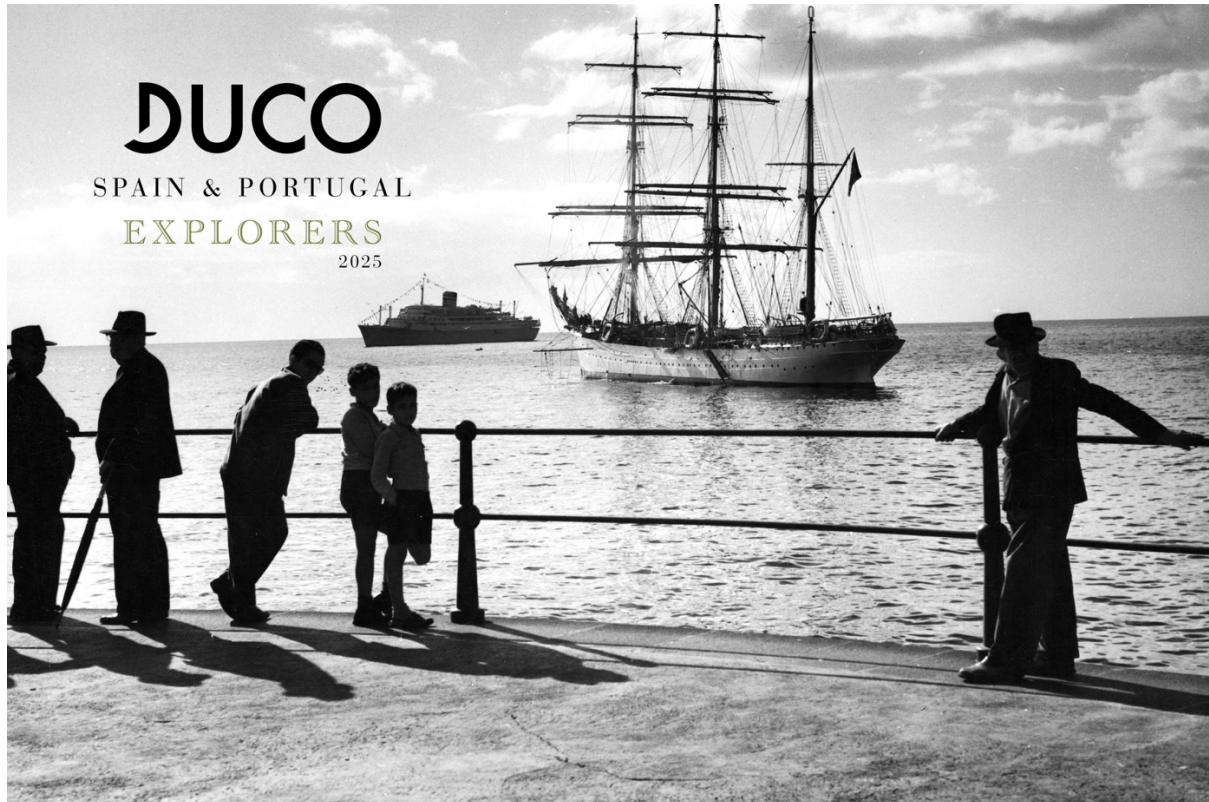


**‘DUCO EXPLORERS’
DUCO TRAVEL SUMMIT CELEBRATES THE INAUGURAL EDITION OF
DUCO SPAIN & PORTUGAL IN MARBELLA, SPAIN**

The finest Spanish and Portuguese hospitality providers connect with the world’s top English-speaking travel advisors in a celebration of discovery, connection, and the art of exploration, at this exclusive high-end travel summit in Marbella, from October 13th to 16th, 2025.



The inaugural edition of [DUCO Spain & Portugal](#) embraces the theme **DUCO Explorers**. Inspired by the courage and curiosity of those who once looked beyond the horizon, the concept reflects a shared spirit of discovery that continues to shape Spain and Portugal today. Through this theme, the summit invites participants to embark on a journey of connection and understanding, exploring the stories, people, and places that define the art of hospitality across both nations.

[DUCO Travel Summit](#) pioneered the concept of a destination-focused event dedicated to high-end hospitality, serving as a groundbreaking initiative to spotlight a single destination in its own setting. Celebrating its first edition as an annual event, this innovative invitation-only event brings together the most refined Spanish and Portuguese hoteliers and travel experiences with an exclusive selection of top travel advisors from international English-speaking markets, as well as DMCs and trusted destination partners. With DUCO, Spain and Portugal are on the calendar of the world’s finest travel events.

Hosting 175 high-end hospitality professionals and upscale experience providers along with 125 of the finest travel advisors, who are the top sellers and leading experts from English-speaking markets, DUCO Spain & Portugal 2025 announces an immersive

program. Attendees dive deep into the destinations, starting at enriching twenty-minute daytime appointments and continuing through engaging evening events.

DUCO is proudly sponsored by the Andalucía Tourist Board, Luxury Travel by Costa del Sol Tourist Board and Marbella Tourism.

Antonio Díaz, Managing Director of Luxury Travel by Costa del Sol Tourist Board noted, "Costa del Sol has established itself as a premier tourism destination, and participating in such an enriching event is pivotal to strengthening our position in the luxury segment. We are committed to delivering high-quality services that highlight the beauty and hospitality of our province, alongside innovation, exclusivity, and personalized attention," stated Díaz.

"The collaborative effort of institutions has brought a significant project to Marbella, one of the most important B2B actions in recent years, which will host over 150 international agents from the Luxury and Premium segment, showcasing the virtues of our province. With such initiatives, Turismo Costa del Sol remains dedicated to promoting the province as a top-tier tourist destination," Díaz concluded.

Finca Cortesin Hotel will welcome attendees for the Press Program, followed by the Registration & Standing Cocktail at Finca Cortesin Beach Club, an open-air celebration by the sea that captures the essence of Marbella.

The following day, the participants will gather at the gardens of Marbella Club Hotel for the Standing Opening Cocktail.

Anantara Villa Padierna Palace will then host the scheduled appointments throughout the week. In partnership with The Leading Hotels of the World, a dedicated area will welcome exhibiting affiliates, creating a refined environment for meaningful meetings and connections. Among the experiences featured at the venue, Portuguese textile brand Lameirinho will present a mockup of a high-end hotel suite showcasing its premium linens and home textiles.

DUCO Spain & Portugal 2025 Awards Presentation will take place in a unique setting at the Anantara Amphitheatre.

The summit will conclude with a Farewell Lunch at La Plaza, Puente Romano — a vibrant square surrounded by restaurants and terraces, perfectly capturing Marbella's relaxed Mediterranean rhythm.

For full details, please refer to the official [Event Program](#).

DUCO will also host a three-day Press Program for contributors of international, Spanish and Portuguese media from October 12th to 14th, 2025, in Paris. The program begins with a Welcome Press Dinner at Kimpton Los Monteros Marbella, with the presence of the sponsors representatives and welcoming journalists from leading media outlets. The Press Office will be located at Finca Cortesin Hotel, where a Press Program on Monday, October 13th, will facilitate meetings between Exhibitors and media throughout the day. The day will conclude with the Registration & Standing Cocktail at Finca Cortesin Beach Club. The final day, Tuesday, October 14th, will include guided visits to the DUCO's appointment venue, Anantara Villa Padierna Palace.

DUCO Spain & Portugal proudly features a selection of Exhibitors who are esteemed members of renowned associations, including The Leading Hotels of the World, Preferred Hotels & Resorts, Relais & Châteaux, and Small Luxury Hotels of the World. For the full list of Exhibitors, please refer to the [Exhibitors List](#).

DUCO Spain & Portugal 2025 will continue its tradition of honoring excellence with the DUCO Spain & Portugal Awards, celebrating the best hoteliers, experience providers, and favorite properties as voted by attendees with winners in five categories:

- Best Spanish Hotelier
- Best Portuguese Hotelier
- Unique Experience Provider
- Estrella de España (Best Spanish Hotel)
- Joia de Portugal (Best Portuguese Hotel)

The winners will be announced on October 15th at Anantara Amphitheatre, after the appointments. Discover the complete list of 2025 nominees at [this link](#).

DUCO Spain & Portugal embraces a more digitally oriented approach, extending beyond the annual gathering. [DUCO Spain & Portugal](#) serves as an ongoing showcase of these two culturally rich destinations, offering regional highlights. In parallel, DUCO Spain & Portugal remains a year-round platform for inspiration, exclusive insights, and the finest travel experiences. Stay connected via [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

During the summit, the DUCO App will provide attendees with a comprehensive digital platform for networking, scheduling, and event information.

*Learn more about the program [here](#)
Learn more about the sponsors [here](#)*

About DUCO Travel Summit

Founded in 2016 by Carolina Perez, DUCO Travel Summit is a destination-oriented initiative and the first travel summit of its kind to focus on a single destination. It serves as both a curated event and a communication channel for promoting destinations through marketing actions and digital platforms.

DUCO Travel Summit organizes DUCO Italy, an annual event established in Florence in 2018. Since 2024, DUCO Italy has been held in Milan, while DUCO France continues to take place annually in Paris. DUCO has also announced the launch of DUCO Spain & Portugal, with its inaugural edition scheduled to take place in Marbella, Spain, in October 2025.

The DUCO concept is the result of the passion of the company's founder, Carolina Perez, who is of Italian heritage and grew up in Brazil. After leading the family business, Teresa Perez Tours, in São Paulo for 16 years, Carolina created and founded Travelweek São Paulo, which was acquired by ILTM Reed Exhibitions in 2013 and rebranded as ILTM Latin America.

To learn more about DUCO Travel Summit including DUCO Italy, DUCO France and DUCO Spain & Portugal, please visit ducotravelsummit.com.

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