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Ibiza's Most Iconic Hotel Still Sets the Standard for Island Luxury

The original five-star sanctuary continues to raise the bar.

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Ibiza Gran Hotel

In a destination most often associated with partying late into the early morning hours, **Ibiza Gran Hotel** still reigns as the island's original five-star sanctuary. Located right in the heart of Ibiza's "Golden Mile," the independently owned Spanish property has set the tone for Balearic luxury since its 2008 opening. Now, thanks to a slate of artful renovations, elevated dining and next-level wellness offerings, the hotel has cemented its place once again as the ultimate Ibizan escape.

Originally established as an "art hotel," the property features more than 400 curated works across every floor and guest room. In fact, the hotel recently underwent an evolution of some of its guest spaces with the standout being the Gran Suite Dalt Vila, which was unveiled in 2023 as a bespoke project by renowned Spanish designer **Sandra Tarruella**. Spanning over 1,600 square feet, the suite blends modern Mediterranean design with curated Spanish artwork, hand-selected furnishings, and of course, panoramic views of both Dalt Vila and Formentera.

That dedication to immersive art experiences extends beyond the hotel itself. A new partnership with celebrated gallerist **Lío Malca** gives guests private access to his contemporary collection at **Nave de Salinas**, including a (more-than-comfortable) Bentley transfer and a guided tour — a nice perk that connects luxury travelers with Ibiza's vibrant cultural scene.

This year's marquee installation at Fundación La Nave Salinas is "La noche de día" (Night by Day) — a bold exhibition by American painter Spencer Lewis that was unveiled in June to mark the foundation's 10th anniversary. Lewis is known for bold, expressive paintings, and his new works combine classic abstract styles with his own personal touch. "The act of painting is a conversation with the canvas," Lewis said at the opening. "I'm constantly searching for that balance between control and chaos."



Spencer Lewis

Courtesy of Fundación La Nave Salinas,

Guests can also expect top-notch dining. **La Gaia** by Chef **Óscar Molina** — the first hotel restaurant in Ibiza to earn a Michelin star — enters a new era with a redesigned space also designed by Tarruella, which draws inspiration from Ibizan architecture. Two signature tasting menus return, and for the first time, a new à la carte menu debuts alongside a stylish **cocktail** lounge, Musa Bar. (This is a must-stop before dinner!) For those looking to extend the night out, the legendary **Lío Ibiza** — part supper club, part cabaret — is just a short walk from the hotel and offers an unforgettable after-dinner experience.

Meanwhile, the hotel's transformation continues with the unveiling of its revamped 14,000-square-foot Open Spa, offering hammams, mist showers, an updated fitness center, and one of the island's few hydrotherapy circuits.

Ibiza Gran Hotel continues to stand apart as one of the last truly local luxury hotels — where Michelin-star culinary experiences, contemporary art and a relaxed sophistication come together.