



21th Mediterranean and Black Seas Hydrographic Commission (MBSHC) Conference Hotel Playa Victoria, Cádiz, España (Spain), 11 - 13 June 2019

The 21th MBSHC conference will be held in <u>Hotel Playa Victoria</u>, in Cádiz (Cádiz province), Andalucía (Region), Spain.



History

Founded about 3000 years ago by the Phoenicians, Cádiz is the oldest city in Western Europe. Successive settlers left a cultural imprint which still lasts in the character of "gaditanos": Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Visigoths and Arabs have left archaeological sites and monuments from each era.

This peninsula, in the middle of the Andalusian Atlantic coast, has managed to preserve an important historical legacy due to its commercial importance along with excellent beaches and exquisite regional cuisine.

This city offers visitors a walk through its neighbourhoods full of history; the Barrio de la Viña, the best place to enjoy the Carnivals or the "Pescaíto" (fried fish) of the Bay; the Old Town, where most of the monuments are grouped and the Barrio del Pópulo, from medieval origin.



Further details in the More History and tourist information item



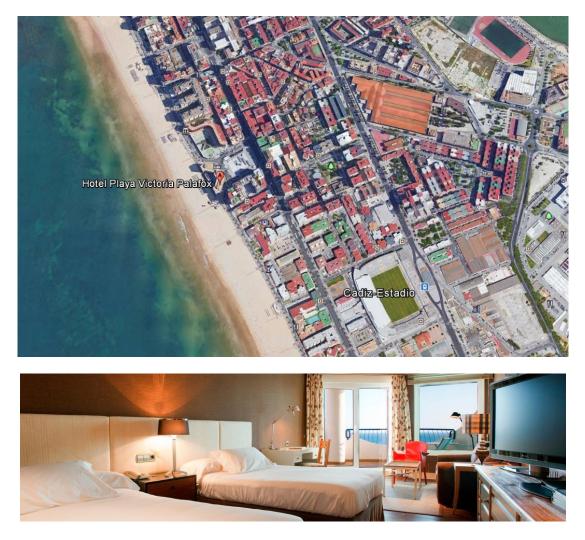


Meeting Venue and Accommodation

Special accommodation rates at the Hotel Playa Victoria have been negotiated for the duration of MBSHC-21 (<u>https://www.palafoxhoteles.com/es/hoteles-en-cadiz/hotel-playa-victoria</u>), from 10 to 14 June.

Hotel Playa Victoria:

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The following options are available:

Rooms Type	Only breakfast (VAT incl.)	Breakfast and lunch Conference (10 euros pax) (VAT Incl.)				
Double (1 pax)	123 euros/daily	133 euros/daily				
Double (2 pax)	135 euros/daily	155 euros/daily				
Double frontal view (1 pax)	151,5 euros/daily	161,5 euros/daily				
Double frontal view (2 pax)	163,5 euros/daily	183,5 euros/daily				
Double superior (1 pax)	174 euros/daily	184 euros/daily				
Double superior (2 pax)	186 euros/daily	206 euros/daily				
Double with living room (2	211 euros/daily	231 euros/daily				
pax)						
Royal Suite (2 pax)	256 euros/daily	276 euros/daily				
Grand Royal Suite (2 pax)	356 euros/daily	376 euros/daily				



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The Hotel Playa Victoria is a four-star urban hotel on the Victoria beach in Cádiz. This hotel in Cadiz itself is located next to the ocean and allows you to enjoy stunning views and a direct access to Victoria Beach.

It is located in the place where the Playa Victoria spa used to be. In the hotel you can also enjoy and relax in the outdoor pool and solarium on the beach.





Each room at the Playa Victoria de Cádiz hotel has a private terrace with side and frontal views of the Atlantic and Victoria Beach. Conceived to enjoy long stays, the rooms have large closets.



- 183 double rooms (65 are already blocked)
- 1 room for the disabled.
- Queen Size bed or two singles bed.
- Multimedia applications through LCD screen.
- Individual air conditioning.
- 32 "LCD TV.
- Satellite TV
- Minibar with selected products.
- Hair dryer.
- Safety box with plug for the laptop.
- Pillow menu.
- Room service during the day.
- Free Wi-Fi in all facilities.

The restaurant of the Playa Victoria Hotel "Isla de León" provides the best of Cadiz cuisine with international touches. Its cuisine, based on traditional recipes, offers the best products from the province of Cádiz, interior and coast. Located on the first floor of the hotel, you can enjoy beautiful views of the ocean. It has special menus for those who have any food allergies.







Anyway, there are many restaurants, pubs and entertainment, on the seafront promenade (you can go around Cadiz walking through parks or promenades) including beach bars.

If you wish to stay at an alternative hotel there are several other hotels recommended by IHM in the área:

- 1. Parador de Cádiz, 5*, https://www.parador.es/es/paradores/parador-de-cadiz
- 2. Hotel Occidental Cádiz, 4* <u>https://www.barcelo.com/es/occidental-hotels/hoteles/espana/andalucia/cadiz/occidental-cadiz/</u>
- 3. Hotel Monte Puertatierra Cádiz, 4* <u>https://www.hotelesmonte.com/es/hotel-monte-puertatierra-cadiz/</u>
- 4. Hotel Tryp Cádiz La Caleta, 4* <u>https://www.melia.com/es/hoteles/espana/cadiz/tryp-cadiz-la-caleta-hotel/index.htm</u>

How to get to Cádiz

There are three recommended airports:

- Sevilla (125 km from Cádiz), <u>http://www.aena.es/es/aeropuerto-sevilla/index.html</u>. 75 destinations: Amsterdam, London, Marrakech, Malta, Milano, Munich, Nice, Paris, Rome, Rabat, Tangier, Turin, Verona, Venice, etc.
- Jerez de la Frontera (40 km from Cádiz), <u>http://www.aena.es/es/aeropuerto-jerez/index.html</u>. Four daily flights from Madrid and three from Barcelona, and others depended of the departure airport: Bilbao, Dusseldorf DUS, Frankfurt FRA and HAHN, Hamburg HAM, London/Stansted STN and Palma de Mallorca.
- 3. Madrid (652 km from Cádiz), <u>http://www.aena.es/es/aeropuerto-madrid-barajas/index.html</u>

Web pages of all Spanish airports list information about Public transportation (in the Spanish and English languages).







How to get to Cádiz from Jerez

Jerez Airport (by train to Cadiz)

There are two type of trains:

- Media Distancia MD (Middle Distance): from 07:30, 8 trains every two hours, from the airport to Cadiz for 6,25 euros (in Cádiz like a subway/underground). For more information visit: www.renfe.com. (in Spanish, English and French languages)





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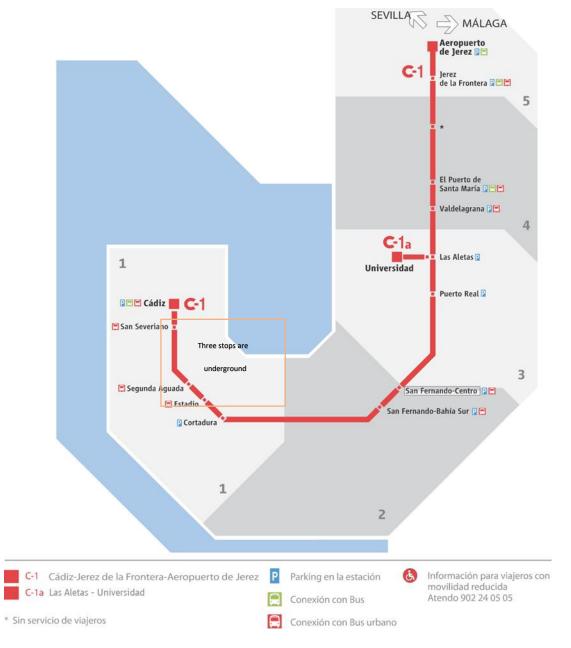
- Cercanías (Commuter trains): Line C-1, each 30 min from Jerez (from 06:00 to 22:30), but only three stops from/to Jerez Airport. Taxi from Jerez airport to Jerez railway station 25 euros. http://www.renfe.com/viajeros/cercanias/cadiz/index.html















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Jerez Airport (by bus to Cadiz)

 There is an actual shuttle service from the Airport to Cadiz. Line M-050 or M-053,

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Jerez Airport (by taxi to Cadiz)

You can take a taxi from the airport to Cadiz. Please note that taxis in Spain have a weekday and weekend rate + number of pieces of luggage. Please note: this is the most expensive way of arriving into Cadiz (about 65 euros). NOT RECOMMENDED.

Jerez Airport (by Spanish Navy bus)

There is the possibility of having buses / minibuses from the Spanish Navy to collect / take the participants to the conference, once IHM has the arrival / departure flights to / from the Jerez airport. This service, if necessary, will be confirmed later.

How to get to Cádiz from Sevilla:

Seville Airport (by train to Cadiz)

There are many trains from Seville to Cadiz. If you arrive to Seville Airport you should take a shuttle service, EA special airport line, (4 euros, 6 euros round trip) <u>http://www.tussam.es/index.php?id=3&linea=2&no_cache=1</u> from the Airport to the train station (Santa Justa train Station), each hour, from 5:20 to 1:15 (destination Sevilla), from 4:30 a 00:30 (destination Airport), and then a train to Cadiz. Other option is by taxi to the Santa Justa, with flat rate, <u>http://www.aena.es/es/aeropuerto-sevilla/taxi.html</u>.





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By train, there are 15 daily trains:

- 13 for MD (Middle Distance), 1 hour and 45 min., 13.30 euros.
- 2 ALVIA train (Madrid-Sevilla-Cádiz), 1 hour and 30 min, 19,05 euros.

More information visit: www.renfe.com

Seville Airport (by bus to Cadiz)

You will have to take a taxi from the airport to the bus station. For more information visit: http://www.tgcomes.es/, http://www.tgcomes.es/), http://www.tgcomes.es/)

Seville Airport (by taxi to Cadiz)

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How to get to Cádiz from Madrid:

Madrid airport (by train to Cádiz)

From the Madrid airport T4 to Atocha rail Station there are subway/underground and commuter trains each 5/10 min., <u>http://www.renfe.com/viajeros/cercanias/madrid/</u> and from Madrid airport T1,T2, T3 and T4 by subway/underground <u>https://www.metromadrid.es/es</u>



There are two types of trains:





- Alta Velocidad Española (AVE), Spanish high speed train, Madrid to Sevilla Santa Justa (2 hours and 30 min), 20 trains daily, y then take a MD train.



- ALVIA train (Madrid-Cádiz), Long distance train (4 hours), 4 trains daily.



Frequently asked questions

What is the weather like?

Cádiz enjoys mild winters and pleasant warm summers. Summer temperatures in June from 25,3 to 19,5 Celsius grade. More information in <u>www.aemet.es</u>.



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What electricity supply is used in Spain?

Spain uses 220/230 volts AC 50Hz electricity supply. The plugs are type F.



What Tax system is used?

At present, in Spain there are three types of VAT, the amount of which is the same for professionals, individuals and legal entities. A summary is presented for those attending the 21st Conference of the MBSHC

General VAT

The general VAT is in most widespread use. It is applied by default to most products and services. This includes fashion, decoration, electronics and appliances, vehicles ... And almost any professional service that is not included in the categories of reduced VAT, super-reduced VAT or VAT exempt. The general VAT rate is 21%.





VAT reduced

On the other hand, reduced VAT taxes necessary products, including food, water, purchase of new homes, and pharmaceutical products (not medicines), as well as some services such as attending fairs, museums and exhibitions.

This type of reduced VAT is also applicable to passenger transport, hotel services, bars and restaurants, spas and food and beverage supply, and amateur sports events. The reduced VAT in Spain is 10%.

Super reduced VAT

Finally, the super-reduced VAT tax 4% is applied to basic necessities. This includes products such as bread, milk, cheese, eggs, fruit, vegetables, legumes and root vegetables, medicines for human use, and books, magazines and newspapers.

Do I have to tip?

Tipping hospitality industry staff (waiters, bar staff and hotel porters), and taxi drivers, is not mandatory and there is no standard practice. Tipping is only given in case of good service.

Can I drink the water?

All water in the Spain can be drunk straight from the taps, however if you prefer bottled water it is readily available from all shopping malls, pubs, cafés and small stores.

More History and tourist information



It was for many years in the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries Cádiz was one of the most important ports in the maritime traffic with the Indies: Africa, America and Asia. It was the "international business center" of the time along with Seville, with the famous House of Contracting (Casa de la Contratación), founded in 1503 and moved to Cádiz in 1717, and its senior pilot (created in 1508), in charge of examining the pilots who sailed to the Indies, and of drawing the maps or navigation charts and the real standard or model map of the New World where all the discoveries were recorded, until 1519 when the post of cartographer was created.







The House guarded secret nautical information and cartography to prevent this information from falling into the hands of foreign powers.



Beaches, dunes and salt lakes make up the Bay, a natural and aquatic park where Cádiz is located, surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean. Its waters are cooler than those of the Mediterranean Sea, so it is a pleasure to walk and bathe in them.







The "Costa de la Luz", divided between the provinces of Huelva and Cádiz, also offers a multitude of destinations that combine culture and leisure. And for lovers of the natural environment, there is nothing better than going through the Doñana National Park, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.



UNESCO World Heritage Convention: Spain is the third country with the most declared World Heritage sites in the world. <u>España</u> / Spain (47), Andalucía (7)

- <u>Alhambra, Generalife y Albaicín de Granada</u> (1984, 1994)
- Centro histórico de Córdoba (1984, 1994)
- Catedral, alcázar y Archivo de Indias de Sevilla (1987)
- Parque Nacional de Doñana (1994, 2005)
- Conjuntos monumentales renacentistas de Úbeda y Baeza (2003)
- <u>Dólmenes de Antequera</u> (2016)
- <u>Ciudad califal de Medina Azahara</u> (2018)

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Social Events

The possibility of programming the following social events is currently under consideration:

- 10 June, Ice-Breaker in Hotel terrace with beach view (business casual)
- 12 June, Conference Dinner (business casual)

Please, report your willingness to attend, accompanied or not, in the registration form.