

BALEARIC BEDS

Mallorca corkers

Here are the five new heavenly hotels that you need to check out...

The scenery one

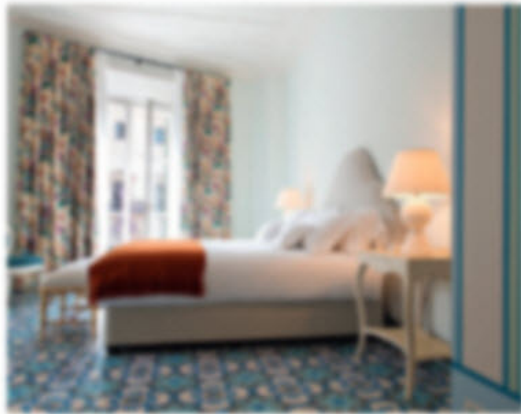
Hotel Mamá

If you've been to Palma, you've probably visited one of the Cappuccino group's glam cafes. Now it has a design hotel, too, in the historic Plaza de Cort — with a sushi bar, cinema and funky, print-clashing interiors. hotelmama.es, doubles from £290, B&B, below.

The arty one

Boutique Hotel Sant Jaume

You can take the four-storey abstract artwork in the lobby as a statement of intent: modern pieces and abstractscape palm prints fill the walls in the bar, restaurant and suite rooms. boutiquehotel.santjaume.com, doubles from £220, room-only.



The boho resort

Bikini Island

Tucked between mountains and the beach of Port de Soller, this adults-only resort (above) channels the utopian hippie vibe of Bali and San Francisco with its dreamcatcher art and earthy spa. Opens July 1. bikini-hotels.com, doubles from £175, room-only.

The fashionista find

Hotel Summum

This Palma townhouse's monochrome spaces and plush furnishings have a distinctly French feel, echoed in its ritzy restaurant, *Egus len*. hotelsummum.com, doubles from £220, B&B.

The bargain bed

Hotel Es Princep

Cheaper, but no less stylish, Es Princep has sunset views over the waterfront from its pool deck. You could splash the saved cash in its gourmet restaurant, *Bala Roja*. esprincep.com; doubles from £150, room-only.



GADGET NEWS

ALL ANGLES

We love taking holiday snaps, but all that camera action drains our battery. So we're covering our backs with this nifty ION360 case, which charges your phone, protects it — and lets you take 360° panoramic shots of the scenery. Simply clip the lens on top of the case and use its app to capture your holiday from every angle. What a way to expand your horizons (available for Apple iPhone and Samsung Galaxy; uk.ion360.com; £300).

LEARN ON THE FLY

Lingo wings

Want to brush up your French *tout de suite*? Swot up on basic Spanish? Emirates is giving passengers a flying start with uTalk video tutorials in 15 languages on its in-flight entertainment system. EasyJet is also offering the uTalk service, initially on its five Swiss-based planes: passengers can use wi-fi to access free lessons in 130+ languages on their own device. Now you're talking (utalk.com).



We're excited about...

■ Clinking glasses of cava on the rooftop of Málaga's starriest hotel, Gran Hotel Miramar, at its sparkling new terrace Media Luna (granhotelmiramarmalaga.com).

■ New guided walking tours of Greece's Pelion Peninsula, with strolls along ancient stone paths to little-visited villages (hfholidays.co.uk; seven nights from £748pp, half-board, excluding flights).

■ Indulging in a pre-flight afternoon tea in Virgin's Clubhouse lounge (and, soon, in its Upper Class cabins) — with shimmering pastries by star London baker Cake Boy, aka Eric Lanlard (virginatlantic.com).



■ Staying dry deep-sea diving — on a submarine at Four Seasons Landa Giraavaru in the Maldives (fourseasons.com; £1,243pp; doubles from £962, B&B).

■ A glam gourmet restaurant for Peru's Sacred Valley. Mil, from the team behind Lima's top-end Central restaurant, overlooks the spiralling Inca terraces of Moray (milcentro.pe; eight courses £107).

■ Becoming a master of vodka. The Swedish distillery Absolut's first visitor centre opens this month in Skåne (theabsolutcompany.com; £21).

AND NOT SO EXCITED ABOUT...

New book *Flights of No Return* (Voyageur Press; £16.99), which chronicles the final journeys of doomed aviators such as Amelia Earhart. Not one for the plane