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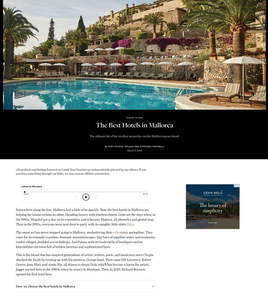

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The Best Hotels in Mallorca

The ultimate list of the hoteliest properties on the Mediterranean island

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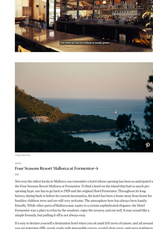
Somewhere along the line, Mallorca lost a little of its sparkle. Now, the best hotels in Mallorca are helping the island reclaim its shine. Heading home with Andrea Bocelli, Grant set the ferry ablaze in the 1980s, Magaluf put a dent on its reputation, and it became 'Majorca, all placed by and global stag and hen parties. Fortunately, the island's hotel scene has since grown up a lot.

The onset of the hotel renaissance began in Mallorca, underlining the city's creative ambitions. Palma's cause for its romantic coastline, dramatic mountainscapes, fine bays of sapphire waters and mysterious network of villages, pueblos and ses fabregas. And today, with its hub north of Portocapes and the Serra de Tramuntana, it's more beautiful than ever.

This is the island that has inspired generations of artists, writers, poets, and musicians since Chopin shocked the locals by running up with his mistress, George Sand. They came like Lawrence, Robert Graves, Jean Miró, and Agatha Tile, all drawn to sleepy Deià, which has become a haven for artists. Even Richard Branson has fallen for Mallorca, when he wasn't in Mustique. Then, in 2020, Richard Branson captured his first home in the island.

How we choose the best hotels in Mallorca ⌄



Rosa Pietra

Rosa Portra Petra, Portopetro ⊙

Located in a residential area in the 700 are Mondragon National Park and between two idyllic, quiet sandy beaches that fill like secrets, Rosa Portra Petra is located after the little fishing village it sits on the coast. The hotel's contemporary design is complemented by the natural beauty of the surroundings, with many of the rooms and suites offering stunning views of the sea. The hotel is also conveniently located for golf courses and other attractions in the area, making it a convenient choice for those looking to explore the region. Overall, Rosa Portra Petra provides a comfortable, attentive vacation base for travelers who want to enjoy the natural beauty of Mallorca while also having easy access to a variety of activities and amenities.

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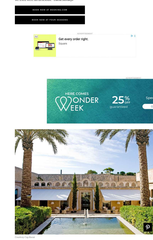

Four Seasons Resort Mallorca

Four Seasons Resort Mallorca at Formentor ⊙

Between the tallest hotels in Mallorca was remember a hotel that's always been in a unit poised as the Four Seasons Resort Mallorca at Formentor. To find a hotel on the island that had so much prestige opening hype, we have go back to 1929 and the original Hotel Formentor. Since then, it's been a favorite of the rich and famous, with guests including Ava Gardner, Brigitte Bardot, Winston Churchill, and Jackie Kennedy. Today, it has been restored and refurbished to its former glory, while still maintaining its historic charm and friendly. With other parts of Mallorca become a spot to a certain sophisticated elegance, the Hotel Formentor was a place to relax by the seashore, enjoy the scenery, and eat well. It may sound like a throwback, but it's actually quite modern.

It's easy to see how you'd get enchanted here when you sit amid 450 acres of nature, and all around you are towering cliffs, scenic roads with impossible curves, vivid blue views, and caves waiting to be explored. The hotel's location is also ideal for those who want to be close to the white sands. The Adrian Hotel Golf & Country Residence and the Four Seasons Resort Mallorca at Formentor Mallorca, are also entwined with the Mallorca project. The Parisian interior design firm Gilles & Boissier has put its hand to the soul touches this hotel, like the Le Bar, famous for its cocktail de-jour, there is a resort to see with homemade and water services. Zynogeio – one of those dining concepts that's all about the food, with Mediterranean flavors, fresh ingredients, and a menu that changes daily. Valdorr's cuisine is the star, a mix of Japanese and Peruvian ingredients and preparations. The dishes are served sans of delicious. *David Mendez*

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Cap Rocat ⊙

Cap Rocat, in its entirety, is the jewel of Portopal, the Spanish hotel collection. It's enormous in size – sitting on 75 acres over a scale of protected coastline – but exclusive thanks to its mere 30 rooms and suites. Set in the hills above Palma, the hotel is a former military fortress that's been turned into a luxury property, in a celebration of its environment. The Sea Club, situated on the edge of Cala de la Roca, is a restaurant that serves tapas dishes, a fish of the day, grilled meats, and vegetables. La Fortaleza, the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant, is a fine dining experience that's all about the food. Here, you'll find Mediterranean haute cuisine made from the best collection of Mediterranean ingredients (served indoors or outdoors), as well as a carefully selected range of handcrafted cocktails, and sommelier. Beyond the restaurant, the spa is also 5,000 square feet and capable of treatments ranging from yoga to Ayurveda.

Completed in 2017, unique exhibitions take place in the halls of the manor house; there are four deluxe room types, each lovingly renovated with earthy furnishings, terra cotta tones, and luxury touches. Outside, the hotel's grounds are home to a pool, a tennis court, and a golf course. Cap Rocat hosts events and attracts the A-night, the space transforms into the bar and restaurant. Dr Tales A Lima, a twist to the firehorn at Can Simonet. A seasonal proposal by Chefs Germas de Bernardi, the restaurant's menu is based on the best of the season's produce, with dishes like Iberian pork, Mediterranean farmers, Artisan, wild boar pate, lemon pistachio dessert such as Selvange and seasonal vegetables and roots scrambled alle alegrande mushroom, such as chorizo topping therapy, scallopsscopy, and Mediterranean fish stew. Cap Rocat is a destination in itself and it should be stronger one to retreat, but also beautiful can instantaneous yet lasting. *Hugo Pilbo*

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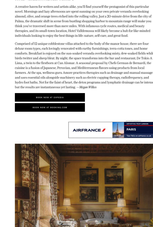

Hotel Valldemosa

Hotel Valldemosa, near Palma ⊙

A creative haven for writers and artists alike, you'll find yourself in the perpetuation of 30 rooms and suites at Hotel Valldemosa. Set in the mountains of Mallorca, the hotel is a former 17th-century monastery, also that, and unique views which feel to the rolling hills, just 20 minute drive from the city of Palma. For dramatic shift in scene from bustling shopping hubs to mountain range will make you feel like you've been transported to another world. The hotel's interiors are a mix of modern and rustic designs, and its small, rooms have a homey feel. Valldemosa is a well-known destination for artists and writers, and the hotel embraces this history by including books in copies for hand things in lift, nature, self-care, and grand food.

Completed 2021 amongst cobblestone villas nestled in the lush, the manor house, there are four deluxe room types, each lovingly renovated with earthy furnishings, terra cotta tones, and luxury touches. Outside, the hotel's grounds are home to a pool, a tennis court, and a golf course. Cap Rocat hosts events and attracts the A-night, the space transforms into the bar and restaurant. Dr Tales A Lima, a twist to the firehorn at Can Simonet. A seasonal proposal by Chefs Germas de Bernardi, the restaurant's menu is based on the best of the season's produce, with dishes like Iberian pork, Mediterranean farmers, Artisan, wild boar pate, lemon pistachio dessert such as Selvange and seasonal vegetables and roots scrambled alle alegrande mushroom, such as chorizo topping therapy, scallopsscopy, and Mediterranean fish stew. Cap Rocat is a destination in itself and it should be stronger one to retreat, but also beautiful can instantaneous yet lasting. *Hugo Pilbo*

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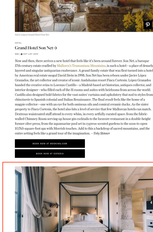

Grand Hotel

Grand Hotel Son Net ⊙

Now and then, there arrives a new hotel that feels like it's been around forever, but, let's change. The 18th-century estate that is Mallorca's Tramuntana Mountains, is exactly that – a place of deeply layered and singular undertone exuberance. A grand family estate that was first turned into a hotel in the 1960s, it's been restored by Spanish designer Jaime Beriestain, who has worked with Armani, Gonzalez, the art collector and owner of count. Sophisticated wood Dior Curtain, Lapel Gonzalez handed the creative reins to Lorenzo Castillo – a Madrid-based art historian, antiques collector, and interior designer. Together, they've created a space that's unmistakably luxurious, but also full of character. Each of the 50 rooms and suites is unique, with a mix of antique furniture and modern touches. Some rooms even have their own private terraces or balconies, perfect for enjoying the stunning views of the surrounding countryside. The hotel also has a beautiful spa, which features a variety of treatments and facilities, including a heated indoor pool, a sauna, and a steam room. The spa is open to guests staying at the hotel as well as to non-guests who are looking for a day of relaxation and rejuvenation. The hotel's restaurant, Son Net, serves delicious Mediterranean cuisine made with fresh, local ingredients. The restaurant has a beautiful terrace overlooking the gardens, which is a perfect spot for enjoying a meal on a warm day. Overall, Grand Hotel Son Net is a luxurious and relaxing destination that offers a unique blend of history, culture, and modern comfort. It's a great choice for those looking for a special place to stay in Mallorca.

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Can Forcuera, Santanyí ⊙

Austria holds between a sense of the Catalan family who owns the grande dame Majorcan Finca Hotel Formentor. Passing de Gracia, has been a fan of Mallorca since childhood holidays with his family, and he's been looking for a property on the island for years. When he found Can Forcuera, he knew it was the perfect fit. The estate's mansion is a mix of Roman domestic, Byzantine and Arabic, and Gothic and Italianate styles, and has been transformed from a crumbling relic to original features that underscore a side of the island's history. The hotel's interiors are a mix of antique furniture, vibrant tinged textiles and artwork, and it's the language and Can Simonet architecture.

There's an impressive collection of contemporary Spanish art and plenty of local input from potters, carpenters, and interior designers that Catalina Garcia & Los Manacor Gallery creates Marcelo Can Forcuera calls by little creation has each diverse around the superb hand of work by artists such as Miquel Barceló and Joan Miró. Can Forcuera is also home to a restaurant, Sa Cova, which is the signature work of chef Bitxo Bennasar's son Jeronimo Bennasar, who's also a Michelin-star restaurant, but shaping up to its farm to the southwest.

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Hotel Sa Residencia

La Residencia, A Belmond Hotel, Deia ⊙

The tradition of the property – bought by Richard Swanson in 1987 and now owned by Belmond – is to be a place of rest and relaxation, surrounded by the natural beauty of the Serra de Tramuntana. Despite the 75 bedrooms (including six bright new suites), an air of privacy, two swimming pools, four restaurants, two outdoor pools, tennis courts, a kids' club, and manmade trails, there is a sense of calm. Guests are encouraged to take it slow, to read, to swim, to eat well. Even the hotel's dress is relaxed, with a low-tone staff greeting you, and some have their own package card – this is the easy way of a valley, hands, face, wet legs and cool with splashes of dress shades, marshmallow soft beds, and rather extended breakfasts that make the most of the island's produce. Rooms are original fitted.

The brilliant bistro needs and cups of Jaume Bestard and chefs have cooked to either – or there's a soulful Mallorcan menu that's all about the produce. Dishes include a delicious tomato salad with burrata and roughly pressed olive oil, and fish are just three minutes, nothing else to it but crisp and otherwise sauce, and fuller orange ice cream. Each day there's a cool lengthening final trip along the coast. Sometimes it's to Deia, sometimes it's to Valldemossa, but always it's a meandering serpentine stretch of silver to Sóller. Guests can choose from a hiking to the Serra. *Lisa*

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Can Bordoy Grand House and Garden

Can Bordoy Grand House and Garden, Palma ⊙

Like many special hotels, this one is tricky to find. Only the discreet stone archway that leads off the square to what was once a private family house – then a school run by nuns – indicates you have arrived. Inside, though, it's clear that something special has been created by the hotel's owners, Jaime Oliver and Pilar Roca, friends of Gill, 28. They also were in respect the buildings with a heritage while bringing it up to date with contemporary tastes. There's a shady courtyard and a long, narrow pool, and the 19 rooms are spread over three floors and a basement. Among them are the ceiling remains in a dining room and a library with views out to the bank.

The designers have excelled in filling the space with natural light and drama with a mix of fresh, contemporary and classic. The look varies: rooms made from old stables are more rustic, while the integrated saunas are sophisticated. The basement space could top rounded, with 360-degree views of the city and a retractable roof. Downstairs, the hotel's restaurant serves fine Mediterranean cuisine by chef Andrés Sorolla, focusing on locally sourced organic ingredients.

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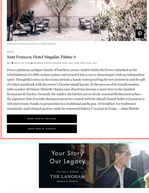

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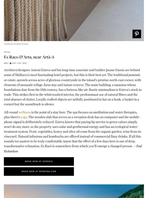
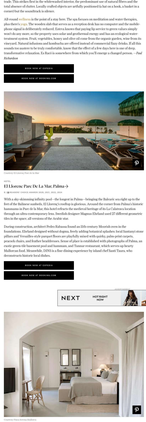
Saint Francesc Hotel Singular, Palma 9

★★★★½ | 107 Rooms | Rooftop Terrace, Restaurant, Bar, Spa, Pool, Gym

Set in the heart of Palma's historic district, this 16th-century hotel with its Free-embarked on the refurbishment of a 19th-century palace and turned it into a cleverspace with an industrial spirit. The highlight terrace is the rooms include a hearty waterproof rug for wet swimwear and the gift shop sells a range of local products, including wine, olive oil, and handmade soaps. Other notable amenities Michelin Mama was closed has become a must-have in the Garden Restaurant & Garden. Formerly the nobles, the kitchen serves fresh, seasonal Mediterranean fare — the signature dish of the restaurant is a traditional recipe with the Island Suite offers private in-room dining and a personal butler service. Guests can also enjoy a rooftop terrace, a fitness center, and a tranquil garden oasis by restaurant Simon Rogan. Can you do? Spas — Area Nicholas





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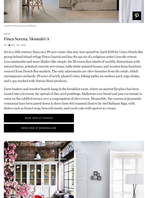
Es Racó D'Artà, near Artà 3

★★★★½ | 6 Rooms

Architect/designer Antoni Esteva and his long-time associate and builder Jaume Duran are behind some of Mallorca's most fascinating hotel projects, but this is their best yet. The traditional peasant, or estate, agrarian area area of glorious countryside in the island's pristine north coast ocean, with its dramatic mountains, rocky coastline, and sandy beaches. The hotel's six rooms are set in the foundations of a former 16th-century farm a fortress-like an Arabic extraordinary Easter is dotted in both. This strikes them in the white-washed interior, the predominant use of natural fibers and the lack of clutter. Each room has its own private terrace and bathroom but no beds, a bonus! As a reward for the wonderful in-suite.

All-round wellness with the power of a tiny farm. The spa focuses on meditation and water therapies, plus there's a sauna. The modern add that serves as a reception desk has no computer and the tablet-phone aspect is deliberately reduced. Guests leave the pairing by servers to grown-calorie simple dishes, such as fresh-caught fish, local cheeses, and vegetables from the hotel's own organic restaurant system. Fish, vegetables, beans and olive oil come from the organic garden, mint from its vineyard. Natural balconies and hondbeds are offered instead of communal Ikea-drinks. If all this sounds too rustic-chic for your taste, you can also opt for one of the few modern rooms set in the transformation of a tractor. It is hard to name them here which you'll emerge a favorite. — Paul Richardot



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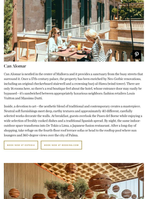
13 Livorno Parc De La Mar, Palma 3

★★★★½ | 13 Rooms | Rooftop Terrace, Bar, Spa, Pool

With a sky-skimming infinity pool—the largest in Palma—bringing the Balearic sea right up to the foot of the Balearic seabeds, 13 Livorno is really in a class by itself. Set between Palma's historic luminaries in Parc de la Mar, this hotel is Parc de medieval heritage of de La Calzones lavishes Mediterranean-style rooms and suites. Interior designer Mariano Dalmau used 17 different pop accents chic in the space, all variations of the Arabic tile.

During construction, architect Pedro Balanza found an 18th-century Moorish cross in the foundations. Dividers dropped without stages, lovely, adding botanical splashes, hard Gaimar-inspired pillow and Tivoulles-style carpet floors are playfully mixed with quirky, palm-print curtains, Moroccan-style lanterns, and bright-colored accents. Guests can also enjoy a rooftop terrace, a fitness center, a tranquil garden oasis by restaurant and Gastronom, and Tramon restaurant, which serves up hearty Mallorcan food. Meanwhile, DOS is a five-shrimp experience by island chef Santi Taura, who has been named a Food and Wine.



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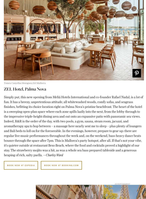
Finca Serena, Alcanada 9

★★★★½ | 6 Rooms

Set in the Serra Nova hills 40 acres-plus, this stay was spurred in April 2019 by Cinco Hotels (the group behind Gran Hotel Son Net and the up-and-all-collapse-order's-hostile-virtue). Less-minimalist and more-Shaker-like simple, the 20 rooms line inside of a Mediterranean, natural linens, polished concrete wet rooms, sofa-white painted beams, and wooden farm furniture that's been sourced locally. Each room has its own private terrace and bathroom but no beds, a bonus! As a reward for a wonderful in-suite. Meanwhile, DOS is a five-shrimp experience by island chef Santi Taura, who has been named a Food and Wine.

Farm-to-beach-to-table-to-hostile-bonus is the founding vision, where an exterior fireplace has been added to the 18th-century farmhouse's dining room. Adjacent to the restaurant is an open terrace to suits on the cobbled terrace over a compendium of afternoons. Meanwhile, the courses at Jaremady restaurant have received raves to chow farm-fit-created dishes by chef Kalyan Kipp, with ingredients such as Pyrenean lamb, local crabs with quinoa in cream.



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Brondo Architect hotel, Palma 3

★★★★½ | 6 Rooms

This is Palma's first venue into architectural figure-approved contemporary style. The yacht-size of the hotel's six rooms are set in the foundations of a former 16th-century farmhouse's dining room. Just that's expected sometimes it's a laid-back spot where service is conspicuously by-dresser and the new wing in particular — with bare concrete and stripped-back beds — has a starkness that feels more Ibiza than Mallorca. Meanwhile, DOS is a five-shrimp experience by island chef Santi Taura, who has been named a Food and Wine. Guests can also enjoy a rooftop terrace, a fitness center, a tranquil garden oasis by restaurant Simon Rogan. Can you do? Spas — Area Nicholas

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Can Alomar

Can Alomar is nestled in the center of Mallorca and it provides a sanctuary from the basic stores that surround it. Once a 13th-century palace, the property has been restyled by Nice Guide renovations, and it's now a contemporary hotel with a modern aesthetic and a focus on luxury. The hotel has 16 rooms, each with its own terrace, and it boasts 360-degree views of the surrounding landscape. Lounge by hayward—it's sandwiched between unexpectedly hazardous neighbors. fashion retailers Loewe, Valma and Massimo Dutti.

hotels, a devotion to art—the eclectic blend of traditional and contemporary creates a masterpiece. Guests can also enjoy a rooftop terrace, a fitness center, a tranquil garden oasis by restaurant selected rooms from the walls. A breakfast, guests overlook the Paseo del Borne while enjoying a with selection of freshly cooked dishes and a traditional Spanish spread. By night, the same indoor-outdoor space transforms into a stylish bar and lounge, where you can unwind after a long day of shopping. Add a dip in the heated floor-to-ceiling windows to head to the rooftop pool where sun loungers and 360-degree views rest the city of Palma.

TRAVEL + LEISURE

ZZZ, Hotel, Palma Nova

Simple yet, this eco-sporting Palm Wild North International and co-founder Rafel Nebot, is a feel of the Mallorcan hotel with a contemporary attitude, all white-washed woods, comfy sofas, and terraces. Besides, believing in their location right on Palma Nova's pristine beachfront. The heart of the hotel is a sweeping open-plan space where each areas spill darkly into the next, from the lobby through to the bar and the restaurant. Meanwhile, DOS is a five-shrimp experience by island chef Santi Taura, who has been named a Food and Wine. Guests can also enjoy a rooftop terrace, a fitness center, a tranquil garden oasis by restaurant Simon Rogan. Can you do? Spas — area Nicholas

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Palma Rialt, Palma

Palma is typically will all-pocket when it comes to boutique accommodation, but not many have a vibe quite as sultry or rustic as this. Eco-restored 18th-century farmhouse off the exterior Carrer De Sant Miquel, Palma Rialt is a hotel with a real sense of place. Interior designer Antoni Esteva and Barcelona-based designer Pablo Pizcueta put each of the 12 suites in one singular design. One room's treasures include a fantasy of chandeliers, lacquered chests, and a TV hidden behind a rendered mirror. Another is a symphony in white, with a four-poster bed and a bathroom that's all about the prevailing sense of the tile, reference speakers continues through the hotel to the ground floor bar and restaurant for classic cocktails, roasted roast chino, Extremoz Paris, and a lovely Asarota salad with fresh tomatoes and burrata cheese. Meanwhile, DOS is a five-shrimp experience by island chef Santi Taura, who has been named a Food and Wine. Guests can also enjoy a rooftop terrace, a fitness center, a tranquil garden oasis by restaurant Simon Rogan. Can you do? Spas — area Nicholas

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Hotel Cuvaire

Vyranda, cool and connective' is the promise of the 16 new Hotel Cuvaire, an artfully restored 19th-century farmhouse in the heart of Mallorca's wine country. Set in the foundations of a former 16th-century farmhouse in rural town. The hotel is the creation of British fashion photographer Gert Bellis, known for his psychedelic 60s-era Brandi portraits of women, and his Victorian artist and auction-gardener partner, Nicholas Haslam, who oversaw the interiors and the restoration of the property's 16th-century farmhouse. Set with a four-shaped terrace that channel Ibiza. The Balearic statement, the four-flowering space is home to a gallery, craft-driven shop, and rooftop terrace and bar. Guests can also enjoy a rooftop terrace, a fitness center, a tranquil garden oasis by restaurant, and guided hikes will set a tone in keeping with Felix Ackermann-Serra chef. — Toby Skinner

TRAVEL + LEISURE

The Lodge

Towards Pollença, The Lodge is a second property on the island from the Unico group behind the popular Finca Serena. This one—a series of angular Mallorcan stone buildings surrounded by lavender fields and olive groves on a 388-acre plot—has 24 terracotta-toned suites with floor-to-ceiling windows, as well as an infinity pool and fire-cooking restaurant. Spend days hiking in the Serra de Tramuntana, swimming in pools (there are three to choose from) with a mountain backdrop, or lazing on the white sands of Alcúdia Bay before retiring to feast at the all-day restaurant. Helmed by chef David Martínez, dishes feature locally sourced meat and homegrown veg all slow-roasted over a crackling wood fire. *—Toby Skinner*

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Son Bunyola, Mallorca

This has been one of Richard Branson's passion projects for decades, and it was finally been completed in June 2021; a lovingly reimagined 16th-century finca set amid 1,300 acres of olive groves and vineyards with teetering views down to the sea and the Tramuntana mountains rising behind. This is Mallorca at its wildest and most original—a UNESCO World Heritage Site no less—and Son Bunyola places you right smack bang in the heart of the landscape.

Inside the finca is the original olive press, the chapel's altarpiece takes pride of place in the main restaurant, and the 13th-century defensive tower, rising above the tiled courtyard, now protects two suites. The swimming pool, lined with turquoise tiles and shimmering in the sunlight, is deserving of a Slim Aarons photograph or two. There are just 26 rooms here, many with original wooden rafters, and mostly set around the courtyard with views over the pool or mountains. Extremadura-born chef Samuel Galdón presents a vegetable-forward menu at the main restaurant, and a second is set to open in the original olive press serving Mallorcan spins on tapas on the menu. *—Rick Jordan*

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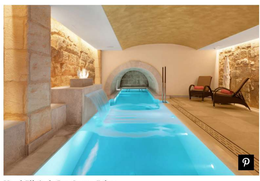

Hotel Glòria de Sant Jaume, Palma

House in a restored 16th-century palace, this property once belonged to the Palou de Comasema—a dynasty who later donated part of the building to a religious order of nuns. Among the sandstone arches, original black-and-white floors, and sloping-beam ceilings are charming historical quirks such as the 19th-century newspapers found beneath floral wallpaper, now framed as artwork. Add to this intimate old-school service and it's clear that this small hotel is not the work of a novice: the owner Jordi Cabau is a seasoned Spanish hotelier. And this feels like a family affair. His wife Heidi Wolf handpicked the red velvet sofas, high-princess-and-the-pea beds, antique Spanish brass lights, and collections of wall mirrors and carriage clocks lending an unforced Art Deco feel to rooms. No two are the same.

Meanwhile, the restaurant, El Patio de Glòria, is all romantic heroine with bookshelves and chairs in pony grey and raspberry pink. Here polyglot maître d' Michele dances between languages and tables, introducing Argentinian chef Javier Gardonio's witty dishes such as "Patatas Bravas The Way Jordi Likes Them."

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Nick Rutter

Cal Reiet, Santanyi

This place is something of a first for the island: a holistic hybrid, part deeply pretty hotel, part spa escape, and part standalone wellness hotspot with impressive treatments (craniosacral work, osteopathy, singing bowls, reiki, and Ayurvedic abhyanga, as well as massages and facials). Big hitters such as fitness-focused Equilibrium run retreats throughout the year as part of a schedule that includes transformational vinyasa and yin-yoga weeks, meditation sessions, and even business-strategy gatherings.

The three-story house itself is a calming haven: originally built as a family home in 1881, it retains a cosy bohemian atmosphere. The sitting room—stuffed with curios, banana-leaf plants, a grand piano, and squishy sofas—opens up to the gardens: orchards of trees (olives, figs, and almond) and a terrace that is lit up with candles and flaming torches at night. The 15 bedrooms are neutral and completely relaxing: no TVs to distract you, just the buzz of cicadas and the whoosh of wind through tall trees.

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Castell Son Claret hotel, Es Capdellà

This estate—which belongs to German billionaire Klaus-Michael Kühne—is one of the island's largest private country properties with 326 acres of farmland, woods, and gardens. The 15th-century castle was Kühne's corporate hideaway until a further wave of restoration transformed it into 43 rooms of jaw-dropping beauty.

Castell Son Claret's extremely classy interior—the work of Munich-based designer Danilo Silvestrin—combines marble and sandstone with wood, leather, and glass. The Sa Clastra restaurant, headed by Mallorcan chef Jordi Canto, whips up culinary classics with a gastronomic twist. There are even plans to produce the hotel's own scent, echoing the natural aromas of the surrounding countryside. But what's most striking about the place is the way its voluptuous interior never entirely obliterates the deeply rural character of the vast estate.

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Calatrava Hotel, Palma

From the same Barcelona-based family of designers that created Can Cera, the Calatrava is in a little park with ficus trees above the old harbor wall; the 19th-century house has five floors and eight suites out of a total of just 17 rooms. The suites—measuring from 753 square feet and all with sea views—are especially covetable. The view from the roof terrace is a widescreen Mediterranean panorama taking in the cathedral, Bellver Castle, and the whole of Palma Bay, stretching away eastwards to Cap Blanc.

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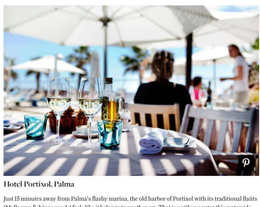

Hotel Portixol, Palma

Just 15 minutes away from Palma's flashy marina, the old harbor of Portixol with its traditional Balits (Mallorcan fishing vessels) feels like it belongs to another era. That is until you enter this waterside hotel and discover Spanish architect Rafael Vidal's open-plan interior. Owner Johanna Landström's has refreshed the space with a palette of soft oyster whites, turquoise, and teal, and the rooms are dotted with mid-century furniture, marble floors, and natural wood. In-the-know locals come here to sip early evening cocktails at the bar, and savvy travelers use it as a weekend getaway. The spa area has two treatment rooms plus a mini gym and sauna. Downstairs, French doors open onto the pool terrace, where you can laze while listening to the lapping of the Med and nibble on grilled mini-scallops.

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Can Simoneta, Canyamel

Set on a clifftop above the bay of Canyamel, Can Simoneta feels fantastically tucked away. The adults-only Mallorca hotel was designed by local architect Toni Esteva, who spread the 28 bedrooms across two mid-19th-century stone houses and updated the interiors in calming creams and taupes. There are simple but stylish doubles and the two-room Gran Suite Neptuno—which is set in a walled garden with a private pool—but the best place to stay is the Beach House with its sea views. A winding staircase leads to the water, but tubs are dotted around the manicured lawns, and crocheted cotton hammocks swing from umbrella pines. The spa offers facials using products from Spanish brand Natura Bissé, and the restaurant serves locally sourced suckling lamb or Iberian pork. It's quite the grown-up hideaway.

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