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## Sant Francesc Hotel Singular

PALMA, MALLORCA

Here's what you must do in the early evening at the Sant Francesc Hotel Singular. You must head to the rooftop pool. You must acquire a glass of cold fino. Then you must dangle your legs in and gaze at the gothic cathedral and the shimmering sea beyond. It's a languid sort of a place, and elegant, housed in a 19th-century mansion, with rooms arranged around courtyards. The Heeley products in the bathroom have that delicious Mediterranean scent that you've been searching for all year – Figuiers, in case you were wondering. The grandest rooms give onto the square; the most romantic are under the eaves and have views into secret patios. Both are within tripping distance of that rooftop pool, that fino, that view. **BOOK IT** Double, from £205 (hotelsantfrancesc.com; 00 34 971 495 000).



### Prime time

March, for the dramatic Princess Sofia Trophy regatta – boats from 50 countries streaming out of Palma Bay on Mallorca's Balearic *embat* wind.



## THE LLOYD-WEBBERS' Mallorca

### FIRST THING WE DO

Book a table at Sebastian's restaurant in the village.

### FAVOURITE SPOT

The fish restaurant in Cala Deià, Ca's Patro March. It's wonderfully unsmart, with a view over a lovely pebbly beach and spectacular cliffs.



### WE CAN'T DO MALLORCA WITHOUT...

Actually, it's a must-NOT-pack item – stilettoes. There are too many steps and cobbled streets.

### BEST BUY

A bottle of local olive oil or a lovely wicker basket with long leather straps.



### TOP TIP

Sa Fonda bar is always buzzy after dinner, and it's especially good for teenagers – scruffy, fun, with lots of people to meet.

### WE'D RATHER NOT TELL YOU ABOUT...

The set menu at Joseph's – real name Es Raco des Teix – in Deià. The restaurant has a Michelin star, but go for lunch and you can eat for under £30.

### FELLOW GUESTS

Deià is kind of a secret place, but you'll always see someone famous – like Richard Branson, the Geldofs, Kate Moss or Nick Grimshaw. But it's not about showing off. No one would ever ask for a selfie or that kind of rubbish.



Kate Moss



## The Spectator Hotel

CHARLESTON, USA

We love a good dose of Southern charm. This just-opened spot has it in spades; you almost expect the bar to be filled with linen-clad plantation owners doffing their panamas at you. There's a pleasing Twenties-inspired theme, with dark-wood floors, soft leather and strokeable brass – a shady reprieve from the heat of the city.

The Spectator sits in the French Quarter of Charleston, and most of the understated, dove-grey rooms (with slightly at-odds carpets, but then the Americans do love their carpets) overlook the jade-hewed South of Broad neighbourhood, with its porches and colonnades. Opt for a suite with its own balcony, and order an icy gin cocktail from your butler – Southern charm personified. Breakfast is room-service only and comes with fresh-cut flowers. We're charmed. **BOOK IT** Double, from £230 (spectatorhotel.com; 00 1 843 724 4326).



### Prime time

March, when you can stuff yourself silly at the Charleston Wine + Food Festival.