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Palma de Mallorca

Sleep in a bed with history in the too-often-bypassed Mallorcan capital, says **Laura Goulden**



£238
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A confession: Cap Rocat is not in Palma, it's in the bay of Palma de Mallorca, a 15-minute drive out of town. But you won't give a hoot. The slight inconvenience of hopping into a cab to visit the cathedral is a small price to pay for staying in a setting so romantic it'll make you gasp. Arrive at night along the torch-lit approach to this former fortress, and through turreted walls, you'll find an expanse of pink, moonlit sandstone punctuated by palms and cypress trees. The reason this place is so dreamy is because it really does feel as if you're sleeping in an abandoned fort – they haven't spoiled it by making things too pretty. Bare sandy walls are softened only by the odd white awning or a spray of creeper, while bullets

serve as door handles, and you'll walk along trenches to get to the beach.

Rooms have only what's necessary to be very comfortable: marble bathrooms, curtained beds, and terraces where you can lay out your breakfast hamper, packed with enough almond cake and Serrano ham to feed a troop. Dinner is something grilled, on the edge of the water at Sea Club – where during the day you can lounge on the pebbly beach, or snorkel around what was once the pier. The only downside, other than the distance from town, is that the price means you'll have to save this one for a treat.

Doubles from £238, B&B (00 34 971 747878, caprocat.com).