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Travel like a celebrity in Mallorca

Spanish resort town of Cala Sant Vicenç welcomes a modern, new hotel

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The backstory

Just a one-hour drive from top to bottom, the tiny Spanish island of Mallorca has long been a getaway for the rich and famous. It's where Agatha Christie set her short story "Problem at Pollensa Bay," and where Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier III kicked off their honeymoon cruise in 1956 - the golden era of the resort town Cala Sant Vicenc. To welcome the area's resurgence in popularity, El Vicenç de la Mar threw open its doors on the northern shore in June. It follows the launch of a sister property, El Llorenç Parc de la Mar in Palma, on the southern coast.

The space

Clean, modern and bright, the hotel sits on a cliff-lined cove and mirrors its surroundings with a palette of sand, soft grey and aqua. There are 35 guest rooms and suites in the tranquil complex, ranging from 215-square-foot standard rooms to an 800-square-foot penthouse that sprawls across the hotel's entire top floor, complete with its own pool and terrace. If your room doesn't come with private outdoor space, you can always head to the rooftop to lounge poolside under a designer grass umbrella, Bellini in hand.

The dining

Chef Santi Taura (noted for his own Michelin-starred spot in Palma, DINS Santi Taura) oversees the three seafood-focused dining spots: U Mayol, Restaurant El Vicenç and the rooftop bar. Giving authentic Mallorcan cooking a contemporary twist, Taura brings modern presentation to local catches of the day,



The hotel overlooks azure waters at the foot of the Serra de Tramuntana mountains.

EL VICENÇ DE LA MAR PHOTOS

offering dishes like paprika-seasoned rock octopus, medieval-style lobster soup, and red mullet fillets with saffron potatoes.

The extra amenities

The hotel's serene Ç Wellness Studio boasts a 42-foot-long pool, a sauna and an ice fountain, plus face and body treatments by luxury skin care line Natura Bissé. For extra stimulation, book a private personal training or yoga session in the 24-hour gym, or watch a film in the on-site cinema.

The nearby sights

Aside from its sparkling waters filled with sunken ships (yes, it's a scuba-diving hot spot), the rugged coast is home to prehistoric caves



Find El Vicenç de la Mar on the bay of Cala Molins, on the northern coast of Mallorca.

and the Serra de Tramuntana mountain range, making it ideal for picturesque hikes and bike rides. The road to Cap de Fermentor, the

northernmost tip of the island, is popular with avid cyclists and culminates at a lighthouse overlooking the sea



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