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EL LLORENÇ PARC DE LA MAR

Palma, Mallorca's capital, is not just a gateway to the island's beaches, but a sun-washed city break in its own right. Newest opening El Llorenç has bagged a prime spot in its heritage-steeped La Calatrava neighbourhood, with views over the spectacular gothic cathedral La Seu. Swede Magnus Ehrland is perhaps an unlikely lead for its interiors, but his references to the island's former Moorish reign – think intarsia parquet floors, patterned tiles and splashes of aquamarine – are a striking antidote to the bohemian, whitewashed brand of Balearic design. Head up to the roof for the real action, where a lounge, bar and dining terrace are overseen by Mallorcan chef Santi Taura, and loungers and Balinese beds line Palma's longest infinity pool. From £148 per night ([designhotels.com](https://www.designhotels.com)). **LD**



Moorish-inspired design reigns at El Llorenç

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