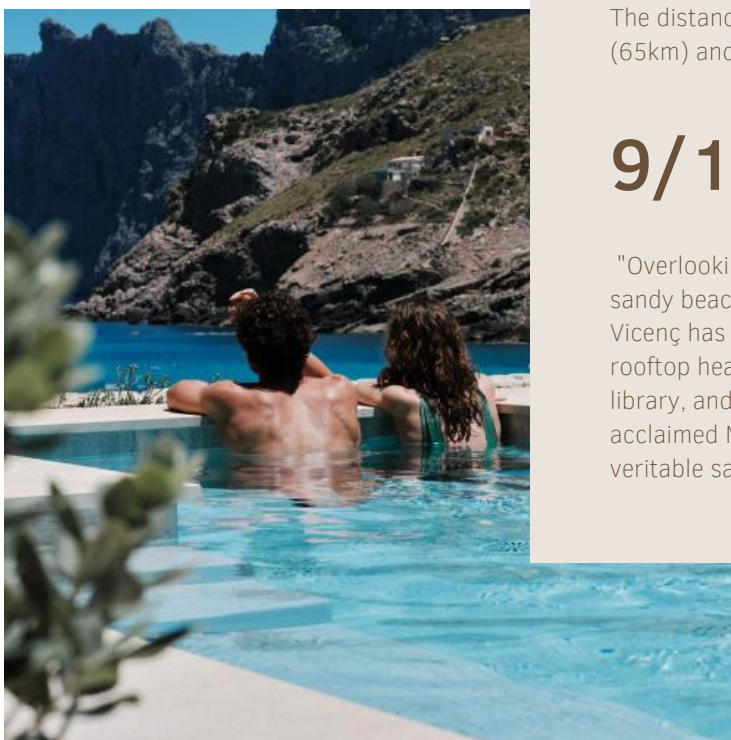
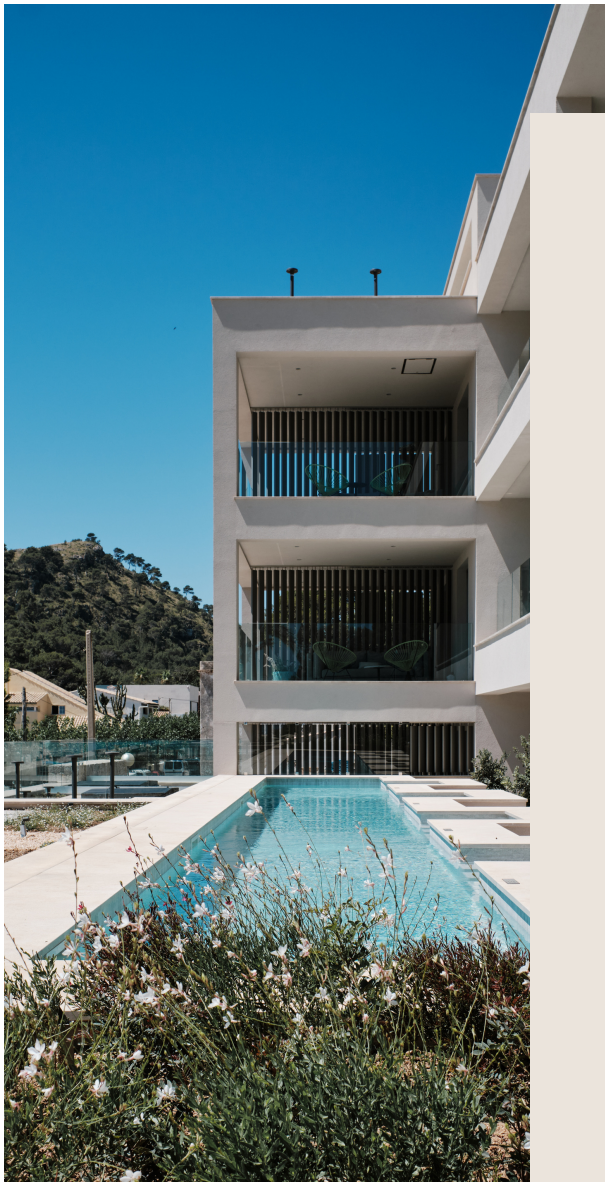


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EL VICENÇ DE LA MAR

CALA SANT VICENÇ. MAJORCA. SPAIN



9/10

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8/10 Location

Situated close to the northern tip of the island, the hotel is surrounded by the tail of the Tramuntana mountain range and is just a few minutes' walk from the peaceful and understated Molins Beach. Both the pretty town of Pollença and its lively port are a 15-minute car ride away. The town's main attractions are the popular Sunday market and ancient Calvari Steps that lead from the main square to the historic Calvario chapel and viewpoint. A guided factory visit at El Vicens, the fabric company that dates back to 1854, is highly recommended. Formentor, with its historic lighthouse, is a 30-minute drive away and a must for hikers and cyclists. The distance to Palma airport is 40 miles (65km) and takes about one hour by taxi.

9/10 Style & Character

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9/10 Service/ Facilities

The hotel's friendly team offers a wonderfully warm welcome and unhurried check-in, and nothing is too much trouble. Staff members can organise local vineyard visits and yacht charters, and advise about nearby attractions and hiking and cycling routes. Regardless of the season, there's a wealth of distractions within the hotel, from exclusive bookings at the private cinema – open from 8am until 10pm, with a menu offering snacks, cocktails and popcorn – to a library of books and games which includes a pool table. A fully serviced wellness zone includes gym, heated pool, steam room, sauna and ice fountain, and delectable Natura Bissé facial and body treatments are offered.

On the fourth floor, an expansive roof terrace with heated pool, cocktail bar and plenty of areas to chill, enjoys mesmeric views over the Tramuntanas, coastline and Molins Beach. The terrace is dotted with fun and fluttery raffia-fringed emerald parasols and plenty of comfy wicker chairs and loungers.

Underground parking is charged at €35 (£30) per night, though free public parking is also available in front of the hotel. Electric cars can be accommodated at €45 (£39) per night and bikes at €12 (£11). A complimentary shuttle service to Pollença is also offered.

9/10 Food & Drink

Acclaimed Michelin-starred local chef, Santi Taura, has devised the menus for both Bistro U Mayol, on the ground floor, and romantic rooftop restaurant, El Vicenç. The bistro offers relaxed seafood dining and serves drinks and delicious snacks from 12pm to 8pm, while lunch is served from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

El Vicenç offers a gastronomic à la carte menu of Mediterranean fare from 7.30pm to 10pm. The beautifully-presented, healthy and flavoursome dishes conjured by Taura are inspired by historic and authentic Majorcan recipes and largely use local, seasonal island produce. Scrumptious starters such as pan-fried artichokes with lobster in white wine leave you wanting more, while memorable mains include perfectly cooked fillet of seabass on a bed of tumbet vegetables. Moreish desserts include whisky cake, and pavlova.

A comprehensive buffet breakfast is served on the rooftop terrace from 8am to 11am. Yogurts, cereals, fresh juices and breads and bakes are available, as well as charcuterie and cheeses. An à la carte menu includes such indulgent delights as porridge, eggs Benedict and eggs Hemingway, pancakes and even Gillardeau oysters.

9/10 Value for Money

Double rooms from €300 (£260) in low season and from €450 (£388) in high season. Breakfast included. Free Wi-Fi.

Access for guests with disabilities?

The property has two adapted rooms on the first and second floor, one with whirlpool bath.

Family-Friendly?

No, the hotel is now adults only.

