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Blava 📞 971/747878 🌐 www.caprocat.com/en 🕒 Closed Nov.–mid-Mar. 🛏️ 30 rooms 🍳 Free Breakfast.

Castillo Hotel Son Vida

\$\$\$\$ | HOTEL | This lovely hotel in a 13th-century estate is a 10-minute drive from Palma, with a number of golf courses in the vicinity. **Pros:** heaven for golfers; outstanding service; set in a quiet green area but still close to Palma. **Cons:** adults only; eating off-site requires a cab ride or a rental car; rooms are a little dated. 💰 Rooms from: €380 📧 Carrer de Raixa 2, Ponent 📞 971/493493 🌐 www.castillohotelsonvida.com 🛏️ 164 rooms 🍳 Free Breakfast.

★ El Llorenç Parc de la Mar

\$\$\$\$ | HOTEL | Recent years have seen a number of high-end boutique hotels opening in Palma de Mallorca, none more fabulous than El Llorenç Parc de la Mar. The setting, on a quiet square in the historic Calatrava neighborhood, is ideal for exploring the prettiest parts of Palma on foot. **Pros:** incredible split-level rooftop terrace; personalized service; Michelin-starred restaurant. **Cons:** rooms on the small side; adults only; tricky to get to by car. 💰 Rooms from: €425 📧 Pl. de Llorenç Villalonga 4, Centro 📞 971/677770 🌐 www.elllorenc.com/en 🛏️ 33 rooms 🍳 Free Breakfast.

Finca Serena

\$\$\$\$ | HOTEL | Rural retreats don't get much more chic or more beautiful than Finca Serena. **Pros:** rural-chic charm; very relaxing; lovely pool area. **Cons:** watch out for creepy-crawlies; service can be a bit wobbly; extremely pricey. 💰 Rooms from: €660 📧 Ma-3200, Km 3 📞 971/181758 🌐 www.fincaserenamallorca.com/en 🛏️ 25 rooms 🍳 Free Breakfast.

Hostal Apuntadores

\$\$\$ | HOTEL | A favorite among budget travelers, this lodging in the heart of the old town, within strolling distance of the bustling Passeig des Born, has a rooftop terrace with arguably the city's best view—overlooking the cathedral and the sea. **Pros:** good value; some rooms have balconies; rooms have a/c and heat. **Cons:** basic decor; the cheapest rooms share bathrooms; can be noisy. 💰 Rooms from: €135 📧 Carrer Apuntadores 8, Centro 📞 971/713491 🌐 www.apuntadoreshostal.com 🛏️ 28 rooms 🍳 No Meals.

★ M House

\$\$\$\$ | HOTEL | With an enviable location in Palma's old town, close to the cathedral and some of the best shopping in the city, M House is a true urban oasis. **Pros:** trendy vibe; private parking available for €12/day; personalized service. **Cons:** not all rooms have a terrace; very tight parking spots; small swimming pool.

is in a protected natural area free of hotels and other developments, which makes for good bird-watching. Naturists lay their claim to part of the beach's eastern end. **Amenities:** food and drink; lifeguards; parking (fee); toilets. **Best for:** nudists; partiers; swimming; walking. ✉ MA6040, Colònia de Sant Jordi ↕ 10 km (6 miles) south of Campos, 6½ km (4 miles) east of Colònia Sant Jordi.

Restaurants

★ Adrian Quetglas Restaurant

\$\$\$\$ | SPANISH | Adrián Quetglas, an Argentinian-born chef of Mallorcan descent, cooked in some of the finest kitchens in London, Paris, and Moscow, before he returned to Mallorca in 2015 to launch this solo venture. Despite having been awarded a Michelin star, Quetglas remains committed to the “democratization” of fine dining, and to deliver the pleasure of high-end gastronomy to a wider audience. **Known for:** lunchtime tasting menu only €35; emerging Michelin-starred chef; accessible fine dining. 💰 Average main: €60 ✉ Passeig de Mallorca 20, Centro ☎ 971/781119 🌐 adrianquetglas.es 🕒 Closed Sun. and Mon.

Botànic

\$\$\$ | MEDITERRANEAN | In the leafy garden of the Can Bordoy boutique hotel, Botànic is a plant-forward restaurant that also features locally sourced meat and fish. The menu is inspired by the cuisines of Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Mexico, but firmly rooted in Mediterranean flavors. **Known for:** lovely patio; seasonal, local produce; healthy and flavor-packed dishes. 💰 Average main: €18 ✉ Forn de la Glòria 14, Centro ☎ 871/871202 🌐 canbordoy.com/botanic.

★ DINS Santi Taura

\$\$\$\$ | CATALAN | Local culinary wunderkind Santi Taura is using his eponymous restaurant in the El Llorenç Parc de la Mar hotel to explore historical recipes of the island, served in an ultra-chic, contemporary setting. Some of the most emblematic dishes include *p anada de peix de roca*, a “Mallorcan dim sum” of rock fish pie believed to be one of the oldest recipes on the island, and a dish of rabbit with lobster, which combines the sea and the mountains. **Known for:** traditional Mallorcan rock fish pie; local Michelin-starred chef; bar seating lets you see the chef at work. 💰 Average main: €30 ✉ Pl. de Llorenç Villalonga 4, Centro ☎ 656/738214 🌐 www.dinssantitaura.com.

Forn de Sant Joan

\$\$\$\$ | MEDITERRANEAN | This former bakery turned restaurant (*forn* means “bakery” or “oven” in Mallorquin) dates back to the 19th century and features exposed brick walls, colorful floor tiles, modern art on the walls, and picture-perfect