

Holistic Mallorca. — Travel photographer *Ana Lui* has a veritable passion for discovering new places and that's where she got the idea of opening her very own holiday home on Mallorca. Located in the village of Binissalem, Casa Mana marries its owner's aesthetic sensitivity and spirituality with the authentic Balearic Island bohemian vibe. —

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Ana Lui has an eye for textures, materials and all the little details – hardly surprising as her job is photographing beautiful hotels for leading travel magazines – however, it was while glamping in the Bahamas that she realised that luxury is so much more than designer furniture. In fact, nature is often more important than famous names, something she set out to prove with Casa Mana, a holiday home in a rural part of Mallorca famous for its vineyards. For want of being able to travel in recent months, she put all her creativity into renovating an abandoned finca together with her husband Matias Alexandro. The 4-bedroom property (including 2 suites) can be rented out

from The Thinking Traveller. *“We fell in love with this old stable and its views of the Tramuntana hills and, as no chemicals had been used on the land for 8 years, we were able to obtain our organic certification.”* The couple grow olives, oranges and vegetables and plan to organise a market every Sunday on their environmentally friendly farm. The finca was renovated using sustainable, locally sourced or repurposed materials. *“We used natural mortar for the walls: they aren't all exactly the same colour, but they breathe!”* The interior decoration is mineral in inspiration with exposed stone walls, irregular polished concrete floors and a wooden bathtub with a brushed metal feel,



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Previous page: paintings by Anna-Alexandra, ceiling light and Binissalem stone table designed by the owners for their brand Mana Design.

Left-hand page: cushions by Ksar Ibiza. Above: linen bed linen, Naps Studio and Gaia Natural Mallorca environmentally friendly soap.

On the right: textile work by Adriana Meunié.

as well as being faithful to the island's typical beige colours. You won't find any white; Ana wanted something completely different to Ibiza where she lived for 14 years, before moving to Mallorca at the start of 2020.

Casa Mana's rich educational offering also sets it apart from the neighbouring island's party-loving reputation. During the low season, guests can take yoga and pottery classes, participate in cooking and wine tasting workshops with guest chefs and even try quantum healing sessions in a holistic approach that Ana brings to everything she does. "This healing practice is based on traditional Chinese medicine and the idea that everything is

made up of vibrations. By eliminating negative emotions, you can release blockages".

Ana has another superpower – her ability to bring together all of the island's women entrepreneurs under one roof. "There is a network of talented women here who all support each other." From Adriana Meunié's textiles to ceramics by Charlotte de Lantsheere and Gaia Natural Cosmetics (made with local plants), everything in the finca is for sale so that visitors can take something of the spirit of the location home with them. In addition, that way the interior is constantly changing as well.

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