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Room Report: Intercontinental Mar Menor Golf Resort and Spa Murcia, Spain

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Arrival Experience: This [sprawling resort complex](#) has a distinctive Spanish flavor, but was actually modeled after the resort styles of Miami. Located more inland than many may expect, this resort revolves around its golf course facilities and spa. For those that want to explore [Murcia's sunny coast](#), it is only a short drive away as well. With an 18-hole and 72-par course, it is a huge draw for American travelers that wish to frequent this part of the Spanish coastline. While much of [Murcia remains a mystery to Americans](#) (which is slowly changing given [Cartagena's](#) position as a cruise port destination), this resort is a magnet for North American business. Many will be surprised that the resort is smaller than it looks, but it is still able to maintain such a comprehensive

spa and roster of recreational facilities given its focus toward high-end leisure and **meetings and convention business**. A major part of the resort complex is the multi-bedroom apartment area, which is booked up by foreigners looking for longer-term experiences whether for vacation or business. The staff speaks excellent English, and reception formalities (conducted as guests are seated by the front desk) are enjoyed with champagne or fresh juice in hand.

Dining: **Nomad** is the Mediterranean dining room, which serves seasonal fare with poolside views. It is also where the impressive breakfast buffet unfurls each morning with cooked-to-order egg dishes from a friendly omelet station, and local favorites like pan con tomate (be sure to check out the local sea salt and olive oil accompaniments they have) and Spanish omelets. By the pool, guests can sip and sup from a separate menu, but health-conscious guests prefer to select something from the spa menu poolside. Japanese Mizu restaurant serves sushi and health-focused fare while duffers get access to the Irish pub and tavern for European brews and new gastropub dishes.

Rooms: Reached via elevators or easier staircases, the **guest rooms** showcase Spanish tiled floors, but little else that is of local flavor. Most have views of the main swimming pool area while some overlook the entrance and resort grounds. The massive king or paired queen beds have pillowtop mattresses and duvets while ceiling fans (the on/off switch is tough to find) whirl overhead. The glass-topped desks come with wireless and wired high speed Internet (for a fee), phones with voice mail, stationary sets, and cushioned chairs that can easily be moved to take advantage of the pool and golf course views. Almost all rooms have furnished terraces, and rooms on higher floors take precedent. While maintaining their classic style, they come with the modern appurtenances expected like flat-screen cable TVs on the wall and full-length mirrors by the entranceway.

Conclusion: There are **seven meeting rooms** that cap out at 380 attendees with the requisite business facilities including free wireless high speed Internet throughout. Outdoor reception space is a highlight for visitors to the area, and the spa adds to the appeal for meeting and convention groups for spouse appeal. Amenities include a heated indoor swimming pool, full fitness center, and seven treatment rooms for those that want to partake in **massage or beauty treatments** curated by the **Germaine de Capuccini line of products**. The center of the resort is the massive swimming pool ringed by cushioned lounge chairs and umbrellas. Rooms that overlook the pool and golf course are the most prized choices of repeat guests. This large-scale resort attracts a substantial number of meeting and incentive groups, especially Americans. With expansive grounds, a friendly English-fluent staff, and impressive dining venues, this resort is one of the most popular in the **Murcia region**.



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