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# El Llorenç Parc de la Mar

Palma, Majorca, Spain



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" Understated elegance and ingenious design are the hallmarks of luxury five-star boutique hotel, El Llorenç. Sea-facing and situated on a quiet promenade, the property offers exquisite gastronomic cuisine courtesy of acclaimed local chef, Santi Taura, and a magnificent spa and roof terrace with infinity pool. "

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## Location

The hotel occupies a blissfully quiet spot in front of a leafy park in the atmospheric historic quarter of Calatrava, with its narrow, cobbled streets, shops, galleries and artisan studios. Lying adjacent to the ancient city walls, known as Dalt Murada, it is just a five-minute walk from La Seu Cathedral and other major sights such as Almudaina palace, the Arab baths and Museum of Mallorca.

The jaunty, nautical Portixol district is renowned for its bars and lively fish restaurants and can be reached on foot in 15 minutes. The distance to Palma airport is eight miles (12km) and takes about 15 minutes by taxi.

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## Style and Character

Renowned Swedish designer Magnus Ehrlund has created an ambient and welcoming home from home, with a palette of warm natural colours and use of verdant foliage throughout the building. Inspired by the city's Moorish heritage, he has deftly woven the Arabic star motif into wooden doors, textiles, ceramics and glass. Artfully, he has also blended historic references in this modern edifice, with 1920s-style retro images, classic walnut mouldings, ultra-quirky and futuristic lighting, and extravagant gilt-edged furniture. There's a mischievous Great Gatsby opulence to the place, matched with attention to detail and a genuine sense of authenticity.

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## Service and Facilities

The hotel has a wonderfully warm ambience and unhurried atmosphere from the moment you walk into the lobby; nothing is too much trouble and cases are whisked away while a drink of choice is offered. The friendly, experienced team is keen to ensure that guests feel relaxed from the moment they enter the hotel.

A glorious roof terrace, set on three levels, enjoys panoramic and dreamy views over La Seu cathedral and the Mediterranean Sea. Its cocktail bar offers a Tannur bistro snack menu during the day and in the evening. The attractive infinity pool is flanked by Balinese beds, and vast raffia-fringed emerald parasols that shimmer like ostrich feathers under the sun.

A luxurious, serene basement wellness zone offers a variety of massages and beauty treatments, and exclusive products by Natura Bissé. The pièce de résistance is the green-tiled lap pool presided over by vast golden hanging lights. There's also a whirlpool tub, sauna, steam room and ice fountain. Valet parking is available at €35 (£31) per day.

- ✓ Bar
- ✓ Laundry
- ✓ Pool
- ✓ Room service
- ✓ Spa
- ✓ Wi-Fi
- ✓ Fitness centre
- ✓ Parking
- ✓ Restaurant
- ✓ Sauna
- ✓ Steam room/hammam

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## Rooms

The hotel has 33 rooms, including six juniors and two suites, some of which have balconies overlooking the peaceful park in front of the property and Bay of Palma. Decorated to an exceptionally high standard in warm and restful hues of cream, buff and dove grey, rooms offer bespoke fittings and furnishings that subtly incorporate the hotel's recurring star motif.

Vintage mono photographs of lively beach scenes, bold and retro parquet flooring and Art Deco blue raffia wall lighting are seamlessly married with touch-button technology such as smart televisions, underfloor heating and complimentary concierge tablets. To complete the pampering experience, king-sized beds come with pillow menus, and there are coffee machines, minibars and plush white bathrobes and slippers. Mirrored and granite-finished bathrooms include Santal 33 toiletries and large walk-in showers, while junior suites also include tubs.



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## Food and Drink

With two restaurants on offer, guests can choose between casual all-day Tannur bistro, offering Mediterranean and international dishes, or gastronomic Dins, both directed by renowned Majorcan chef, Santi Taura. Situated off the light-filled open-plan lobby, Tannur overlooks the tranquil park opposite, while Dins occupies a more intimate space that includes a show-cooking counter and exhibit of an 11th century Arabic oven found during excavations on the site.

After 16 years running his acclaimed eponymous restaurant in Lloseta village, Taura has upped sticks to El Llorenç and created a relaxed and refined emporium using the best local and seasonal produce. Exquisite seven- and 10-course tasting menus, at €70 (£60) and €95 (£81) respectively, draw on the islands' culinary heritage and traditions, matched by excellent value local wines. Bespoke cutlery, and hand-thrown pottery created by Taura himself, add a homely and exclusive touch. Highlights include smooth and textured *lampuga* (a local fish) marinated in salt and sugar, with a piquant red pepper emulsion. The sweet and moreish red prawn aioli rice with prawn truffles is a triumph, as is the beef infused with milk and pine nuts, lovingly simmered for hours and served with gutsy seasonal mushrooms. Winning sweets include an egg, lemon and spicy meringue-topped creation and a herby chocolate dessert with pomegranate seeds.

Breakfast is available between 8am and 11am, and offers a scrumptious and inspired à la carte menu of dishes such as carob and wheat bread with roasted peppers and smoked cod, and butter brioche eggs Benedict. The buffet offers fruits, granolas, chia puddings, cold cuts and cheeses and pastries. There are freshly squeezed juices, a daily smoothie and exceptionally good coffee and tea.

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## Value for Money

Double rooms from €200 (£172) in low season; and from €300 (£257) in high. Breakfast included. Free Wi-Fi.

### Access for guests with disabilities?

Room 110 on the first floor has been fully adapted and includes en-suite bathroom and pretty internal terrace. The lift serves all floors, including the lower ground spa level and roof terrace.

### Family-Friendly?

Cots and extra beds can be provided.

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