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# Five of the Best Hotels in Barcelona

EXPLORING SOME OF THE CATALONIAN CAPITAL'S SWANKIEST HOTELS

TLE's guide to five of the best luxury hotels in Barcelona is for those looking for an extravagant and memorable stay in Spain's second largest city.

Barcelona, one of the most-visited cities in Europe, is full of architectural gems, restaurants and bars – as well 4km-long, man-made, sandy beach. With a flight from London taking just over two hours, it's the ideal city break.

Whether you're after serene rooftop pools with Instagram-worthy views or tech-rich boutiques, we've got you covered. Here are five of the best hotels in Barcelona.

## **ALMANAC BARCELONA** THE BEST LUXURY HOTEL IN BARCELONA FOR TECH LOVERS

Designed by acclaimed Chilean designer Jaime Beriestain, the Almanac hotel, which only opened in February this year, offers boutique luxury charm in a relaxed, friendly setting and has more mod cons than you can shake a stick at.

Located in the L'Eixample area of Barcelona, just off Gran Via, it's in a prime location for exploring surrounding designer shops. Gold, opulent finishes, 1920s-style art décor furniture,

and more textures than you can count on both hands, make it feel like something out of *The Great Gatsby*. Its spiralling, snail-like staircase in the lobby is a touch of architectural genius.

With 61 rooms and 31 suites, ranging from standard doubles to penthouse suites, it is a hotel not attempting to appeal to the mass market. Rooms are free-flowing, luminous and technologically-rich. Each comes with a smartphone controlling everything from the electronic curtains to the air conditioning and in-room dining – and even the 'do not disturb' sign is digitalised.

The Linea restaurant, adjacent to the lobby, is expertly skippered by executive chef, Sergio Ruiz Nieves. His team serve wide-ranging dishes – lunchtime lobster sandwiches and entrecote de lomo (pork entrecote) by night. Food is Catalanian influenced and ingredients locally-sourced where possible.

The rooftop hosts 360-degree views of Barcelona, complete with a bar and a shin-deep dipping pool. The Almanac is for those wanting to taste the future of luxurious travel.

Rooms: Room rates start from €350 (approx. £317) per room per night.

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