

Food Holidays

20 best hotels for foodies in Europe

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Spain

15. Sa Plana Estellencs, Majorca

The six rooms in this charming Majorcan country house with outdoor pool are done out in shabby-chic style, with lots of wood and stone. The set-menu dinner made from Majorcan produce is eaten on the terrace beneath olive and oak trees, and might include home-made sausages or fish grilled on an open fire. Make sure you try the owner's wine, made from musky malvasia grapes.

Details: B&B doubles cost from €98 a night (00 34 971 61 86 66, saplana.com)

16. Can Caponet Llivia d'Amunt, near Barcelona

Thirty minutes inland from Barcelona, this six-bedroomed eco-farmhouse is a family-run affair where time can all too easily slip by. It's the owner's wife who does the cooking, and she makes the most of largely organic vegetables that grow on the farm. They produce wine and honey too. Enjoy a massage in the spa, or book horse riding locally. You can also stay in two double cabins in the woods, which come with their own pool.

Details: B&B costs from €130 a night, dinner €30 (00 34 938 41 62 54, cancaponet.com)

17. Hostal Sa Rascassa Begur, Costa Brava

Set amid pine trees overlooking the rocky cove of Cala d'Aiguafreda, this five-room hotel is renowned for its Catalan cuisine. Linger over grilled cuttlefish or white beans with clams on the terrace, which is bedecked with fairy lights. In the summer, the restaurant runs a beach bar — perfect for a G&T at sunset. Decorated in cool stone hues, the five contemporary rooms have en suite rain showers. Visit the Dalí museum in the artist's home town of Figueres and the beautiful town of Cadaques.

Details: B&B doubles cost from €100 a night (00 34 972 62 28 45, hostalsarascassa.com)

18. El Molino del Santo Ronda, Andalusia

An oasis of civility among the parched gorges of southern Spain, boutique hotel El Molino del Santo is no longer the secret it was when I first visited nearly 30 years ago (Jamie Oliver is apparently now a fan). You can have anything from barbecues to full-on, eight-course tasting menus beneath the willows and babbling stream. All tiled roof and white walls, it has 18 rooms with stone floors and bright decor overlooking the countryside.

Details: B&B doubles are from €107 a night, five-course tasting menu, €50 (00 34 952 16 71 51, molinodelsanto.com)

19. Hotel Atrio Cáceres, Extremadura

A favourite of José Pizarro, the acclaimed Spanish chef, this hotel is within the walls of Cáceres, a Unesco World Heritage site. Swish rooms are just the backdrop to the main attraction — the food. Using local produce from truffles to cured Iberian ham, chefs José Polo and Toño Pérez develop dishes that have earned them two Michelin stars. Pizarro recommends the squid with pig's ear.

Details: From €264 a night, menus from €109, or €590 a night for two including dinner, with four pairing wines to go with the food (00 34 927 24 29 28, restauranteatrío.com)