Yurbban Passage Hotel & Spa, Barcelona

Location

Situated in the popular Born district on the fringes of Barcelona's ciutat vella, Yurbban Passage is a modern sanctuary nestled in the midst of the old town's Gothic charm.

Within walking distance are the Cathedral of Barcelona, Parc de la Ciutadella and the infamous La Rambla. Urquinaona metro station is mere steps away making it extra easy to get to attractions further afield such as Gaudí's Sagrada Familia or Parc Güell.

Interiors are sleek, with the reception area opening up invitingly into the hotel restaurant. Rich wood accents puncture the monochrome theme, creating a feeling of warmth and comfort as soon as you walk through the doors.

Rooms

Bedrooms are characterised by clean lines. The airiness created by the whitewashed walls is offset by deep walnut wood headboards and striking black motifs.

Standard rooms boast excellent space-saving design, such as concealed built-in wardrobes, and some premium rooms have spacious terraces overlooking the courtyard. Beds in all rooms are king size and bathrooms boast a rainfall shower.

The hotel describes itself as an oasis in the heart of Barcelona, and this rings true. Relaxing in the immaculately designed bedrooms or the atmospheric lounge will make you feel as though you are a million miles away from the centre of one of the most touristy cities in the world.

Amenities

A basement spa with indoor pool, sauna, steam room, ice bath and a full menu of treatments is a haven after a long day's walking. And the cascade shower is an unparalleled cure for a sore head after one too many Cavas the night before!

The rooftop terrace, with its slick swimming pool and bar, is the jewel in Yurbban Passage's crown. Guests can sip a frosty glass of Verdejo or Estrella while peering over Barcelona's rooftops, or take in views towards the sea while having a leisurely swim.



Food and drink

Catalan fare is the order of the day in the hotel restaurant. A contemporary, frequently-changing menu includes delights such as tuna tataki and seared scallops.

A strong contender with the rooftop and spa for the best thing about Yurbban Passage has to be the free wine and cheese hour between 5 and 6pm every evening. Guests can wander next door to the sister Yurbban Trafalgar hotel and gorge on natural wines and local cheeses to their heart's content.

Service

Nothing is too much for the staff, who go out of their way to make your stay comforting and luxurious in equal measure. From the glass of free cava on arrival to toothpaste supplies (who hasn't forgotten to bring toothpaste on holiday!) to restaurant and activity recommendations around the city, there is very little Yurbban Passage hasn't thought of.