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The Boutique Hotels Capturing Mallorca's Creative Revival

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Across Mallorca, restored fincas, countryside agriturismos and stylish Palma townhouses are celebrating the island's creative renaissance

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Mallorca's boutique hotels are as varied as its landscapes. Across the sun-bleached Balearic isle, beautifully restored fincas (that's Spanish for a country estate) sit among olive groves, elegant city bolthole hide along Palma's winding streets, breezy coastal stays dot the dramatic coastlines and remote mountain retreats offer unexpected seclusion.

Lately, the island has had something of a glow-up. Long synonymous with sun, sea and sangria-seeking tourists, it has emerged as one of the Mediterranean's most exciting creative destinations, with a new generation of artists, hoteliers and restaurateurs reshaping its identity in pretty towns and villages across the island.

Once a lodestar of Europe's late 20th-century artistic crowd – including the likes of The Beatles and David Bowie – the island's reputational reinvention has brought back a creative buzz: potters have returned to Palma, traditional glassmakers are in business once more, and dilapidated fincas have been transformed into inspiring creative retreats. The boutique hotels below best capture that spirit.

Each suite at Kate Bellm's 15-room hotel in Deià has been individually designed | Photos by Alixe Lay

Hotel Corazón, Deià

Best for: a down-the-rabbit-hole creative retreat

British-born photographer Kate Bellm found herself gravitating towards the artistic haven of Deià long before she thought about opening a hotel in the town. When she opened Hotel Corazón in 2023, it was a distillation of everything she loves about the northwestern creative enclave.

The restored 16th-century finca has 15 uniquely designed rooms: in one, everything is painted a titillating, sensuous pink; in another, the shower sits hidden inside an egg-like dome. Elsewhere, you'll find a farm-to-fork restaurant with terrace, ocean-gazing pool and any number of spontaneous events such as sound baths, guided hikes, musical jams and crystal healing materialising to ensure the creative energies that inspired the stay continue to flow.

Son Xotano, Sencelles

Best for: An escape to the country

Forget Mallorca's coastline – Son Xotano makes a compelling case for heading inland. Set within a restored 13th-century finca surrounded by olive groves and orchards, the 22-room retreat balances its historic character with colourful contemporary design: some bedrooms feature floor-to-ceiling artworks and beside the property's saltwater pool, you'll spot a beautiful hand-painted mural of dancing storks. Guests are also invited to join creative workshops during their stay as well as join visits to local artist studios.

When you're not flirting with your inner artist, there are regular yoga lessons, hiking trails to explore, mountain villages to visit and the property's vineyard to discover. At the onsite restaurant, Mallorcan ingredients reign supreme; even the not-very-Spanish tiramisu is infused with Palo, a bittersweet local herbal liqueur.

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Head to Sant Jaume's roof terrace for dreamy views across Palma's church spires | Courtesy of It Mallorca

Sant Jaume Design Hotel, Palma de Mallorca

Best for: rooftop views

This sophisticated city bolthole balances its 18th-century townhouse setting with sleek interiors in its tucked-away location on a quiet Palma side street. Deep marine blues, tactile furnishings and striking installations by renowned Spanish artists contrast with the sun-kissed architecture, while floor-to-ceiling windows flood the 36 rooms with natural light. Upstairs, a sun-drenched roof terrace has a plunge pool and sweeping views across the city's terracotta rooftops, church spires and Cathedral silhouette. Downstairs, the El Colmado tapas restaurant plates up seasonal Mediterranean dishes. A private bookable spa is tucked into a stone cellar beneath the hotel.

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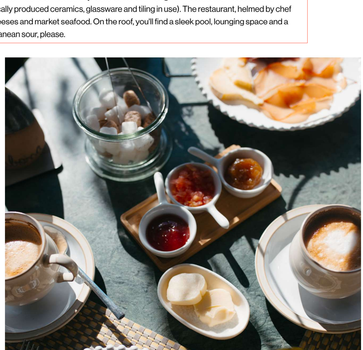
Sant Francesc Hotel Singular, Palma de Mallorca

Best for: a sophisticated stay in Palma's historic centre

All credit to interior designer Maria José Cabré in her pursuit of yin and yang in this Palma hot ticket: few hotels balance eclecticism and minimalism quite like Sant Francesc. A landmark 42-key stay in the historic centre of the island's capital, the 19th-century mansion has been beautifully restored to retain original neoclassical frescoes and marble stonework while injecting a cool contemporary streak throughout (clock the locally produced ceramics, glassware and tiling in use). The restaurant, helmed by chef Alvar Albaladejo, serves a down-to-earth menu packed with fresh vegetables, local cheeses and market seafood. On the roof, you'll find a sleek pool, lounging space and a rooftop bar offering a selection of citrus-spiked cocktails. Our order? A sharp Mediterranean sour, please.