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The Best Hotels in Majorca, From Rural Escapes to City Hideaways

From 17th-century mansions in Palma to former farmhouses in the rural interior, these are the best places to stay on Spain's largest island.

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Es Racó d'Arta in the east of the island blends into its surroundings effortlessly.

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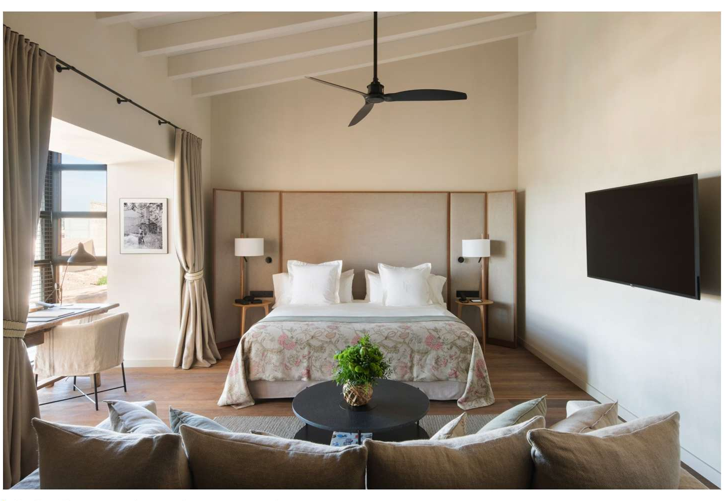
The largest of Spain's Balearics, Majorca has a hotel scene as diverse as the island itself. In the capital city of Palma, you'll find stylish crash pads and converted palaces, while the peaceful interior — home to charming hilltop villages and the Serra de Tramuntana mountain range — is the place to experience hospitality rooted in the land. Wherever you stay, you'll never be far from the *calas* (coves) of the Mediterranean coast, ideal for lazy beach days and lingering seaside lunches.

Can Ferrereta

Best for: art and design

Hidden down a side street in the southeastern market town of Santanyi, this property reveals its lustre by degrees. First, the original stone floor and elegant archways of the 17th-century mansion house are on show in the lobby; next, a library stocked with Assouline coffeetable books and vinyl. In the garden beyond, a 25-metre pool sparkles in the sunlight and, under a nearby nasturtium-trailed pergola, diners enjoy zesty salads and jamón croquetas. Naturally, there's also a fine-dining restaurant, located in the former wine cellar, and a white-stone spa. From bijou villas to spacious suites, each of the bright 32 rooms is unique — one even features an original drawing by famed Spanish artist Joan Miró. Rooms: From €338 (£288), B&B.



At Can Ferreta each room has a unique design.

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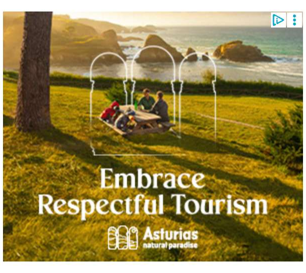
Finca Serena

Best for: a rural escape

Serene by name and by nature, this former farmhouse in central Majorca offers a view that induces a feeling of calm — fields lined with cypress trees stretch towards tabletop-shaped Puig de Randa mountain. This sanctuary-like atmosphere extends throughout, from the pool — edged by tall palms and vivid bougainvillea blossom — to the terrace restaurant Jacaranda, where friendly, attentive staff serve a zero-mile menu and wine from the finca's vineyards under twinkling lights. The 25 unpretentiously stylish earth-toned rooms are rich in thoughtful details: a lemon for your G&T, a Bluetooth speaker-slash-lantern for evenings on the private terrace. The nearby town of Montuïri is a good place for a *caña* (small beer). Rooms: From €373 (£318), B&B.



Bikini Island & Mountain Hotel Es Trenc

Best for: a boho coast stay

This property on the south coast combines 1960s-inspired interiors with a Club Tropicana-esque pool and beach area, complete with tiki-style umbrellas and retro cocktail glasses. The drinks may not be free, but plenty else is — from bikes and standup paddleboards to sunscreen and yoga classes. Rooms have small balconies and big personalities — king-size beds feature Make Love Not War linen and beaded curtains — while terrace restaurant Neni serves Levantine food beside the ocean. There's a rocky outcrop for sea swimming, and Es Trenc Beach is a 15-minute drive away. Rooms: From €150 (£127), B&B.

Ca's Xorc — a country hideaway & restaurant

Best for: mountain views

Anticipation builds on the winding drive up to this rustic yet elegant finca, high in the Serra de Tramuntana. The payoff? A Sóller Valley view that extends all the way to the sea. There are various secluded spots from which to take it all in, from shaded pergolas to terrace tables at the bistro. There are 13 rooms in the ivy-covered main house and in two separate garden cottages. Decorative floor tiles, rolltop baths and ivory drapes billowing onto balconies add to the decidedly romantic ambience. The 84-mile Ruta de Pedra en Sec hiking trail is accessible from the driveway — tackle a segment along ancient stone paths, then recover in the hotel's infinity pool. Rooms: From €213 (£181), B&B.

The 13 bedrooms of Ca's Xorc sit high in the Serra de Tramuntana mountains.

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The Lodge

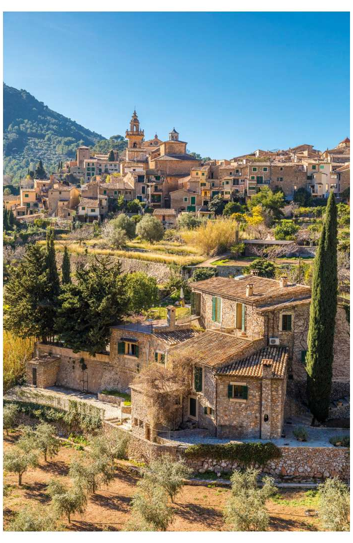
Best for: sensory abundance

Circled by lavender fields and soundtracked by cicadas, this converted farmhouse is a balm for the overstimulated brain. Two dozen pale and interesting bedrooms are scattered across the 388-acre estate, and guests spend their days cycling between the spa and infinity pool or following trails to viewpoints in the foothills of the Serra de Tramuntana. A 13th-century olive mill in the lobby is a reminder of an agricultural abundance that's apparent at the restaurant: watermelon gazpacho is one of the standout dishes served on the softly lit terrace, edged by towering cacti and fragrant rosemary. Rooms: From €400 (£339), B&B.

Brondo Architect Hotel

Best for: style on a budget

Bringing stripped-back industrial style to a pair of 17th-century buildings in the heart of the capital Palma, Brondo has 20 individual rooms that take their names and design inspiration from leading architects. Whether you choose a Zaha Hadid double or a premium Norman Foster (with its own private terrace), expect clean lines, a subtle tonal palette and carefully curated furniture, from mid-century chairs to modern four-poster beds. Restaurant El Bandarra specialises in 'miniature cuisine' like pintxos and tapas; if you want to go bigger, the best of the city is right on your doorstep. Rooms: From €134 (£114), B&B.



Valldemossa village in Majorca's Serra de Tramuntana mountains is popular with travellers.

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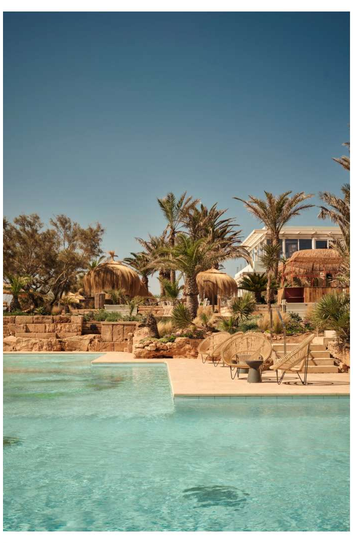

The retro-style pool at Bikini Island & Mountain Hotel complement its 1960's-inspired interiors.

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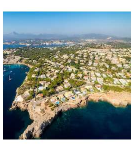

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Can Cera

Best for: a city hideaway

In the heart of Palma's wonderfully chaotic old town, the heavy wooden door of this 17th-century mansion opens onto an oasis of calm. A central courtyard bathes the original stonework and sweeping staircase in natural light, while modern artworks and bold pops of colour bring the interior firmly into the present. Guests are handed their very own golden key to access one of 14 grand yet welcoming suites — all plush fabrics and ornate carved wooden details — setting the tone for a characterful stay. Be sure to try the tapas and local wines at the in-house *vermutería* (vermouth bar). Rooms: From €279 (£237), B&B.

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Can Ribera by Zafiro

Best for: local life

Stay in a small town like Muro and you'll see the island at its most authentic — here, you can join locals in rituals like the paseo (a sociable evening stroll) or shopping at the Sunday market. Built in the 19th century, Can Ribera was once the family home of the Plomer sisters, owners of Zafiro Hotels, and it still has the feel of a grand private residence. Breakfast is served in an elegant, panelled dining room, and light-filled, high-ceilinged bedrooms are softened by judiciously deployed pastel and elegant floral tones. The jewel in the crown, however, is the rooftop pool, which looks out over Muro's statuesque gothic church. Rooms: From €124 (£105), B&B.

Es Racó d'Arta

Best for: sustainable luxury

Walk through the whitewashed stone entrance of this minimalist country pad in eastern Majorca and it's impossible not to relax. Every detail feels considered, from the soft neutral linens to jute textures echoing the surrounding landscape. Typical Majorcan limestone and exposed timber beams honour the property's farmhouse roots, while Crittall-style windows bring a contemporary edge. Sustainability is key here — Es Racó is powered by geothermal and solar energy, and much of the excellent produce comes from its farm, vineyard, olive groves and beehives. Slow

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