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THE BEST HOTELS IN MALLORCA



On this old-school Mediterranean island, a clutch of bright hideaways are settling in among the classics. Here we review some of the best hotels in Mallorca, from a wellness hotspot to a design-savvy townhouse.

EL LLORENC PARC DE LA MAR

BEST MALLORCA HOTEL FOR: Rooftop Views

With a sky-skimming infinity pool, the longest in Palma, that brings the Balearic sea right up to the feet of the Balinese sunbeds, El Llorenç's rooftop is glorious. Beneath the feathered aquamarine parasols is furniture in a zingy watercolour spectrum of blues, greens and indigos. Around the corner from Palma's historic hammams in Parc de la Mar, this hotel refracts the medieval heritage of its La Calatrava location through an ultra-contemporary lens. Swedish designer Magnus Ehrlund used 27 different geometric tiles in the space, all versions of the Arabic star. During construction, architect Pedro Rabassa found an 11th-century Moorish oven in the foundations. Ehrlund has designed without dogma, freely adding botanical splashes: local Santanyi stone pillars and Versailles-style parquet floors are playfully mixed with quirky, palm-print carpets, peacock chairs and feather headdresses. Sense of place is established with photographs of Palma, an exotic green-tile basement pool and hammam, and Tannur restaurant, which serves up hearty Mallorcan food. Meanwhile, DINS is a fine-dining experience by island chef Santi Taura, who deconstructs historic local dishes. Service is informal and standard rooms are snug. But on the rooftop, spire-height with La Seu Cathedral, it's all cocktails, sea and sky.

