

THE SPA REVIVAL

ATZARO IBIZA

When it opened in 2004, this 24-bedroom working *agroturismo* really kicked off the farm-to-fork ethos on the island, growing all its own fruit and vegetables within the surrounding hills. Now the rural movement is booming. And Atzaró has evolved again. Everyone finally agreed that the Asian-themed styling just wasn't relevant. So, over the past four years, out went the shantung silks and deep grey walls, the stone Buddhas and black lacquer, and in came mother-of-pearl-inset doors, teak four-posters, polished terracotta tiling and whitewash, the traditional paint of the seven-generations-old family finca. Colour now comes from the tumbling towers of bougainvillea outside every window. This valley is in the heart of Ibiza, and the hotel feels rooted and authentic once again. In the middle of 10 acres of orange groves, rooms are spread out like a slow meandering village, with paths and archways, little houses, secret staircases, shaded pergolas, pencil-straight cypress trees and immaculate gardens. The soundtrack is the coo of the wood pigeons and the wind rustling the palms. Guests drift from pool to pool (there are four, plus plunge pools with many of the rooms too) and then to the open-air spa for rigorous massages and hypnotic facials in the carved wooden treatment rooms, vinyasa flow yoga in the temples or a soapy scrub-clean in the hammam. And later in the year, when the pull of the beaches and bars and late-night hijinks has simmered down, there will be more intensive, involved wellness programmes to get properly stuck into.

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