

Abadía Retuerta LeDomaine: Spain's Most Extraordinary Luxury Hotel



Imbued with the charm and lore of a by-gone age, Abadía Retuerta LeDomaine takes guests back in time while immersing them in the comforts and luxuries of today's most sophisticated hospitality. LeDomaine is a grand travel experience, overflowing the senses with its 900-year-old history, stately architecture, majestic ambiance, world-class culinary experiences by one of Spain's most celebrated chefs, vineyards with acclaimed wines, and regal accommodations.

LeDomaine is an historic abbey, dating from 1146 and set within a 1,730-acre medieval estate, that has been completely restored – earning the property a Europa Nostra Award from the European Union for conserving cultural heritage. Opened on March 22, 2012, LeDomaine arrived on the Spanish tourism scene offering a precedent-setting guest experience, becoming the country's first hotel to offer a complete butler service. In November 2014, the hotel's Refectorio restaurant was awarded One Michelin Star, and has maintained it ever since. In August 2015, the 10,000-sq.-ft., ultra-luxurious Santuario LeDomaine Wellness & Spa was opened featuring a ground-breaking "oenotherapy" spa concept.

Offering a comprehensive cultural, wine and culinary experience in the heart of the Duero Valley, LeDomaine hotel was conceived as a reference point for first-class wine tourism, and today is internationally acknowledged as Spain's most luxurious and inspiring luxury hotel experience.

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**Managing Director:
Executive Chef:**

Enrique Valero
Marc Segarra

Location/Getting There: In Sardón de Duero, Spain, within the historic region of Castilla y León. Valladolid is a 30-minute drive, and Madrid two hours by road or train. Transfers can be arranged on request. Or guests may arrive by helicopter, landing at the hotel's helipad.

Awards:

- 2018: Condé Nast Traveler España – Spain’s #1 Getaway Hotel
- 2018: Trip Advisor Travelers’ Choice Awards - #1 Hotel in Spain
- 2017: Condé Nast Traveler Readers’ Choice Awards - #1 Hotel in Spain & Portugal
- 2017: One Michelin Star – Refectorio Restaurant – Fourth Consecutive Year
- 2017: Andrew Harper – 2017 Hideaway of the Year, Top 100 Hideaways in the World
- 2017: Tatler - 101 Best Hotels in the World
- 2017: The Telegraph - 50 Best Hotels in Spain to Visit Spring & Summer
- 2016: Trip Advisor - #1 Hotel in Spain, #8 in Europe and #21 in the world
- 2016: Robb Report 28th Annual Best of the Best - El Santuario LeDomaine Spa
- 2016: Spafinder 2016 Wellness Travel Awards: Best New Spa & Wellness Property, and Best for Wow Factor - El Santuario LeDomaine Spa.
- 2016: Club de Gourmets Magazine (Spain), #1 Hotel in Spain
- 2016: The Telegraph - 50 Best Hotels in the World
- 2015: Europa Nostra Award for the conservation of cultural heritage (for the sensitive renovation of the 900-year-old property)
- 2015: The Wine Spectator - 100 Top Wines list for three consecutive years

History: The origins of LeDomaine date back to the 12th century when the bishop of Valladolid, Sancho Ansúrez, was ceded land to build an abbey for the French Premonstratensian Order. He received the land from a relative, Doña Mayor, who was the daughter of a local nobleman, hence the name LeDomaine which translates literally to an “estate related to the nobility.” The Santa Maria de Retuerta Abbey was built in the Baroque-Romanesque style with a classic Benedictine layout of church, cloister, refectory, chapterhouse and hospice. It is one of only two abbeys in Spain to have survived the destruction wrought by Napoleon and is a treasured Spanish cultural heritage site designated an *Historic and Artistic Monument* and an *Asset of Cultural Interest*.

The abbey was sensitively and imaginatively brought into the 21st century by Swiss architect Marco Serra, whose main goal was to preserve the historic structure for future generations by ensuring modern adaptations are easily differentiated from the original architecture. Today’s 30-room hotel occupies the spaces where monks once lived and prayed: The areas that housed the monks’ cells are guest rooms and suites. The gastronomic restaurant, the Refectorio, resides in what was once the abbey’s refectory, or dining hall. The cloisters, the walkways, arcades and galleries, have become the hotel’s corridors and public spaces. And the restored, adjoining church again is a meeting place but this time for conferences and events.

Award Winning Winery on a Medieval Estate: Of the historic estate’s 1,730 acres, more than 500 acres are dedicated to the vine. The winery produces award-winning vintages of exceptional pedigree and is among the most advanced in Europe combining ancient wine-making traditions with cutting-edge technology. The estate is emblazoned throughout the year with the bold colors of the seasons and characterized by the diverse usage of the land, from woods and a working farm growing a variety of crops to the cultivation of grapes and their fall harvest.

Accommodations: The hotel has 27 double rooms and 3 suites, eight of them located in the building of the old abbey stables and with direct access to the LeDomaine Sanctuary & Wellness Center. Guest rooms and suites are spacious and lavishly appointed. Ground-floor rooms have direct access to the garden. All rooms



enjoy magnificent views over the estate's vineyards, woods and fields.

Guest Room Features:

- Climate control
- Large safe
- Bathroom amenities from Anne Semonin
- Plush bathrobes and slippers
- Fully stocked complimentary mini bar offering soft drinks, fruit juices, tonic water and beer
- High-speed complimentary WiFi; direct-dial telephone with voice mail
- TV with 36 channels in five languages (six in English, 10 in German, four in French, two in Italian, 14 in Spanish).
- One room has been adapted for disabled guests
- The hotel is non-smoking

Guest Services:

- 24-Hour Butler Service: First and only hotel in Spain with 24-hour butlers, meticulously trained to provide the utmost in luxury hospitality service. These multidisciplinary professionals oversee every possible need of the guest, taking care of every detail.
- A complimentary bottle of Abadia Retuerta wine is placed in the room as a welcome gift
- Gymnasium (with cross-trainers, cycles, treadmills and steppers) with yoga area
- Business Center equipped with the most advanced technology
- Full laundry, dry-cleaning and pressing service
- Baby-sitting service and cot or crib available on request
- Car rental arranged through the concierge
- Complimentary Wi-Fi in public areas
- Complimentary mountain bikes (the hotel suggests routes that changes with the seasons)

Spa: Santuario LeDomaine Wellness & Spa is a nurturing and innovative sanctuary of holistic healing and wellness with 10,000-sq.-ft. of ultra-luxurious facilities, a ground-breaking "oenotherapy" spa concept based on a blind tasting of wines, a signature treatment menu, Spain's first 'Spa Sommeliers' who guide guests on their wellness journey, and the highest level of individualization and guest service including Spa Butlers who welcome guests and assist at every step of their spa experience.

Dining: Under a vaulted ceiling of pure Gothic style, framed by thick stone walls and anchored by a 17th-century fresco of The Last Supper, *the Refectorio* is a sanctuary of haute cuisine with one Michelin star, maintained since 2014. Executive Chef Marc Segarra prepares innovative and seasonal gastronomic fare in the contemporary kitchen, using the freshest local ingredients procured from specialty local suppliers as well as LeDomaine's own fields. In addition to the Refectorio, located in the abbey's former refectory, guests dine on specialty dishes, tapas and small plates in the *Vinoteca restaurant* with a wine-cellar atmosphere, and al fresco on seasonal dishes in spring and summer in the *Jardin del Cloustro and at the Pool Bar*. The estate's own Abadia Retuerta wines are showcased, and other fine wines are also available. Abadía Retuerta LeDomaine uses the resources from the estate to produce *specialty Crafted Spanish Foods*: wine salt, pine nuts and honey.

Unique Experiences: Guests may enjoy an array of exceptional, unique activities and experiences designed to immerse them in the beauty of the unparalleled destination:

- *Countryside Aperitif* combines a 4x4 tour of the estate and vineyards, winery tour and wine tasting with aperitifs at a special location with a panoramic view.

- *Oenological Immersion* takes guests barrel tasting and on a full range of guided wine-tasting experiences.
- *Picnic & e-Bike Tour*: Using eco-friendly electric bikes with wide wheels to negotiate the terrain, explore the estate's most outstanding spots and enjoy a picnic with Abadía Retuerta wines and local products.
- *Falconry Displays* showcase an ancient art, with majestic birds.
- *Horseback riding* is an ideal way to leisurely see the estate, led by an experienced guide.
- On a *Helicopter Ride*, guests get a birds-eye perspective of the estate and surrounding region.
- *Beekeeping Day* is a hands-on introduction to the world of beekeeping, experienced at the estate's own apiary. A
- At *Harvest Time* in the fall, guests can participate in the activities of that all-important season at the vineyard including learning the secrets of hand picking grapes.

The Hedge Museum: This unique open-air museum was built on the grounds of the abbey to showcase the sculptures of contemporary artist Ulrich Rückriem, who extracts massive stones from the earth and reassembles them on its surface.

Meeting Facilities: The estate is an excellent destination for exclusive corporate meetings and incentives, offering top-notch technology and superb facilities along with the allure of the destination and winery. Four meeting rooms and the historic chapel are available for meetings and events, including:

- *Sala Consejo*: An architecturally significant boardroom with a beamed ceiling and vaulted stone windows overlooking the cloister gardens, accommodating up to 20.
- *Sala Reunion*: Abundant daylight and magnificent views over the vineyards make this a popular choice for up to 20 attendees.
- *Refectorio*: An historic and exclusive venue for private group lunches and other events.
- *Sacristía (Sacristy)*: A stunning room situated just off the main church accommodating up to 20.
- *Iglesia (church)*: One of the most beautiful buildings of the old abbey, it can accommodate up to 200 for cocktails and events or up to 80 for a banquet.

Exclusive Membership: LeDomaine is an exclusive member of the prestigious Virtuoso network

Pets: Only guide dogs allowed.

Languages spoken: English and Spanish

Credit Cards Accepted: All major

Dress Code: Smart casual

Voltage: 110 **Currency:** Euro

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