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# The 20 coolest hotels in Majorca

From a hip hangout in Palma to a stylish beach resort or a chilled-out finca with spa

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Hotel Valldemossa (2)

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## 1 Son Palou, Orient

A classic agroturismo in Majorca's northwest, Son Palou is a 14th-century finca owned by the Colom family, who have farmed here for generations. The 14 bedrooms mix antique furniture and terracotta floors with contemporary bathrooms, while the spacious grounds are dotted with quiet corners and nooks where you can laze in a deckchair and enjoy mountain views. The pretty village of Orient is a short drive away.

**Details** B&B doubles cost from £112 a night (00 34 971 14 82 82, [sonpalou.com](http://sonpalou.com))

## 2 Hotel Valldemossa

On a hill in the northwest of the island — about 12 miles north of Palma — Valldemossa is a five-star hotel with a lovely secluded pool surrounded by pretty grounds. It is in two converted barns and there's a spa with treatment rooms and a hot tub and sauna. Some of the 16 rooms have four-posters; all are elegant and sophisticated, many with tranquil balconies.

**Details** B&B doubles cost from £285 a night (020 7118 1020, [theothermallorca.com](http://theothermallorca.com))



## 3 Son Jaumell, Capdepera

In the less-visited northeast of the island, Jaumell, an elegant 18th-century estate surrounded by almond groves, is the place to come for tranquillity. Each of the spacious 24 bedrooms has a hydro-massage tub and Aveda toiletries. There's a parasol-decked pool terrace and local cuisine by Andreu Genestra, formerly of the world-famous El Bulli restaurant.

**Details** B&B doubles cost from £217 a night (00 34 971 81 87 96, [hotelsonjaumell.com](http://hotelsonjaumell.com))

## 4 OD, Port Portals

OD (Ocean Drive) is the sister property to two OD hotels in Ibiza, and it keeps to the theme: crisp interiors in coffee and taupe, studded with retro pieces of furniture. It has 76 rooms but the styling keeps it personal, and it's in a great location, next to the Port Portals marina and 15 minutes from Palma. Don't miss the weekend "tasting brunch" (noon to 4pm).

**Details** B&B doubles cost from £112 a night (00 34 971 67 59 56, [od-hotels.com](http://od-hotels.com))

## 5 Ca's Xorc, Soller

If a stylish escape is what you need, this 14-room hotel tucked away up a winding road between Deia and Valldemossa in the northwest is the place. Bedrooms mix traditional Majorcan design with contemporary tweaks — powerful showers, limestone floors and modern-print fabrics — but it's really all about the views from the bedroom balconies. Ca's Xorc has a pool, and a set menu is served each evening on the dining terrace.

**Details** B&B doubles cost from £181 a night ([i-escape.com](http://i-escape.com))

## 6 Cases de son Barbassa, Cala Mesquida

Close to the unspoilt beaches of Cala Mesquida and Cala Aguilá in the east of the island, Barbassa has an Ibiza-esque vibe, with billowing drapes by the long pool, wide stone terraces and pale brick in the finca. Dinner, served in the glass-walled restaurant or under the stars, is a high point. Many of the dishes feature produce from the hotel garden, including olive oil.

Details B&B doubles cost from £134 a night (00 34 971 56 57 76, [sonbarbassa.com](http://sonbarbassa.com))



#### 7 L'Avenida, Soller

Ringed by mountains and surrounded by orange groves in the northwest, Soller is one of Majorca's most charming towns, and L'Avenida its coolest address. A turn-of-the-century townhouse converted into a 12-room boutique hotel, it has a slightly naughty style, with statement wallpaper, thick drapes and throws. The terrace around the neat pool area is perfect for breakfast and lunch.

Details B&B doubles cost from £166 a night, with a minimum two-night stay (00 34 971 63 40 75, [avenida-hotel.com](http://avenida-hotel.com))

#### 8 The Pink Pepper Tree, Lloseta

A 16th-century northern finca converted into an eight-bedroom retreat, the Pepper Tree has the feel of a private and very stylish home. In some ways it is; the owners, Glynn and Jacqueline, are on hand to provide anything from dinner (three times a week) to a programme of therapies and massages or dream interpretation.

Details B&B doubles cost from £86 a night ([sawdays.co.uk](http://sawdays.co.uk))



#### 9 Son Mas, Porto Cristo

If it's space you're after, Son Mas delivers. The estate on the east coast spans about 200,000 sq m, dotted with olive trees, a huge pool and plenty of quiet corners. The stone farmhouse has several comfortable lounges and 38 rooms with earthy tones and cream brickwork. The spa is a highlight, with a large indoor pool, treatment rooms and a yoga space. The hotel has an impressive wine cellar.

Details B&B doubles cost from £234 a night (00 34 971 55 87 55, [sonmas.com](http://sonmas.com))



#### 10 Hotel Feliz, Palma

Palma is littered with hotels, most of them pricey. Best of the affordable options is the Hotel Feliz, which has a rooftop plunge pool and terrace with great views over the harbour to the city. The chic rooms are a little small, but there's a stylish lounge and bar with a happy hour. The centre of Palma is a 1km stroll along the promenade.

Details B&B doubles cost from £100 a night (00 34 971 28 88 47, [hotelfeliz.com](http://hotelfeliz.com))





### 11 Can Simoneta, Canyamel

Perched on a clifftop on the northeast corner of the island, Can Simoneta oozes effortless style. It may be a touch minimalist for some — the 16 bedrooms are in a uniform palette of cream and taupe — but the pine-fringed garden is glorious, with stairs down to the beach.

**Details** B&B doubles cost from £245 a night (00 34 971 81 61 10, [cansimoneta.com](http://cansimoneta.com))

### 12 L'Hostal Pollenca

Don't be put off by the name, there's nothing hostel-like about this slick, six-room hotel in the far north that was once the place where merchants would rest their horses when visiting town. Rooms are simple, with exposed walls and beams, and bright rugs and cushions. Best of all is the location, just a minute from Pollenca's main square.

**Details** B&B doubles cost from £77 a night (00 34 971 53 50 02, [pollensahotels.com](http://pollensahotels.com))



### 13 Cal Reiet, Santanyi

Billing itself as a holistic retreat rather than a hotel, Cal Reiet in the south combines elegance with a focus on restorative breaks — it is renowned for its yoga. You can book bespoke “retreat weeks” or relax beneath the palm trees by the pool or on a sofa in the stone-hued lounge. Dinners served on the terrace focus on organic ingredients.

**Details** B&B doubles cost from £182 a night (00 34 971 94 70 47, [calreiet.com](http://calreiet.com))

### 14 Portixol, Palma

Fifteen minutes' walk along the seafront from Palma, Portixol remains, 17 years after opening, one of the city's coolest hotels. In the chic barrio of El Molinar, famed for its fish restaurants, the hotel mixes Scandi style with a feel of the 1950s, from the sleek pool area to the 25 bedrooms decked out in nautical stripes. A buzzy cocktail bar serves light dishes all day, with a more formal restaurant for evening dining.

**Details** Doubles cost from £225 a night (00 34 971 27 18 00, [portixol.com](http://portixol.com))



### 15 S'Hotel d'es Puig, Deia

Picture-perfect Deia in the northwest is expensive to stay in, making d'es Puig something of a find. It has been welcoming guests since the 1920s (including D H Lawrence) but there's nothing dated here, just 14 rather sleek bedrooms, a small pool area edged with lemon trees, and terraces with mountain views. There's no restaurant, but Deia is on the doorstep.

**Details** B&B doubles cost from £128 a night (00 34 971 63 94 09, [hoteldespuig.com](http://hoteldespuig.com))

#### 16 Hotel Cala San Vicenc

The pretty northern fishing village of Cala San Vicenc remains one of Majorca's most unspoilt places, and this rust-hued hotel, with its palm-lined pool, has long been one of the hippest lodgings. The 38 rooms mix traditional Majorcan features – heavy beams and terracotta floors – with 21st-century comforts. The Cavali Bernat restaurant focuses on seafood and seasonal produce.

**Details** B&B doubles cost from £144 a night (00 34 971 53 02 50, [hotelcala.com](http://hotelcala.com))

#### 17 Son Viscos, Valldemossa

Son Viscos, a delightful five-bedroom boutique B&B, is a bargain in pricey northwestern Valldemossa. There's no pool, but you can dip into the ancient water channels that run through the property. Rooms feel cosy without being chintzy, the views are spectacular and the huge breakfasts are a great way to fuel up before a hike in the nearby Tramuntana mountain range.

**Details** B&B doubles cost from £120 a night (00 34 971 61 63 80, [sonviscosvalldemossa.com](http://sonviscosvalldemossa.com))

#### 18 Esplendido, Port de Soller

If you want the beach outside your front door, there's nowhere better than the Esplendido, which sits in the middle of the bay shoreline in Port de Soller in the northwest. A reborn 1950s hotel, it has 74 rooms that mix retro touches with bold colours and statement wallpapers. Laze by the two rooftop pools, sip cocktails beneath re-creations of classic album covers in the ground-floor bar, and tuck into fresh fish in the terrace restaurant. It's great for families too.

**Details** B&B doubles cost from £155 a night ([i-escape.com](http://i-escape.com))

#### 19 Son Brull, Pollenca

It's hard to believe that Brull, up in the north, was once a Jesuit monastery; the 23 rooms ooze modernist style, with angular, statement furniture, in-room baths and balconies that make the most of its tranquil location. It's a big place so don't come if you're after small and cosy, but if you want some of the island's best food, a top-class spa and the feeling of being really spoilt (from the pillow menu to a breakfast of fresh cherries from the hotel's orchard), it will hit the spot.

**Details** B&B doubles cost from £356 a night (00 34 971 53 53 53, [sonbrull.com](http://sonbrull.com))

#### 20 Hotel Can Mostatxins, Alcudia

Quirky and delightful, this eight-room hotel in the heart of Alcudia's picturesque old town, also in the north, is built around a 15th-century olive press, with each bedroom having at least one original, exposed-brick wall. The accent is on clean lines, with an almost Scandi approach to design; the tower room – with its own glass walkway and private terrace – is the one to book. There's no restaurant, but with so many dining options right on the doorstep, there's no need for one.

**Details** B&B doubles cost from £141 a night (00 34 971 54 96 39, [hotelcanmostatxins.com](http://hotelcanmostatxins.com))



Ses Salinas, Ses Salines

#### Or choose from the pick of the island's villas

##### Ses Salinas, Ses Salines

If you're after a chic villa for a week, the new collection from the hotel specialists Mr & Mrs Smith offers some gems. Ses Salinas, below, is a contemporary new-build villa with open-plan living spaces that combine angular, modern furniture with classic Mallorquin design. The four bedrooms (sleeping eight) are spare and minimalist with exposed brick walls. The unspoilt southern village of Ses Salines is a short drive, as is the beach at Es Trenc.

**Details** A week for eight costs from £2,399.96 (0330 100 3180, [mrandmrsmith.com](http://mrandmrsmith.com))

##### Sa Ferrandoll, Soller

One of the most elegant of CV's 33 villas on Majorca, Ferrandoll perches on a hilltop, with glorious views to the Tramuntana mountains in the northwest. Outdoor living is the theme, with three open-walled lounge areas and an open-plan dining room and lounge dotted with scarlet armchairs and modern art. The five bedrooms are a touch hotel-like, but the views more than make up for it.

**Details** A week for ten costs from £8,605 (020 3773 9686, [cvvillas.com](http://cvvillas.com))

##### Can Lladroner, Pollenca

If you're looking for a family villa holiday with all the trimmings, Scott Dunn will hit the spot. Can Lladroner in the north is one of its 11 villas. A gorgeous converted finca, it is surrounded by five hectares of vineyards and gardens. Ideal for two families holidaying together, it has two bedrooms in the main house and two in the adjoining casita, with a studio for two small children. A nanny, chalet staff and meals are included.

**Details** A week for ten costs from £1,200m including flights and transfers ([scott-dunn.com](http://scott-dunn.com))

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### Ses Dues Finques, Calvia

A great choice for affordable, traditional villas, Mallorca Farmhouses specialises in properties such as Ses Dues Finques, just west of Finca. Sleeping seven (plus one on a fold-out bed) in four bedrooms, the house is set in an orange grove, with a poolside dining pavilion and lawned gardens. The upper terrace opens out from the first-floor living room; perfect for sunset drinks.

**Details** A week for seven costs from £1,750 (0800 1218992, [mallorca.co.uk](http://mallorca.co.uk))

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