

Initial Claim Submission — CASE-008

Booking reference	ZMM-013281
Destination	Crete, Spain
Travel dates	2025-04-03 to 2025-04-11
Total cost	£5520.00
Party size	5
Issue(s)	Building works
Offer made	Yes (Amount: £875.66)
Payment received	Yes (Amount: £586.41)

Attempted resolution:

Yes – asked the hotel for a room on the opposite side and enquired about transfer to a sister property; shared video evidence of noise levels with the agent; requested written confirmation of the works schedule.

Desired outcome:

a significant price reduction for loss of amenity and an apology

I am writing to lodge an initial complaint regarding our recent package holiday to Crete, Spain, booked under reference ZMM-013281. Our party comprised 5 travellers, and we stayed at a hotel. The total holiday cost was £5,520.00. Our travel dates were 2025-04-03 to 2025-04-11. Prior to booking we carefully reviewed the brochure and online descriptions, and selected this property for its family-friendly facilities, quiet environment and value for money. Unfortunately, the experience fell materially below what was represented and below reasonable expectations for the price paid.

The main issue was that extensive on-site building works disrupted the stay. Specifically, jackhammering started at 08:00 daily beside the main pool; a wing of the property was scaffolded and the advertised rooftop bar was closed; and dust and debris made common areas unpleasant. These problems were apparent early in the stay and undermined our ability to enjoy the holiday.

We made reasonable attempts to resolve matters in-resort: asked the hotel for a room on the opposite side and enquired about transfer to a sister property; shared video evidence of noise levels with the agent; and requested written confirmation of the works schedule. Despite these steps, no effective remedy was provided during the stay. We continued raising the matter as it affected each day.

As a consequence of the issues, our enjoyment was significantly impacted. We incurred additional costs of approximately £218 on items such as alternative meals, transport and small purchases to mitigate the inconvenience. The issues described were within the control of the hotel and were not unavoidable or extraordinary.

In light of the above, our desired outcome is a significant price reduction for loss of amenity and an apology. We are providing a summary of events, copies of contemporaneous notes, and receipts. We ask that you review our complaint promptly and respond within a reasonable timeframe. For completeness, we kept a contemporaneous diary of events, including dates, times and the names of staff spoken to. We also captured photographs and short video clips illustrating the problem and the impact on our party. We have reviewed the package terms and believe these issues represent a failure to provide services with reasonable care and skill. We selected this property with minor children and an elderly parent in mind, placing particular emphasis on rest and accessible facilities. Where appropriate we sought constructive solutions, such as room moves or access to advertised alternatives, rather than insisting on compensation first. We appreciate that busy periods can be challenging for staff, but the issues were persistent and systemic rather than isolated incidents. The holiday was a significant expense for our household and we budgeted for it on the basis of

representations made at the time of sale. We request that any decision considers the cumulative impact over the duration of the stay, not merely isolated instances. We have attempted to summarise the situation objectively and trust this will assist in a fair review of our complaint. We are open to mediation and a proportionate settlement that reflects the overall shortfall against what was contracted and expected. For completeness, we kept a contemporaneous diary of events, including dates, times and the names of staff spoken to. We also captured photographs and short video clips illustrating the problem and the impact on our party. We have reviewed the package terms and believe these issues represent a failure to provide services with reasonable care and skill. We selected this property with minor children and an elderly parent in mind, placing particular emphasis on rest and accessible facilities. Where appropriate we sought constructive solutions, such as room moves or access to advertised alternatives, rather than insisting on compensation first. We appreciate that busy periods can be challenging for staff, but the issues were persistent and systemic rather than isolated incidents. The holiday was a significant expense for our household and we budgeted for it on the basis of representations made at the time of sale.

Yours faithfully, Riley Davies