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## WHY YOU SHOULD PLAN YOUR HONEYMOON IN PALMA

MALLORCA'S CAPITAL IS THE PERFECT  
SUN-SPLASHED ESCAPE TO CELEBRATE  
TYING THE KNOT.

If you're seduced by sunshine, culture, and R&R (who wouldn't be?), Palma is guaranteed to garner your affection. A bastion of beguiling architecture, this resplendent resort city wins hearts with its romantic restaurants and wine bars. Plus, few major cities—save, maybe, Miami and a select group of others—can brag about having sandy beaches just steps from the main attractions.

If all this sounds enticing, we implore you to add Palma to your honeymoon shortlist. Not yet convinced? Read on for irrefutable proof that Mallorca's capital is the post-matrimonial getaway of your dreams.

## THERE ARE ALLURING CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS AND BEAUTIFUL BEACHES

The magic of the past is alive in Palma. While walking the streets, you'll notice many noteworthy cultural landmarks in a wide range of architectural styles. Admire the Art Nouveau facades of Edifici Casayas and Pensión Menorquina. Snap selfies in front of Catedral de Mallorca and the Moorish Royal Palace of La Almudaina. Stop to smell the flowers (literally) at Banyes Àrabs, and swing by Lonja de Mallorca. After the requisite sightseeing, grab your hubby for a seaside stroll along Passeig Marítim. It's a great way to peep all the enchanting architecture from a different perspective. And with urban beaches running alongside the pedestrian-friendly pathway, you're never more than a few feet from the sand. A bit further from the center of Palma, the former fishing village of Portixol is a lovely spot to watch the sunset.

## THE FOOD (AND WINE) IS FANTASTIC

What's a trip to Spain without sampling jamón ibérico? Mercat de Santa Catalina is a foodie haven with copious amounts of exquisitely cured ham and cheese. Of course, you won't regret going the seafood route either. Look for a lively counter where smiling patrons are tossing back oysters and cava—then go there!

For upscale ambiance, art, and fabulous food, reserve a table at Sadrassana. Be sure to order the lobster stew. Is it the sexiest dish to eat on a date? Not by a long shot, but you already nailed down your prince. So, bring on the bib and cracker.



Why settle for preset wine flights, when it's possible to pick your preferred pours from a self-service machine that dispenses red, white, and rosé with the push of a button. This oenophile wonderland is called Wineing, and it's a stone's throw from the main attractions. Feeling peckish? Nom on tapas like bacon-wrapped dates and spicy meatballs.





## YOU CAN STAY IN STYLE

Situated in the historic heart of Palma, Can Bordoy, a member of Mr & Mrs Smith, is a seductive respite with major honeymoon cred. Highlights include a rooftop with privileged views, leafy pool oasis, and sultry suites. Curated toiletries, like Poraso shaving cream and Marvis toothpaste, infuse a worldly ambiance. A mattress with adjustable firmness provides a top-notch setup for snoozing—or

whatever else you and your hubby do in bed. On that note, if you have a late night (whether it's due to hours of whispering sweet nothings or romping under the sheets), you won't have to worry about missing breakfast—because it's served all day. So, draw the blinds and sleep in without concern. The outside world will be waiting when you're ready to rise.



## IT'S A SHOPPER'S PARADISE

Palma is impossibly chic. So, it's the perfect place to bust out those fabulous honeymoon outfits you've been dying to wear. That said, you should attempt to leave at least a little space in your suitcase. Between the fashionable boutiques in Santa Catalina and the international designer labels that line Passeig del Born, you're bound to find a few new frocks.

Having trouble spotting that essential item that will tie your entire pad together? We'd be willing to bet it's waiting in Palma. The city has a large concentration of interior design stores. Head to La Libelula for wood side tables, riverstone bowls, and jute rugs. Stock up on hand-woven wicker baskets and pendant lamps from Mimbreria Vidal. Score artisan-crafted vases and heavenly scented candles at Casa Lima.

Need a little nibble? Mallorca Delicatessen Mateu Pons is an adorable gourmet shop that sells all kinds of local products, from wine and fruit preserves to olive oil and canned sardines.

## WELLNESS FTW

A honeymoon destination with a health-oriented mindset, Palma embodies the notion of holistic wellness. Fitness buffs who want to keep their pre-wedding workout regimen going will have lots of options, from yoga studios to waterfront jogging paths. And after the stress of wedding planning, getting pampered isn't just a nice-to-have, it's a must. Thankfully, Palma is home to the Can Bordoy Spa. We can't imagine a couple could possibly have trouble saying "I do" when it comes to a detoxifying massage or a firming facial.

