Andalusia, Spain 2027



5* OKU Andalusia Hotel

Saturday 18th – 25th September 2027
OR
Saturday 25th September – 2nd October 2027

ARBH are delighted to visit Andalusia for the first time for our summer bridge holiday, staying on the beautiful southern coast. With its whitewashed villages, historic towns, dramatic mountain landscapes and wonderfully relaxed way of life, this corner of Spain offers the perfect combination of culture, sunshine and excellent food.

Our home for the week will be the luxurious 5* OKU Andalusia, a stylish beachfront retreat close to Sotogrande. Set where the rolling Andalusian hills meet the Mediterranean, the hotel enjoys far-reaching views across the water towards the coast of Africa. Its relaxed, natural design, excellent restaurants and extensive leisure facilities make it an ideal setting in which to unwind and enjoy the warmth of southern Spain. There will be an interesting full day excursion visiting Ronda.

Bridge: Jack Stocken will be hosting an informative and entertaining Bridge programme which will include Andrew Robson's Lessons on five mornings (with set hands), Gentle Duplicate before dinner and relaxed supervised play after dinner. The standard is friendly improver/intermediate; the Bridge is not suitable for players that are used to a serious, competitive 24 board club duplicate.

For more information call Jack on 07775 892720 or email jack@yorkshirebridge.com

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Andalusia: Andalusia is Spain at its most colourful and atmospheric: a region of Moorish palaces, hilltop villages, flamenco traditions and long stretches of Mediterranean coastline. Its history has been shaped by many different cultures, leaving behind magnificent architecture, lively local customs and a distinctive cuisine.

OKU Andalusia is situated in the coastal village of La Alcaidesa, between Sotogrande and Gibraltar. The surrounding area is known for its beautiful beaches, prestigious golf courses and access to the wild landscapes of Los Alcornocales Natural Park. Gibraltar Airport is approximately 25 minutes away, while Málaga and Jerez airports are each around one hour and fifteen minutes by road.



5* Hotel OKU Andalusia: Located directly beside Playa de La Alcaidesa, OKU Andalusia brings the hotel group's signature laid-back style to the Costa del Sol. Interiors use natural materials, earthy colours and contemporary design to create a calm and informal atmosphere throughout the resort.

Guests can spend their days relaxing beside one of the pools, enjoying the beach, visiting the spa or simply finding a quiet corner from which to admire the sea views. Gibralta airport is just 25 minutes' away by car. The average temperature for September is 28C. Hotel website: https://www.okuhotels.com/oku-andalusia/

Leisure facilities: The hotel has several outdoor swimming pools, direct access to the beach and a selection of peaceful terraces and relaxation areas. The impressive 2,000-square-metre OKU Spa includes an indoor swimming pool, steam room, sauna, relaxation room, treatment rooms and a modern fitness studio. A programme of wellness activities and restorative treatments will also be available. Spa treatments should be booked in advance to avoid disappointment.

Golf: This part of southern Spain is renowned for its golf, with a number of excellent courses around Sotogrande and the surrounding coastline. I will be on for a round or two so bring your golf shoes if you would like to join me!

Tennis: the hotel has three premium tennis courts and two padel courts so I will organise some casual, fun tennis/padel and find you a partner for some doubles.





Bedrooms: Rooms are equipped with balconies, walk-in showers, air conditioning, television, minibar, safe, coffee machine and Wi-Fi. The link to the hotel's website https://www.okuhotels.com/oku-andalusia/rooms/

Garden room: These rooms offer calm simplicity, featuring natural textures and muted tones with luxurious details. The open-plan space includes a king-size bed and en-suite with rainforest shower. Large sliding doors open onto your balcony allowing you to soak in views across lush hotel gardens.

Sea View room: The open-plan space includes a king-size bed and en-suite with rainforest shower. Large sliding doors open onto your balcony allowing you to have scenic views across the Mediterranean sea.

Deluxe Suite: Spacious Deluxe Suites offer room to spread out; these suites feature a large living area with full bar and en-suite bedroom with walk-in dressing room and extend out to a panoramic balcony with views over the Mediterranean sea.





Dining: We will dine in several different hotel restaurants during the course of our stay. Experience the sublime freshness and the taste of local ingredients. Discover age-old recipes reimagined for the modern connoisseur.

EXCURSION





Ronda & the Olive Groves of Andalucía

A day trip that captures two of the most beloved sides of Andalucía: one of its most spectacular hilltop towns, and the ancient craft of olive oil that has shaped the region for centuries.

Your private bus picks you up at 9am from OKU Andalusia for the drive to Ronda, where you'll meet your local guide. Ronda is a must-see at any time of year. Split in two by the dramatic gorge of the Tajo river, with centuries-old Moorish houses clinging to the cliff tops and labyrinthine streets weaving through the old town, its views over the valley are extraordinary, and the three bridges spanning the canyon are engineering marvels in their own right.

Your guide walks you through the town's most iconic sites, from the Puente Nuevo and one of Spain's oldest bullrings to Don Bosco's house, along with a few lesser-known corners that are no less striking. History, drama, and the reason artists have been drawn to Ronda for centuries.

From there, into the countryside. A visit to a traditional almazara, or olive oil mill, where centuries of craftsmanship meet the quiet beauty of the Andalusian landscape. A guided tour of the estate's olive groves and historic mill is followed by a visit to the on-site museum that traces the heritage and evolution of olive oil production. A professional tasting introduces you to the nuances of premium extra virgin oils, an art deeply rooted in Andalusian culture.

The day closes with a picnic-style lunch served outdoors in a serene natural setting. Fresh, seasonal produce, local delicacies, and, of course, the estate's own olive oil throughout the meal.

Price to be confirmed in June 2027. Lunch, guide, coach transfer and entrance fees included.

Transport, Prices, and Booking Conditions

Booking & Deposit:
Note that bookings will not be confirmed or accepted without a booking form and non-refundable deposit of £250. Please book early so that we can try to accommodate any requests you may have. Booking forms online on our website www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk

There is a £25 per person admin charge for any amendments to bookings which includes room upgrades. We do not accept cheques or debit/credit cards - best to pay via online banking.

Transport:
You will need to book your own flights but if you book the BA flights below then you can join our coach transfer to/from the hotel for a small additional cost.

18.09.2027	BA 492	d Heathrow	08.20	a Gibraltar	12.10
25.09.2027	BA 491	d Gibraltar	10.50	a. Heathrow	12.50

The flight times are the same for the second week of 25 September. Transfer time to the hotel 25 minutes. EasyJet and other airlines will fly to Gibraltar. Best to book flights early as prices go up over time.

BA also have more regular flights from Heathrow and Gatwick to Malaga - transfer time to the hotel 1 hour 15 minutes.

Package includes:
- Bridge tuition to include 5 x lessons with Andrew's set hands, 6 x Gentle Duplicates and Supervised play after dinner (Chicago scoring)
- Exclusive use of the Bridge room for the week
- Welcome drink in the hotel before dinner on the first evening
- The use of facilities within the hotel
- Half board accommodation as detailed below

Accommodation: Price includes half-board accommodation as on page 3. Please note: rooms do vary in size and style. ARBH will do its utmost to ensure that requests are granted but will treat all requests on a strictly first come first served basis. However rooming allocations are ultimately made at the hotel's discretion.

Holiday Cost:

Garden room:	1 person	£3195
	2 sharing	£2595 per person
Sea View Room:	1 person	£3395
	2 sharing	£2795 per person
Deluxe Suite:	2 sharing	£3495 per person

Flights: **Guests need to book their own flights.** ARB Holidays are not responsible nor liable for guests' independent flights. If a holiday is cancelled or if a guest cancels, then guests should contact their airline for a refund or voucher.

Extending your stay:
You are welcome to stay extra nights and make your own travel plans. We have been working with F&P travel to build your trip and if you would like to stay on they would be more than happy to help you book extra nights here or expand your trip in Andalusia to take in other destinations. Contact the team at hello@fandptravel.com or call on 01306 264005.

Insurance:
It is the responsibility of individuals to ensure they have adequate travel insurance for this trip, to include any activities in which they may be participating. On booking, a signature will be required to guarantee that you have, or will have, made the arrangements to insure your party as necessary.

Money:

- Should the £ fall by more than 5% against the Euro before the beginning of June 2027, a surcharge, appropriate to the fall, will be charged to all clients on the package price and excursions.
- The deposit is non-refundable.
- The full balance is due in early June 2027 (we will email a balance request in June).

Cancellation: The deposit is non-refundable and once the balance has been paid, no refunds will be given, although you should be able to claim on your insurance.

Jack Stocken: Jack has been teaching bridge for over 30 years, starting at the Andrew Robson Bridge Club in London. For the last 5 years he has mainly taught online with www.learnbridgeonline.com and has three weekly online classes. Jack is one of the country's most respected and successful bridge teachers with hundreds of weekly online subscribers. He has been running ARB Holidays for over 20 years.

ARB Holidays – Liability:
In all the arrangements we have made for your holiday, we have taken reasonable steps to ensure that the suppliers of the services used are of an acceptable standard. However, we would point out that we do not own or control the organisations providing transport or accommodation for your holiday. We cannot accept any liability for services provided (carriage by air, sea or land, accommodation and other space), where these services are interrupted by force majeure, which includes but is not limited to acts of God, adverse weather conditions (including ash clouds), acts or threat of war, government action, strike, terrorism, civil unrest, fire, failure of public utilities, medical emergency, pandemic such as COVID, natural or nuclear disaster or airport closure. Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays Ltd accept no liability for any mishap, loss, damage, illness, accident or death that may occur during this trip. For full Terms & Conditions look on our website: www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk

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OKU Andalusia 2027 Booking Form

Please pay the £250 per person deposit via online banking (email Jack for details) or use telephone banking or visit a branch or ask a family member to make the transfer for you. We do not accept cheques nor credit/debit cards. One booking form per person please (except couples). Fill in an online booking form on our website www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk
Do not post a booking form.

1. I would like to book _____ persons on the trip, detailed as below:

Names including Title (Mr, Mrs etc)	**Room type (see page 3)** **Garden room** **Sea View** **Deluxe Suite**
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2. Insurance: Please sign below to state that you have taken out adequate insurance for your holiday and have agreed to the Terms and Conditions listed on our website www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk

Name	Signature
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3. Please note any supplementary requirements here, e.g. vegetarian meals, allergies etc.

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4. Please fully complete the section below in BLOCK CAPITALS:

Address .....

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Telephone / Mobile: .....

Email .....

5. **Next of Kin:** Please provide the following details (IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Name: …… Main Contact Number: ……