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CASCO ANTIGUO · PANAMA

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OVERVIEW

Hotel La Compañía opened in April 2022 as the first hotel in Central America to be part of the exclusive Unbound Collection by Hyatt. The hotel sits in the heart of Casco Antiguo, Panama's colorful old city and sprawls over an entire city block. As an UNESCO World Heritage Site, this centuries-old complex, which includes a Jesuit convent built in the seventeenth century, consists of four beautifully restored buildings that sit alongside the ruins of a 300-year-old church, framing the hotel's expansive internal courtyard with lush gardens.

Three eras of Panamanian history come to life at Hotel La Compañía, where rich modern design revives the significant bygone setting. The colonial architecture of the Spanish, French, and the Beaux-Arts movements inspired the hotel's meticulous seven-year restoration. Piece by piece, a talented team of international designers, architects, and historians painstakingly restored original brick, stone, and wood for the buildings' facade and quaint niches, transforming Panama's past into a stunning luxury hotel with an abundance of historical relevance.

An iconic artistic gem, Hotel La Compañía is a living museum with Panama's historic splendor woven into the fabric of the hotel through its sophisticated, contemporary design. The hotel brings Panama's colorful past to life, blending modern elegance with meticulous detailing all set to astonish even the most cultured traveler.

BUILDINGS + ACCOMMODATIONS

With a mixture of contemporary indulgence and historic grandeur, Hotel La Compañía creates a new chapter in Panama's legacy. The design and architectural plan of this exceptional landmark focuses on three distinct wings for a total of 88 guestrooms, each capturing a distinctly romantic feel of the past and present.

Spanish Colonial

As the oldest building in the hotel complex, the Spanish wing dates back to 1688—completed by the Jesuits after the infamous Welsh Captain, Sir Henry Morgan, destroyed the original city of Panama. Following the Jesuit expulsion from New Spain in 1767, this building served many purposes over the years. It was built as a Jesuit convent and then ran as Hotel Washington in 1830 for year until it later became the home of Matilde Obarrio de Mallet (Lady Mallet), founder of the National Red Cross in Panama.

Today, the Spanish Colonial wing consists of 20 guestrooms, each featuring a mix of historical elements infused with contemporary design. These cozy accommodations capture the essence of the building's original design with restored calicanto or stone walls, wooden support beams, and wrought iron accents.

French Colonial

Originally built as Compañía de Jesús Convent by Jesuit priests in 1739, the French wing marked Panama's first university, San Javier University. Sadly, it too was abandoned in 1767 after the Jesuit expulsion, then repurposed as apartments during the French period of the Panama Canal construction. While the Spanish and French buildings both burned down in 1781, much of the historical structures can still be seen today: from the original stonework to the brick and wood that was salvaged in the restoration and repurposed to create new design elements throughout the space.

This part of the hotel consists of 45 modern guestrooms, featuring classic French elegance with elaborate ceiling moldings, chic all-white interiors that accent the original stone walls, and French doors overlooking the hotel's magnificent courtyard or the colorful street view of Casco Antiguo's eclectic neighborhood.

American Beaux-Art

Once a high-end department store known as American Bazaar, the complex's youngest addition was constructed in 1904. The Beaux-Art era design of this wing highlights the next chapter of Casco Antiguo and the American period of the Canal construction. The American wing's 23 guestrooms reflect a vintage-era inspiration from the early 20th-century with elegant wainscoting panels accentuated with a timeless photo wall. The fresh take on the timeless design style features a clean palette of black and white with dramatic accents.

All accommodations come equipped with:

- 55" flat-screen HDTV
- Netflix streaming access with an account
- Individually controlled heating and air conditioning
- Molton Brown bathroom amenities
- Iron and ironing board
- In-room safe
- Hair dryer
- Nespresso Essenza coffeemaker
- Complimentary minibar with soft drinks
- Mini fridge

DINING

The crown jewel in the center of Casco Antiguo, Hotel La Compañía is an entertainment and dining destination with multiple chef-driven restaurants and unique dining experiences from a casual specialty coffee and tea bar and a stylish lobby bar to a formal French dining restaurant and all-day dining with cuisine from around the world.

The hotel tapped world-renowned specialty chefs to create its international menu. Executive Chef Luis Artigas oversees the food and beverage outlets at Hotel La Compañía. Known for using fresh and locally sourced ingredients as part of his creations, Chef Luis Artigas infuses local ingredients with Asian, European, North and Latin American flavors into the various restaurants of the hotel.

El Santuario

Located on the ground level of the Spanish wing, El Santuario's ornate interior is reminiscent of an old Spanish church with stunning stone arches and oversized windows. This outlet provides guests with all-day dining, featuring an international menu that includes Panamanian gastronomy, along with Spanish, Asian and Western cuisine, as well as Indian dishes made in an authentic tandoor oven, which is unique for Panama.

Asian dim sum and spring rolls meet Indian curried chicken and vegetable tikka masala, while local dishes like prawn tamales and picañas give diners a look into the local cuisine. Vegetarians too will find a host of options from around the globe, as well as gluten-free dishes.

1739 Restaurant & Wine Cellar

1739 Restaurant & Wine Cellar offers guests an elegant fine-dining experience, as well as the option to select and taste from more than 1,000 bottles of wine in its distinctive brick-vaulted ceiling wine cellar. Guests are surrounded by more than 80 images of well-known local personalities who have placed Panama on the international map with contributions in their specific fields. Artists Olga Sinclair and Eduardo Navarro, former Major League Baseball player Mariano Rivera, Smithsonian Researcher Stanley Heckadon, and musicians Erika Ender and Joey Montana are among those who are highlighted on the restaurant's Wall of Fame.

The menu at 1739 Restaurant & Wine Cellar features time honored French flavors with a modern twist, including steak tartare, pork tenderloin, French onion soup, beef confit and the all-time favorite garlic butter escargots. The charcuterie boards present an upscale take on traditional chophouse dishes.

American Bazaar

The American Bazaar was an iconic men's department store during the heyday of the American chapter in Panama when mammoth efforts were made to complete the Canal. Today, the American Bazaar restaurant pays homage to the original store as an authentic replica where guests can admire the eclectic surroundings and enjoy classic American cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere.

Luigi's

Luigi's is the hotel's 1930s-style authentic-to-Italy restaurant. Designed with earthy neutral tones to convey the warmth of traditional cooking, the intimate restaurant serves cucina povera, cuisine of the people, including a menu of several dishes served during the 1930s in Italy. The concept can be found in every society and is about making great food with simple, yet high quality, and available ingredients. Cucina Povera involves skilled preparation by knowledgeable cooks using inventiveness and techniques passed down through generations.

Hari's

Hari's was inspired by the mismatched and eclectic furniture pieces of famed 1980s designer Harry Segil. Explosively colorful and outrageously quirky, Hari's is an unrestrained celebration of the contagious creative energy that runs through the restaurant, encouraging guests to let loose and immerse themselves fully in the present. Serving an innovative Nikkei cuisine menu, Hari's is a non-traditional dining experience where anything goes, and guests are wowed with moments of surprise and delight.

Exilio Bar

More than 250 years ago, the Jesuits who constructed La Compañía's original French wing taught, resided, and more than likely, enjoyed their evening brew in this very building until their sudden expulsion in 1767. That secret exile order from King Carlos III of Spain to suppress the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) accounts for the bar's existence. The extensive bar menu features a blend of craft cocktails, fine Panamanian rums, and signature drinks like the Albayalde, 1739, Pink Sour, Casco Sour, Bucaneer, and 1800s Sunset. Exilio continues with tradition and serves the guests' brew of choice in this exclusive monastic bar.

Capella

The hotel's impressive rooftop lounge, Capella, sits above Casco Antiguo providing guests with sweeping 360-degree views of the city, Ancon Hill, and the Pacific Ocean. Named after the brightest star in the northern constellation of Auriga, this stylish cocktail bar designed with a bright and

breathtaking onyx backdrop serves up creative craft cocktails inspired by the night sky. Cocktails like the Polaris, a fruity and refreshing cocktail named after the yellow supergiant known as the North Star, and Draconis, a bourbon-based cocktail representing the Dragon constellation 300 times more luminous than the sun, are unique to Capella's menu.

La Panaderia

The hotel's smallest dining outlet, La Panaderia offers the experience of tasting various options of locally brewed and infused coffee and tea, accompanied by savory and sweet artisanal pastries, all made with local products.

MEETING & EVENT SPACES

Located in the heart of the city's cultural center, the hotel's position is ideal for meetings, weddings, and celebrations. Hotel La Compañía features 3,597 square feet of flexible indoor space and 14,500 square feet of outdoor space with its expansive courtyard. The hotel's ballroom, the Roosevelt Room, hosts up to 125 guests, and its four function rooms can accommodate 115 guests in total.

The combination of indoor and outdoor space along with the neighboring 300-year-old church ruins ensures that groups have multiple venues to choose from for multi-day events and conferences. The hotel is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, an onsite IT team, and a dedicated event team to ensure flawless execution of every occasion. Amenities like built-in screens and projectors, as well as folding wall panels to divide the room for breakout sessions, are available in each meeting room.

Weddings at Hotel La Compañía are one-of-a-kind. The hotel offers unique ceremony locations, a dedicated wedding team, and onsite restaurants available to create the perfect menu for couples' big day. Venue options include the ruins of the neighboring 300-year-old church or the hotel's oversized courtyard under the tree-lined isle, perfect for couples seeking a unique wedding. From rehearsal dinners to farewell brunches and more, Hotel La Compañía's wedding specialists assist in making dream weddings a reality.

ROOFTOP POOL, SPA & FITNESS CENTER

Hotel La Compañía gives guests an elevated view of both the city and the famous Panama Canal from its chic sundeck and infinity pool. Guests can enjoy a spectacular 360-degree views from the Pacific Ocean to Panama City.

Hotel La Compañía is home to an intimate spa with four treatment rooms and a menu that features the Germaine de Capuccini product line from Spain. Guests can expect treatments like stone ritual massages, hydracure facials, and bamboo body scrubs meant to destress and delight.

NEIGHBORHOOD & LOCATION

Positioned across the street from the famed Church of San Jose, right in the heart of Panama's historic district, the hotel is a revitalizing retreat that is a popular destination for its restaurants, bars, and cultural attractions. The rebirth of this iconic structure as Hotel La Compañía brings a new story where one-of-a-kind programming, extraordinary

gastronomy, and unforgettable experiences will establish both the hotel and the neighborhood as the epicenter of Panama's cultural and historical scene.

Guests can walk down the cobblestone streets of Casco Antiguo (named an UNESCO World Heritage Site) to see the nesting herons at the Presidential Palace, the French obelisk at the Plaza de Francia, and the iconic Metropolitan Archcathedral Basilica. The hotel can also arrange excursions such as a nature tour on the Panama Canal, a visit to the secluded beaches of Contadora Island, or a day of swimming and snorkeling around the San Blas Islands.

The hotel is walking distance to main attractions and only 30 minutes' drive from Tocumen International Airport.

STORY ANGLES

Historian travel, art + culture, design + architecture, couples + romance, destination weddings, immersive getaway, luxury, and family.

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