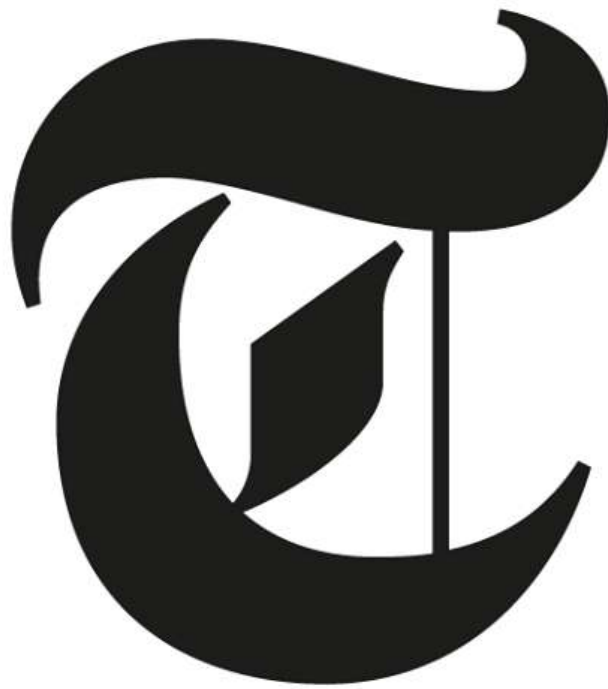
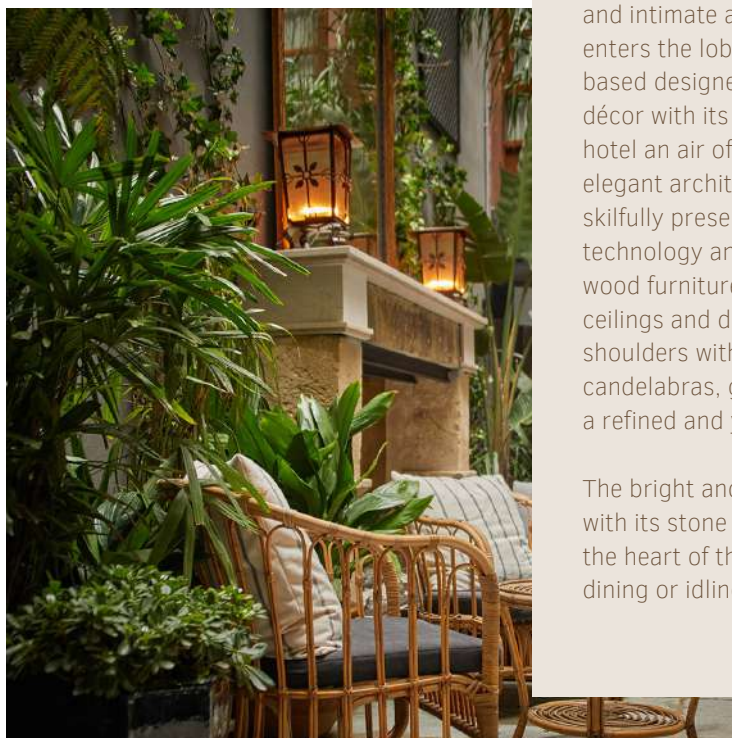
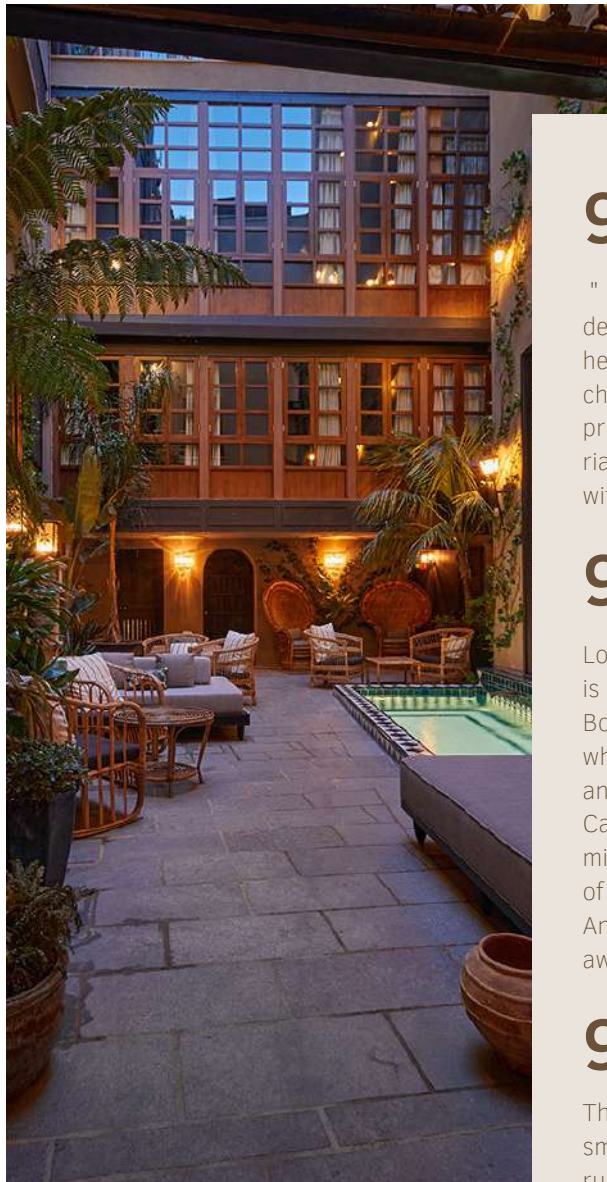


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# PALMA RIAD

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## 9/10

" Five-star Palma Riad is a luxuriously decadent and cosy urban jewel situated in the heart of Palma. Housed in an historic, characterful property of magnificent proportions, it emulates a traditional Moroccan riad, formed around a pretty central courtyard with chic restaurant and bar."

## 9/10 Location

Located on a quiet and narrow street, the hotel is only a few minutes on foot from Paseo del Borne, Avenue Sant Jaume III and La Rambla, where there are plenty of shops, galleries, bars and cafés. The historic quarter, Palma Cathedral and Almudaina Palace are just a 10-minute walk away. About one mile (2km) east of the capital is the sandy beach of Ca'n Pere Antoni. Palma airport is seven miles (11.5km) away by road.

## 9/10 Style & Character

This singular property daringly opted for smoke-hued walls and dramatic floor-length ruby drapes in the main parts, offering a snug and intimate ambience from the moment one enters the lobby. The brainchild of Barcelona-based designer, Pablo Peyra, the exuberant décor with its theatrical flourishes lends the hotel an air of glamour and mystery. The elegant architecture of the building has been skilfully preserved whilst introducing sleek technology and contemporary comforts. Dark wood furniture, graceful stone arches, high ceilings and dramatic chandeliers rub shoulders with Moroccan artefacts, candelabras, gilt mirrors and fine art, offering it a refined and yet appealing bohemian air.

The bright and welcoming palm froned patio, with its stone paving and ivy-clad walls, forms the heart of the house and is a perfect place for dining or idling with a book and a cocktail.



## 9/10 Service/ Facilities

The hotel has a distinctly British clubby feel and the welcoming staff offer discreet and courteous personalised service, though there's nothing stuffy about the place. Palma Riad is like staying at a friend's deluxe mansion where a warm and relaxed ambience prevails.

Staff are always on hand to assist with yacht charter, island excursions, restaurant bookings and bicycle or car hire. The hotel team knows the city well and is happy to give advice about the historic sights and city highlights.

During the day, drinks and snacks are available in the cosy cocktail bar adjacent to the lobby or on the peaceful central patio.

A public car park is a five-minute walk from the hotel.

## 9/10 Rooms

There are 11 individually designed and generously proportioned soundproofed suites, most offering fireplaces and enormous tiled bathrooms. Some rooms also have terraces.

The massive master suite is a feast for the eyes, with its original colourful decorated tiles, marble fireplace, floor-length gold curtains, plush red armchairs with quirky parrot design and chunky, velvet pistachio sofa. The living room has an underlit bar with a full cocktail kit, crystal glasses and large bottles of expensive tipples to tempt. An antique desk housing a coffee machine and minibar sits across from an elegant, mirrored smart television while walls are adorned with alluring artworks. There are plenty of quirky and eccentric touches such as a vintage telephone and white plumed lamp but nothing can prepare one for the gigantic and wonderfully louche four-poster bed with its red upholstery, white drapes and mirrored ceiling. The sense of mischief and gentle decadence is prevalent in the bathroom too with its vast Moroccan tiled bath that takes 15 minutes to fill, and in the large and luxurious amenities by Molton Brown. There are twin showers and basins, robes and slippers and plenty of plush towels on hand.

Representing best value, the cosy, New and Deluxe suites both offer king-sized bed, mirrored television, desk and plush, comfy armchairs. The wood-panelled New Suite includes bathroom with twin basins and showers, while the décor in the Deluxe charms with dramatic chandelier, slate-hued walls, wood flooring and colourful wall panels. This suite also has a larger bathroom with deep and luxurious mosaic tiled bath and double basins.

## 8/10 Value for Money

Double rooms from €350 (£300) in low season and from €500 (£430) in high season including breakfast. Free high-speed Wi-Fi. 9/10

