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50 best holidays in Spain



The Oasis Don Carlos, Marbella

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Take your pick: from new boutique hotels to boot camps that allow you to sit by the pool when you've had enough

Best new hotels

1 ME Mallorca Hotel, Majorca

Hip Spanish chain ME by Melia opens two new hotels this year, one in Ibiza, the other in Majorca. Formerly Beach House hotel, ME Mallorca sits on the beach between Palma Nova and Magaluf and has been spruced up to include modern rooms with black and white decor, many with sea views. There's a VIP area with Bali beds and hammocks .

Details B&B doubles are from €105 per night (0808 2341953, melia.com)

2 The Oasis by Don Carlos Resort, Marbella

Feeling under the weather? Charge your batteries at this new health-conscious hotel. Luxury accommodation aside, fitness facilities include tennis, gym classes, yoga, t'ai chi and trail-running around the hotel. Each guest has an "experience adviser" who will tailor a fitness programme.

Details B&B doubles start from €249.70, (00 34 952 76 88 00, www.theoasisdoncarlos.com)

3 Hard Rock Hotel, Ibiza

The Med's first beachfront Hard Rock Hotel opens this May on Ibiza's Playa d'en Bossa, the longest stretch of beach on the island. Featuring the usual music memorabilia, plus rooms with their own pool access and spa, it also has a kids' club, teen lounge and two swimming pools, as well as rock concerts .

Details B&B doubles start from £168 (hardrockhotels.com)

4 Ushuaia Tower, Ibiza

Ushuaia Beach, Ibiza's party hotel, gets a new tower block this summer with high-tech rooms featuring hot tubs. On Playa d'en Bossa, the hotel has a huge outdoor terrace and pool area to which guests in the tower get VIP access. Superstar DJs such as Anané & Louie Vega hit the stage by night.

Details Three nights' B&B is from £550pp, including flights (0844 5732460, vhiphotels.co.uk)

5 Cortijo del Marqués, Granada

You get a lot of bang for your buck at this brilliant boutique bolt hole on the rolling hills north of Granada. Surrounded by olive groves and sunflower fields, it has ten gorgeously styled rooms with exposed brick columns and beams. There's also an outdoor pool. It reopens, after a refurbishment, on March 14.

Details B&B doubles start from £75 per night (0845 0340700, mrandmrssmith.com)

6 Barcelona Princess, Barcelona

Ten minutes from the beach, the Barcelona Princess celebrates its 10th anniversary this year with a makeover of 18 rooms and public spaces on the hotel's 23rd and 24th floors. Local fashion house Deisugal did the makeover, creating rooms that match the signature patchwork designs, intense prints and graffiti art of its clothing range. There's also a pool terrace.

Details B&B doubles start from €52 per night (00 34 933 56 10 00, hotelbarcelonaprincess.com)