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SANT FRANCESC Palma, Majorca

In the heart of historic Palma, you'll find Sant Francesc, one of the city's architectural treasures. A 19th-century neo-classical Mallorcan mansion, which was built in 1860 and lovingly restored to its former glory in 2015, this five-star boutique hotel is a well-kept secret amongst the coolest of Euro-savy travellers. An exquisitely designed luxury bolthole packed with an expertly-curated collection of both contemporary and classical artworks, drag yourself away from the chic rooftop pool and elegantly appointed suites to wander through the romantic cobbled streets of the city, and lose yourself in the labyrinth of the old town. Bursting with exquisite architecture, impossibly good restaurants and excellent shopping, Sant Francesc makes an incredible base from which to explore this wonderful city. From Dis 1,610 a night; Hotelantfrancesc.com





THE MANDARIN ORIENTAL Barcelona, Spain Smack bang in the centre of one of Barcelona's most famous shopping streets, and surrounded by the magnificent architecture of Antonio Gaudi, it's modern elegance abound at the Mandarin Oriental. With glorious contemporary interiors by leading Spanish designer Patricia Urquiola, top-notch restaurants and bars, a dreamy basement spa and a rooftop terrace boasting the most incredible views of the city, it's easy to see why this hotel is repeatedly voted one of the best in Barcelona. Personal faves include the Trilby hat and Converse trainer-wearing staff at garden eatery Mimosa, the sprawling low-level leather sofas in the lobby, the encyclopedic local knowledge of the concierge team, and the divine Penthouse Suite with it's fab private terrace. Book in for dinner at Moments restaurant followed by drinks at Bankers Bar for extra points from your new spouse, before suggesting a day of retail therapy and museum mooching around Passeig De Gracia. From Dhs2,465 a night; Mandarinoriental.com