



Setting the Scene

Royals, artists, and writers have been enthralled by the romance of Mallorca. Care to join them? Three venues we love. BY LEENA KIM

LA RESIDENCIA, A BELMOND HOTEL

Discreetly tucked among the honey-colored stone houses of Deià, an artsy village long favored by creative aristos (most famously the author and poet Robert Graves, who fell in love with the place in 1929 and never looked back), this glamorous property has seen its own share of A-listers seeking refuge, from Princess Diana to Michelle Obama. It's not hard to see why, what with all the intimate corners framed by olive groves and lemon trees, and views of the village below and the Serra de Tramuntana mountains beyond. The service, as you would expect, is excellent, as is the food. You can trust the hotel chefs to craft a menu of local dishes that may include prawns from Sóller, lamb from Tramuntana, and, a must for any celebration in Spain: a jamón ibérico carving station. BELMOND.COM

SON BUNYOLA Richard Branson, who owns a house in Deià, spent more than two decades perfecting this 26-room hotel, which is situated on a UNESCO World Heritage Site on Mallorca's northwestern coast. Parts of the building can be traced back to the 13th century, and the 1,300 acres it sits on were inhabited back in the Bronze Age. In the 16th century the place was turned into a finca, and the surviving main building was restored to become Son Bunyola (joining three villas the



billionaire built on the property in the 1990s). It only opened in June, but it's already one of the island's most sought-after wedding venues. That's your cue. VIRGINLIMITEDEDITION.COM

CAN FERRERETA A crumbling 17th-century mansion was transformed into this hotel, which opened two years ago in a sleepy enclave on Mallorca's lesser-known southern

coast. Touches that pay homage to the property's environs—cobblestone floors, ochre façades—blend with modern details (see: the Jaume Plensa sculpture by the pool). With just 32 rooms, Can Ferrereta is ideal for a small buyout wedding. Guests will be fully immersed in the secret locale, which also happens to have some of the best beaches on the island, HOTELCANFERRERETA.COM

DESTINATION DECORUM

You've booked your dream wedding abroad. Now be a good host.

DON'T BE A DRAG

At what point does a destination wedding become an inconvenience? Your friends may love you, but they have their limits. "One size doesn't fit all," says Jung Lee, the NYC event planner and founder of Fête, though she admits she has never had a client plan more than four days. "Hosts should be aware that travel is taxing enough."

ACCOMMODATE ACCORDINGLY

If a couple aren't paying for guests entirely, they should make it up another way, whether by covering meals or subsidizing hotel costs. "This isn't a restaurant where everyone goes dutch," Lee says. "You can have the most luxe wedding, but asking your guests to pay too much can taint the good."

• HOLIDAY WEEKEND? **MAYBE NOT**

Want to use a long weekend? Your guests may not be so thrilled. "People have mixed feelings about them," etiquette coach Myka Meier says. "Couples tend to refrain from using holidays, typically because people have already made annual plans with friends or family far in advance."

PLUS ONE, PLEASE

While plus-ones may not always be welcome, guests asked to journey around the globe deserve an exception. "Offering a plus-one to guests for a destination wedding is important," Meier says. "Often people use their vacation time, and letting them have someone to accompany them is a lovely gesture."