inaugurated.

Although room rates have gone up a bit from the ten pesetas charged back then, its premise of being a home away from home, with elegant and restful rooms, multiple private spaces to host private functions and gatherings of like-minded people, a renowned chef and pastry chef, an excellent local wine list and much more, remain in place.





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Hidden Hotels is a collection of unique properties, true hidden gems that pay tribute to their historical legacy while offering an exceptional luxury experience.

Our hotels are destinations in themselves, places where time stands still. Spaces where elegance resides in timelessness, where luxury comes to life in the smallest details, and every corner invites discovery and wonder. Architecture bridges past and present, while hospitality becomes an intimate art designed to move and captivate the senses.

At Hidden Hotels, each property in our collection receives more than just a name: it earns a seal. A mark of identity. An emblem not given lightly—reserved for places with soul, history, and distinct character. Hotels that have been restored, cared for, and transformed into destinations in their own right.

Carrying the Hidden Hotels seal means wearing a badge of pride. It means belonging to a community that shares a common vision: one that sees hospitality as an intimate and singular art.

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