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IBIZA IS BLESSED

The Palladium Hotel Group is gearing up for a sensational Spanish summer with multiple reopenings across the island of Ibiza next month.



PALLADIUM HOTELS is planning to reopen five hotels in Ibiza next month.

The Grand Palladium Palace Ibiza Resort & Spa and Grand Palladium White Island Resort & Spa will start their summer season on July 3. The family properties, located on the golden sands of Playa d'en Bossa, offer the hotel group's Infinite Indulgence programme, which provides guests with a high-end all-inclusive service.

Nearby, Hard Rock Hotel Ibiza will open its doors on July 10, combining modern décor with the energy of the Hard Rock brand and a high level of service.

Food and beverages will be in focus with restaurants such as The Beach or its rooftop The Ninth offering exquisite dishes and premium drinks and cocktails, personalised service and magnificent views of the Mediterranean Sea.

Further north in Ibiza, in the exclusive Cala

Nova area, Bless Hotel Ibiza (pictured) will welcome guests from July 10. Opened in 2019 under a concept of 'hedonistic luxury', Bless has 151 rooms, and exceptional cuisine including signature restaurant Etxeko by Spain's leading Michelin star chef Martin Berasategui, as well as a spa, two infinity pools and a vermoutheria (a neighbourhood bar which specialises in vermouth and tapas).

For clients seeking a more low-key experience, without sacrificing comfort and luxury, Agroturismo Sa Talaia reopens from July 8. This exclusive rural property is ideal for those seeking seclusion, privacy and complete relaxation in a natural setting. The property is located in the surrounding hills of San Antonio in the east of the island, a world away from the party scene.

www.palladiumhotelgroup.com

On target to be pristine and plastic-free on Paros

THE GREEK island of Paros is on track to becoming the first Mediterranean island to become free of plastic waste, thanks to the Clean Blue Paros initiative, which is part of a larger project called Clean Blue Alliance.

The Clean Blue Alliance selected Paros as a leader for this project because it met a specific set of criteria. During the island's high season for tourism, Paros experiences a 350% increase in waste, and its landfill sites are almost full. The aim is to overcome Paros' waste challenges as an opportunity to explore and deliver systemic solutions that can be replicated and scaled across other islands, particularly those with a vibrant tourism industry.

The project involves identifying the major waste issues, and involving local businesses across Paros to sign up to go plastic-free with 40 businesses already involved in the project.



To eliminate single-use water bottles, the island is rolling out refill stations, particularly aimed at use by tourists.

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Bright, blue and blissful in the Greek islands

BRIGHT BLUE Villas, a luxury villa rental company in Greece, is offering more than 160 carefully selected villas, across 15 Greek destinations, complete with a concierge service. The company's villas have been chosen for their locations, ambience and commitment to excellent design and are aimed at visitors seeking privacy and prestige. All villas are located across some of Greece's most renowned islands, including Mykonos, Paros, Antiparos and Port Heli, as well as lesser-known destinations such as Kea, a small island also known as Tzia, which has not been heavily developed and is known for its mountainous areas and secluded beaches.

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