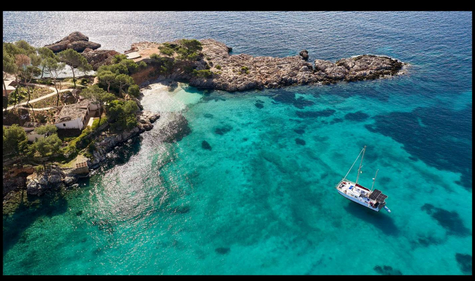
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The best hotels in Palma, Mallorca for the best of both city living and beach bliss

From design-focused boutique stays to resorts with families in mind, these are the top places to stay in Palma

7 November 2026

Palma is having a moment. Although, for those who know Mallorca's capital, it has been having one for quite some time. This is a city that wears its history beautifully, where Gothic spires rise above a labyrinth of cobbled medieval streets, grand palacios conceal leafy courtyards and the Mediterranean is never far from view. But beneath its honey-coloured stone and centuries of history, Palma has a distinctly contemporary pulse.

Art galleries multiply by the month, tucked between independent boutiques, vintage shops and handsome old townhouses. Along Passeig del Born, designer flagships rub shoulders with elegant cafés, while La Rambla's flower stalls lend a wonderfully old-fashioned charm. Santa Catalina,

with its bustling market, neighbourhood restaurants and lively bars, remains one of the city's most appealing quarters, while the once-forgotten district of El Terreno is enjoying a gloriously louche renaissance. There is extraordinary shopping, a flourishing restaurant scene – both old-school cosy and Michelin starred – and an increasingly sophisticated cultural life, all wrapped up in a city that remains resolutely maritime.



Mandarin Oriental Punta Negra, Sarah Bannerman

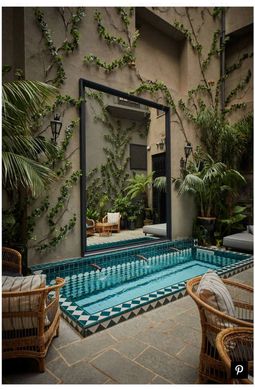
And unlike so many Mediterranean destinations, Palma belongs to every season. Winter brings crisp blue skies, long lunches in the sunshine and galleries without the crowds; summer stretches into balmy evenings spent wandering between tapas bars and waterfront terraces.

Its hotels are every bit as compelling. There are magnificent aristocratic palaces transformed into intimate hideaways, impossibly romantic townhouses, quietly luxurious family-friendly retreats and bold contemporary design hotels. Beyond the old town, grand hillside castles overlook the bay, while glamorous seafront resorts make the Mediterranean the main event. Whether the mood calls for old-school grandeur, Scandinavian minimalism or something altogether sexier, Palma has a hotel to match.

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HOTEL

Palma Riad→

Best for: romantic escapism

Hidden down an atmospheric little street just off the Passeig del Born, Palma Riad is an intimate adults-only hideaway carved from an historic Mallorcan townhouse. Stepping inside feels like slipping into another world: a little louche, deeply romantic and wonderfully removed from the city outside. At its heart is a Moroccan-style courtyard dripping in palms and greenery, where an aqua mosaic-tiled plunge pool sits beneath a vast mirrored wall, surrounded by cane chairs and little restaurant tables. Inside, original green-and-cream tiled floors meet chandeliers, gold drapes, velvet banquettes and sumptuous textiles in deep, burnished tones. My Sultan suite had an enormous four-poster bed, a vast tiled bathtub, fireplace, its own bar and a living room made for entertaining, plus two tiny balconies overlooking the street below. Downstairs, the late-night bar, with its fringed stools and velvet seating, keeps the mood going after dark. Staff are exceptional, fresh flowers appear everywhere and breakfast is a generous buffet, but really, this is about atmosphere. Step outside and within minutes you're lost in Palma's tumbling backstreets, little late-night flamenco bars and restaurants; step back inside and the city disappears again. An extraordinarily seductive oasis in the heart of Palma.

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Price: From about £300 per night.

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HOTEL

Terreno Barrio Hotel→

Best for: design lovers and a sexier side of Palma

There is something refreshingly real about El Terreno. Wedged between the pine forests of Bellver and Palma's waterfront, this is a neighbourhood people actually live in, with a glamorous past as the louche, cosmopolitan heart of Palma nightlife, when artists, aristocrats, musicians and beautiful outsiders collided around Plaça Gomila. Terreno Barrio Hotel taps into that history without turning it into pastiche. Its 41 rooms are split between a protected 1930s building and a striking contemporary seven-storey timber structure next door, connected by an open passageway that makes the hotel feel deliberately porous to the barrio. My room was in the older building, where the slightly worn elegance of the original architecture is layered with saturated colour, neon, mirrors, low lighting, locally made furniture and irreverent Mallorcan art. There's something wonderfully sexy about it all. At Destape, chef Gabriel Conti, also behind ultra-hip Palma dining spot Mombo, turns out Mediterranean dishes rooted in island produce, from excellent seafood to suckling pig and lobster rice. The mirror-backed cocktail bar is made for lingering, with Bernardi, the fabulous cocktailers, able to whip up an ice-cold dry martini in seconds. Later, there's subterranean club Dos Rombos, while the newer building houses the spa, gym, café and coworking spaces. Across the road, Bellver's pine forest is perfect for a morning run. Locals drift in, guests drift out, and the bars of Gomila are steps away. Terreno feels less like a hotel imposed on a neighbourhood than somewhere briefly to become part of it.

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Mandarin Oriental Punta Negra→

Best for: seaside indulgence

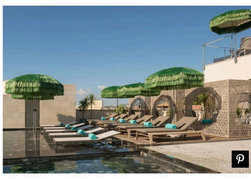
Set among fragrant Aleppo pines on a rocky headland overlooking the Mediterranean, Mandarin Oriental Punta Negra brings a new level of international luxury to Mallorca's southwest coast. Opened in June 2026 on the site of the former Hotel Punta Negra – a 20-minute drive from the city centre – the resort occupies a particularly beautiful stretch of coastline near Puerto Portals, with secluded coves, terraced gardens and uninterrupted views across the sea. Its 131 rooms and suites are contemporary and generously proportioned, with natural materials, soft Mediterranean colours and private terraces, while some of the more-exclusive suites come with their own pools. Dining is a major part of the appeal, with an ambitious collection of restaurants including Leña, chef Dani Garcia's acclaimed steakhouse concept, Japanese dining at Matsuhisa and relaxed Mediterranean cooking at Lepoc. The resort's wellness sanctuary draws on both Oriental healing traditions and the island's natural landscape, with extensive spa facilities, swimming pools and treatments. Despite its proximity to Palma, the setting feels distinctly removed from the city, with the sea, pine trees and rocky coastline providing a beautiful sense of escape. This is very much a destination resort rather than a city hotel, designed for long, languid days by the Mediterranean, with Palma's galleries, restaurants and boutiques an easy drive away.

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HOTEL

El Llorenç Parc De La Mar→

Best for: contemporary design

Sitting right on the seafront in historic La Calatrava, El Llorenç Parc de la Mar is a contemporary design hotel with a capital C, and a smart base for a grown-up weekend in Palma. With just 33 rooms, it feels intimate and removed from the hubbub outside, while the cathedral, waterfront and winding streets of the Old Town are all within easy walking distance. Rooms are bijou and boldly-designed, with Moorish references, rich textures and plenty of statement details. Staff are exceptional, armed with recommendations for everything from old-school dive bars and tapas joints to market counters for sushi. The real jewel is the rooftop, with its infinity pool overlooking the Bay of Palma and Ueba serving excellent Mediterranean plates, including a wonderful red-prawn tartare, alongside genuinely good non-alcoholic cocktails. Downstairs is Michelin-starred DINS Santi Taura. The location is made for an evening tardeo, wandering west through Palma towards Santa Catalina for its buzzy cocktail bars, boutiques and late-night haunts. This is a stylish jumping-off point for exploring the city, with a rather fabulous rooftop to come home to.

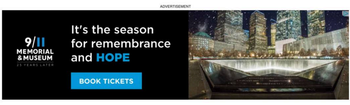
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Can Bordoy Grand House & Garden→

Best for: romantic seclusion

Behind an unassuming doorway in Palma's historic La Lonja quarter lies one of the city's most romantic hideaways. Can Bordoy Grand House & Garden occupies a magnificent old mansion, whose interiors have been reimagined with an appealingly eccentric mix of vintage furniture, rich fabrics, decorative antiques and contemporary design. There is something rather decadent about it all, from the theatrical bedrooms and sumptuous bathrooms to the intimate salons and softly lit corners. Its 24 suites are individually designed, with a sense of privacy that feels more like staying in an extraordinarily beautiful private house than a hotel. But Can Bordoy's greatest treasure is its garden, a wonderfully unexpected expanse of greenery hidden behind the surrounding buildings, where ancient trees, winding paths and secluded terraces create an almost country house atmosphere in the middle of the city. Restaurant Botànic opens onto this leafy sanctuary, with a menu centred on vegetables and seasonal produce, while the rooftop offers another place to escape above the city. There is also a small spa for treatments and a little restorative solitude. Just minutes from the bustle of La Lonja, Can Bordoy is a deeply atmospheric retreat with a wonderfully old-fashioned sense of romance.

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HOTEL

Sant Francesc→

Best for: understated elegance

Overlooking one of Palma's loveliest old squares, Sant Francesc occupies a magnificent 19th-century mansion, where the grandeur of the original architecture has been tempered with beautifully restrained contemporary design. The restoration is exquisite, preserving original frescoes, wooden beams, stone floors and soaring ceilings, while introducing sculptural furniture, contemporary art and a wonderfully muted palette. Its 42 rooms and suites are individually designed, some overlooking the basilica opposite, others the peaceful internal courtyard. The magnificent Sant Francesc Suite retains its original painted ceiling, while La Torre Studio unfolds over three levels with its own outdoor whirlpool bath. Downstairs, Quadrat restaurant, set within the former stables and opening onto a pretty courtyard garden, serves contemporary Mediterranean cooking under chef Alvar Alhadeff. But the real draw is the rooftop, where a small swimming pool and sun terrace overlook the jumble of terracotta rooftops, church towers and distant cathedral. Despite its grand proportions, Sant Francesc feels intimate and quietly sophisticated, with the galleries, boutiques and restaurants of Palma's old town just beyond its doors. A beautifully considered address for those who appreciate the finer details.

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Price: From about £300 per night.

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Castillo Hotel Son Vida

Best for: old-school glamour

High in the hills above Palma, Castillo Hotel Son Vida feels deliciously removed from the city while remaining close enough to dip into it whenever the mood strikes. The 13th-century castle became a hotel in 1961, and still carries the glamour of that era, when Grace Kelly, Maria Callas and Aristotle Onassis were among the names associated with its early years. Inside are polished marble corridors, old masters, chandeliers, libraries and velvet-clad lounges made for disappearing into with a book. But it is the view that really stays with you. From my bed I watched the sun rise over the Bay of Palma; by night, the city glittered below. Rooms are deeply plush, while the pool, spa and golf courses make it easy to stay put. Service is exceptional, even in a hotel of this scale, with staff somehow remembering everyone's name. Its size means it does attract corporate groups, but the hotel absorbs them remarkably well, with enough terraces, salons and quiet corners that it never feels overwhelmed. There might be a violinist playing on the terrace at sunset or chamber music drifting through the castle after dinner. It is grand, grown-up and wonderfully old-school, but after a recent refresh, not remotely stuck in the past.

Address: C/Raixa 2, Urbanización Son Vida, 07013 Palma de Mallorca, Spain

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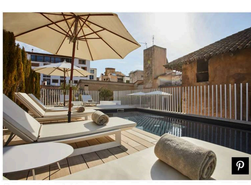
Best for: Scandinavian cool

On a quiet street between Palma's old town and the lively neighbourhood of Santa Catalina, Concepció by Nobis brings a distinctly Scandinavian sensibility to a beautifully restored 16th-century building. Originally a soap factory, the property has been reimagined by acclaimed Swedish architecture studio Wingårdhs, who have married the building's original stone arches, vaulted ceilings and historic proportions with pale timber, natural textiles and clean contemporary lines. There are just 38 rooms and suites, each individually conceived, with bespoke furnishings and an understated palette that feels both modern and wonderfully warm. Downstairs, the atmospheric lounge and bar form the social heart of the hotel, while restaurant Xalest, under chef Xema Alvarez, serves contemporary Mallorcan cooking with a particular emphasis on sharing plates, tapas and local ingredients. A small outdoor swimming pool provides a welcome escape from the heat of the city, while a private gym and in-house massage treatments complete the offering. The location is particularly appealing, with the boutiques, galleries and excellent neighbourhood restaurants of Santa Catalina in one direction and the grander architecture of the old town in the other. A stylish, refreshingly unpretentious addition to Palma's hotel scene.

Address: Carrer de la Concepció, 34, 07012 Palma, Mallorca, Spain

Price: From about £220 per night

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Convent de la Missió

Best for: grown-up serenity

Tucked away in La Missió, in the heart of Palma's old town, Convent de la Missió occupies a beautifully restored 17th-century convent once used for training missionaries. With just 27 rooms and suites, there is still something wonderfully ecclesiastical about it, from the almost subterranean hush to the vaulted ceilings and sense of elegant silence that follows you through the building. Our suite retained its original curved ceiling, with a huge pillowy bed, vast wardrobes and a separate living room, but without sacrificing the simplicity that makes the hotel feel so peaceful. Guests are 16-plus, and downstairs the spa, with its hammam, sauna and plunge pool, can be reserved privately, making an hour underground feel deliciously cocooning. The other great draw is Michelin-starred Marc Fosh, set beneath a glass roof on the ground floor, where contemporary Mediterranean tasting menus might include slow-cooked pigeon alongside beautifully precise Balearic produce. Fosh himself was at the helm when we ate, taking time to talk us through the dishes. Service throughout is exceptional: faced with an early departure, staff sent breakfast to our room, laden with charcuterie, fruit and yoghurt. A deeply peaceful, grown-up retreat hidden right in the middle of the city.



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Palacio Can Marqués

Best for: palatial grandeur

Hidden among the narrow streets of La Lonja, Palacio Can Marqués is one of Palma's most magnificent private residences, an 18th-century palace whose extraordinary proportions have been preserved in its transformation into an intimate five-star hotel. Beyond the discreet entrance lies a world of soaring ceilings, ornate plasterwork, original fireplaces and an imposing imperial staircase, with grand salons that recall the building's aristocratic past. There are just 13 suites, each entirely different, ranging from beautifully proportioned rooms with original architectural details to vast, almost apartment-like spaces furnished with antiques, contemporary art and sculptural lighting. It is gloriously theatrical in places, but the sheer scale of the building gives it an elegance that feels entirely authentic. A leafy courtyard garden offers a peaceful retreat from the surrounding streets, while the rooftop terrace looks out towards Palma's cathedral. Downstairs, The Merchants Steak & Grill serves lunch and dinner in the restaurant and garden. The location is equally appealing, surrounded by La Lonja's galleries, little boutiques, tapas bars and some of the city's liveliest restaurants, with the waterfront just a short stroll away. An unusually intimate opportunity to inhabit a genuine Mallorcan palace.

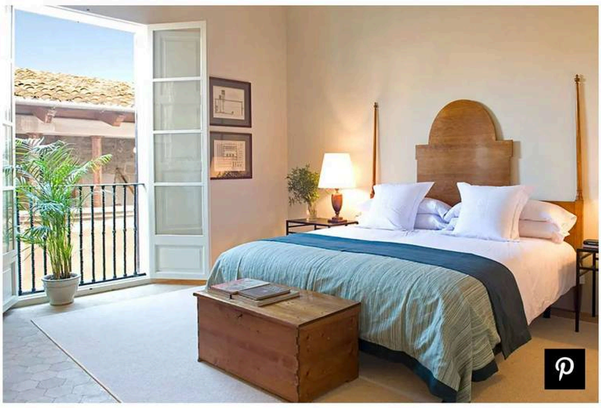
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Can Cera

Best for: historic charm and quiet sophistication

Hidden along a narrow street in Palma's historic quarter, Can Cera occupies a magnificent 17th-century Mallorcan palace, whose original grandeur has been beautifully preserved in its transformation into an intimate 14-room hotel. Beyond the discreet entrance, a traditional courtyard framed by soaring stone arches and lush greenery leads into a series of elegant salons, where antique furniture, contemporary paintings, polished floors and original architectural details give the impression of an extraordinarily beautiful private residence. Rooms are individually designed, with generous proportions, high ceilings and a wonderfully restrained mix of period pieces and contemporary comforts. The magnificent Can Cera Suite occupies the palace's former ballroom, with a four-poster bed, traditional Mallorcan tiles and its own private terrace. Downstairs, La Vermutería serves tapas, artisan cheeses and excellent local produce, while the intimate spa, with its sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi, can be reserved for private use. There is no swimming pool, but a rooftop terrace provides a peaceful spot above the surrounding streets. Just moments from Plaça de Santa Eulàlia and the galleries, churches and winding alleyways of the old town, Can Cera is a quietly elegant retreat steeped in Palma's aristocratic past.

Address: Carrer de Sant Francesc, 8, 07001 Palma, Mallorca, Spain

Price: From about £280 per night.

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Portella

Best for: a beautifully considered home from home

Tucked away beside Palma's ancient Arab Baths, in the wonderfully atmospheric neighbourhood of La Calatrava, Portella is an intimate boutique residence occupying a meticulously restored 17th-century townhouse. Opened in 2024, the hotel was conceived by French interior design studio Festen, working alongside Mallorcan architects Gras Reynés, whose sensitive restoration celebrates the building's original character through warm stone, terracotta, natural timber and beautifully understated furnishings. There is something particularly appealing about the residential feel of the place, with its leafy internal courtyard, carefully collected antiques and softly lit interiors. Rooms and suites are individually designed, some with kitchenettes and generous living spaces that lend themselves particularly well to longer stays, while interconnecting accommodation makes it an appealing option for families. Downstairs, the intimate kitchen serves seasonal Mediterranean dishes from breakfast through to late afternoon, while a traditional hammam, treatment room and small gym provide space for a little restoration. Upstairs, a rooftop terrace overlooks the surrounding rooftops and historic architecture. With the cathedral, waterfront and labyrinthine streets of Palma's old town just minutes away, Portella offers an unusually intimate way to experience the city, somewhere between a beautiful private house and a very discreet hotel.

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