GREEN BOOK

Sustainability, environment and culture of Isla Cristina

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Welcome to our commitment



TUI BLUE Isla Cristina Palace holds the Travelife Gold certification, the international seal recognising accommodations with the best environmental and social sustainability practices.

This Green Book gathers what we do — and what you can do too — to care for the natural environment, culture and community of Isla Cristina during your stay: from the natural area that surrounds us to simple everyday actions that help us reduce our impact.

Thank you for being part of this commitment.

> ***Every small gesture during your stay adds up to the hotel's goal of improving its environmental footprint every year.***

Natural environment: the Marshes



Isla Cristina lies within a Protected Natural Area: the Isla Cristina Marshes, almost 800 hectares of channels, estuaries and mudflats that can be explored on foot, by bike, on horseback or by kayak.

This environment is home to flamingos, spoonbills, storks and around twenty bird species, as well as the common chameleon, the only lizard species native to Andalusia. Along the trail you'll find a Bird Observation Point with panels and QR codes to discover the local flora and fauna.

We invite you to explore it respectfully: stay on the marked trails and avoid disturbing the wildlife.

> ***Fun fact: the common chameleon found here is the only lizard species native to the whole of Andalusia.***

Doñana National Park



Not far away lies Doñana, a frontier between land and sea and one of Europe's most important natural areas. Marshland, stabilised sands and moving dunes form three ecosystems where the Iberian lynx, the Spanish imperial eagle and hundreds of thousands of migratory birds coexist.

A classic excursion starts at the El Acebuche Visitor Centre, near Matalascañas, crossing virgin beach, dunes and marshland to the Guadalquivir estuary.

Ask at reception how to organise a responsible visit with authorised guides.

> ***Doñana is home to emblematic and endangered species, such as the Iberian lynx and the Spanish imperial eagle.***

History of Isla Cristina



Isla Cristina was born after the 1755 Lisbon earthquake, which reshaped the Huelva coastline and formed the small island where the town now stands. It was founded by Catalan fishermen in 1756, led by Arnau, a fishing skipper from Canet de Mar.

It was first called La Higuerita and took its current name, Isla Cristina, in 1834 in gratitude to Queen María Cristina. In 1915 it published the province's first local newspaper, and today it retains a strong seafaring character, with fishing still driving the local economy alongside tourism.

> ***The name "Isla Cristina" was adopted in 1834 in gratitude to Queen María Cristina.***

What to do in Isla Cristina



10 km of fine golden-sand beaches, several with Blue Flag status, are the jewel of the town. You can enjoy sport fishing (respecting closed seasons and licences), golf in Islantilla, watersports, birdwatching in the marshes, or the local cultural scene at the Cultural Centre and the Horacio Noguera Theatre.

We encourage you to discover the destination actively and respectfully: walk, cycle, and support local shops and restaurants whenever you can.

> ***Several beaches in Isla Cristina are awarded the Blue Flag distinction every year.***

Festivals and traditions



The Isla Cristina Carnival, declared a Festival of Touristic Interest of Andalusia, is the oldest in the province of Huelva and one of the most celebrated in Spain, with parades, floats and costume contests forty days before Holy Week.

Throughout the year come Holy Week, the Mª Auxiliadora and Ntra. Sra. de la Esperanza pilgrimages, the Carmen festivities in July, and the Atlantic Choral Festival in October, among many other local celebrations.

> ***The Isla Cristina Carnival is officially declared a Festival of Touristic Interest of Andalusia.***

Local cuisine



Isla Cristina's cuisine combines traditional fishermen's recipes with market cooking that makes the most of the best fish and seafood of the day: sole, anchovies, cuttlefish, prawns and the well-known mojama (cured tuna), along with stews such as the "blanquillo".

Around a hundred bars and restaurants, many by the harbour, offer everything from traditional tapas to signature cuisine. Don't leave without trying the local 'coca' for dessert.

> ***Isla Cristina's mojama (cured tuna) is one of the town's most recognised culinary products.***

Travel responsibly



Treat the destination as if it were your own home: respect the local culture and way of life, and support local shops and restaurants.

Reduce your footprint by using public transport, cycling or walking whenever possible, and save energy and water during your stay.

Always ask permission before photographing people, especially children, and avoid activities that could harm children, animals or their natural habitats.

If you have any doubts about how to act at the destination, our reception team will be happy to help.

> ***A small gesture, like walking instead of driving, helps protect the destination you're visiting.***



SAVE ENERGY

Ahorra energía

Every gesture counts towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Please help us by turning off lights and air conditioning when leaving your room, closing fridge and cold room doors after use, and unplugging equipment you're not using.

With these small gestures you contribute to our goal of keeping the hotel's energy consumption below 20.50 kWh per person per day.

> ***In 2025 our electricity consumption was 15.79 kWh per person per day, 34.2% below the internationally recommended maximum.***

This commitment is part of the requirements verified by our Travelife Gold certification, which audits our energy management every year.



SAVE WATER

Cuida el agua

Water is a scarce resource on our coast. Help us look after it by turning off the tap while soaping up or brushing your teeth, letting reception or your housekeeper know about any leaks or drips, and reusing your towels whenever you can.

Our goal is to keep water consumption below 0.43 m³ per person per day.

> ***In 2025 we used 450 litres per person per day. Our challenge for 2026: to go below 430 litres.***

We also have water-saving devices on taps and toilets, and a towel and sheet laundering system available on request.



REDUCE & SORT

Reduce y separa

Reduce before you recycle: use only what you need and avoid single-use plastic whenever possible. Sort your waste correctly into the organic, packaging, glass and paper/cardboard bins found in the hotel's designated areas.

We manage our waste with authorised operators (GIAHSA and Antonio España) to maximise reuse and recycling.

> ***We sort cardboard/paper, glass, wood, plastic and hazardous waste in every area of the hotel.***

Every bin is labelled with images and pictograms, so it's easy to identify regardless of the language you speak.



PROTECT THE SEA

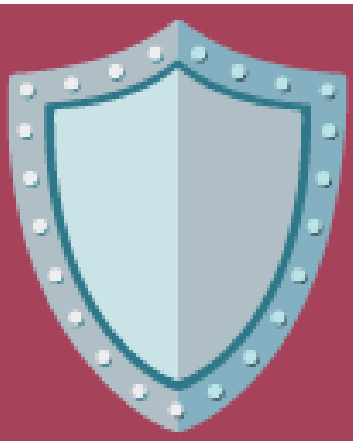
Protege el mar

Some sunscreens contain chemical filters and microplastics that damage the reefs and marine life along our coast.

We encourage you to use biodegradable or reef-safe sunscreen — free from oxybenzone, octinoxate and microplastics — during your stay and on the beach. Care for the sea while you enjoy it.

> ***A single swim wearing conventional sunscreen can release chemical filters that harm coral reefs.***

You can find reef-safe sunscreen at local shops; ask reception if you'd like recommendations.



CHILD PROTECTION

Protección infantil

Protecting children is a commitment of TUI BLUE Isla Cristina Palace.

If you notice any suspicious situation of child exploitation or abuse during your stay, please contact reception immediately, or call 112 (Emergencies) or 091 (National Police) directly. All reports are treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Emergencies: 112 · National Police: 091 · Hotel reception: available 24h

All our staff receive specific training in preventing and detecting risk situations involving minors, as part of our Travelife Gold certification.

Our commitments, in numbers

We measure and reduce our impact every day. Here are some real results from our environmental management in the 2025 season:

Water consumption per person/day (recommended max: 400 L)	**450 L (2026 target: 430 L)**
Electricity consumption per person/day (recommended max: 24 kWh)	**15.79 kWh (−34.2%)**
Sustainability certification	**Travelife Gold**
Management system	**ISO 9001 · ISO 14001**
Waste separation	**Cardboard/paper · Glass · Wood · Plastic · Hazardous**
Swimming pool	**Saline chlorination (low chemical impact)**
Gardens	**Drip irrigation and native species**

We also have automatic shut-off devices, low-consumption LED lighting, thermal insulation on tanks and pipework, and an Equality Plan that guarantees equal treatment and opportunities across our team.

> ***Our goal this year: keep energy consumption below 20.50 kWh/pax and water consumption below 0.43 m³/pax.***

Thank you for caring, with us,
for Isla Cristina and its surroundings.

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Signed and supervised by the Management of this hotel.