

ISLE THRIVE IS NOW OPEN

New hotels in Balearics



PICTURESQUE: Mallorca and (inset) Menorca

DUE to travel being off cards for much of the past year, which has delayed many planned hotel openings, 2021 is set to be jampacked with hotel debuts in the Balearic Islands.

From high-end boutique properties to secluded rural hideaways, here is a roundup of some of the archipelago's hottest openings this summer season.

MALLORCA NIVIA BOUTIQUE HOTEL
Palma will welcome the launch of Nivia Boutique Hotel located on the elegant Passeig de Born, as part of an expansion scheme by Garden Hotels Group.
This boutique property situated in one of Palma's most iconic areas will offer 24 rooms and a rooftop overlooking Palma's dramatic Gothic cathedral.
Thanks to serving as the headquarters for the Spain's national airline, Iberia, in the 1950s, the hotel boasts the mid-century decor

blended with contemporary elegance.
● www.niviabornboutiquehotel.com/en

FINCA CAN BENEIT
Located in the heart of the Tramuntana mountains and just a short bike ride from some of the Mallorca's most beautiful villages, such as Selva, Caimari and Moscar, Finca Can Beneit is one of the latest additions to the island's range of rural hideaways.
Thanks to its secluded location and with just 10 exclusive rooms, the retreat is a perfect option for those seeking absolute tranquility with a dash of luxury.
From yoga and meditation sessions to guided tours around the finca, the property offers also a range of relaxing experiences, allowing visitors to embrace the best of slow travel, while enjoying the authentic Mallorca.
● www.fincacanbeneit.com

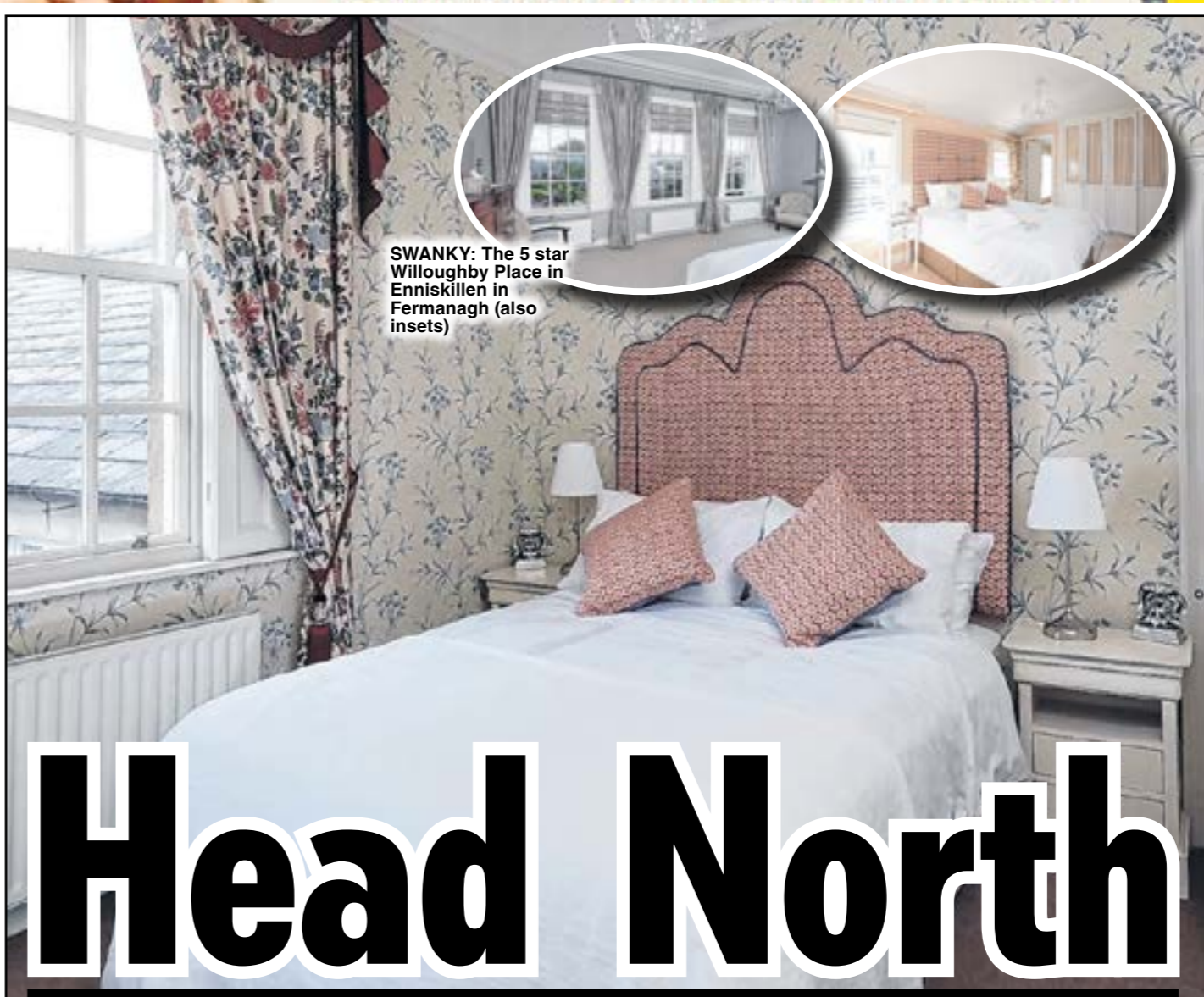
CAN FERRERETA
Can Ferrereta is set to open in May 2021, just in time for the summer season on the ever-popular Spanish island of Mallorca.

Located in the quaint, rural town of Santanyi, the hotel is set within a charming 17th century building with 31 suites and rooms.
Art is set to become one of the characteristics of the new establishment, with a focus on local and Spanish artists, as well as modern photography, featuring images of the original buildings before the renovation.
Can Ferrereta will also be home to a Mediterranean restaurant, serving seasonal dishes made with local products, as well as two bars, an 25m swimming pool, gym and a spa with hammam and indoor pool.
● hotelcanferrereta.com/en

ZAFIRO PALACE ANDRATX
Set in Camp de Mar, a picturesque village surrounded by mountains, the Zafiro Palace Andratx hotel is located just steps away from a sandy beach and a 10-minute-long drive from the ancient town of Andratx which is home to the prestigious 18-hole championship Andratx Golf course.
Thanks to the perfect blend of modern luxury and authentic, rustic Mallorca, the

property offers a refreshing alternative for those seeking a destination where contemporary design and modern amenities are deeply rooted in local traditions.
Besides offering guests a choice of private rooftop mini pools and hydromassage bathtubs with spectacular views, this luxury hotel provides live music.
● www.zafirohotels.com/en/hotels/zafiro-palace-andratx

MENORCA PALLADIUM HOTEL MENORCA
The four-star hotel is located above Arenal d'en Castell bay on the Balearic Island's north-eastern coast, overlooking dramatic cliffs, lush pine forests and the sandy beaches that make up the Menorcan landscape.
Highlights include two pools, Zensations by Zentropia Palladium Spa & Wellness, entertainment for all the family, and gastronomy drawing on inspiration from cuisines from around the world, including traditional dishes from Menorca and the Balearics.
● www.palladiumhotelgroup.com



SWANKY: The 5 star Willoughby Place in Enniskillen in Fermanagh (also insets)

Head North

IT'S A land of stunning coastlines and dramatic countryside and the people are some of the friendliest you will meet.
But you won't need an epic trek to enjoy epic fun in 2021, with Northern Ireland on the doorstep.

LUXURY MEETS FUN

simplest and best-value way of giving you the freedom to come and go as you please.
Here are just two of the amazing places we recommend...

5 star Willoughby Place, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh
Willoughby Place is a 5* self-catering townhouse in the heart of Enniskillen.
Built in the 1800s, the Grade II listed property has been the subject of extensive renovation to provide luxurious modern accommodation, whilst preserving its original Georgian layout and stunning

co.uk
4 star The Captains Cottage, Cushendall, Ballymena, Co. Antrim
The Captains Self Catering Cottage is a quaint but traditional-style cottage situated in a quiet location in Cushendall. This holiday home features a garden, BBQ facilities and free private parking as well as a fully equipped kitchen and large living area. This unique cottage features two bedrooms – one double (ensuite) and one twin that converts to a king size. Only a few minutes' walk to the beach and village, this stay is perfect for a short family trip.
● See discovernorthernireland.com/accommodation/the-captains-cottage-p725171



VISIT: 16-year-old male Amur tiger, Khan, at Tayto Park

Tayto Park zoo reopens to the public

TAYTO Park in Ashbourne, Co Meath is home to a unique and diverse animal collection in the Tayto Park Zoo.
And now, in accordance with Government guidelines, the Tayto Park Zoo area of the theme park, will reopen this Friday, April 30, at 10am.
Entry to Tayto Park Zoo will be by pre-booked tickets only – with ticketed time slots available to purchase now.
There will be no admission without a pre-booked ticket while Tayto Park theme park attractions will not be open until further notice in accordance to guidelines.

Family
The perfect day out for all the family to enjoy, put your zoo skills to the test and discover the exceptional and diverse animal collection at the Tayto Park Zoo, which houses many conservation dependent species.
Home to more than 300 animals and 80 different species, choose from a variety of walk ways and trails and get up close and personal with some of the most famous animals at the Tayto Park Zoo including the Amur tiger,

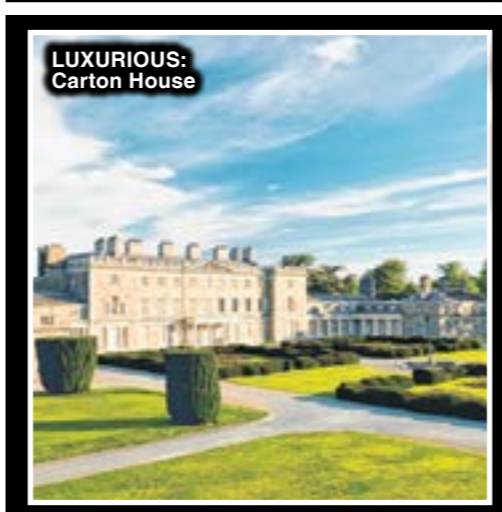
Amur leopard and Eurasian lynx.
Check out the primate collection which includes squirrel monkey, red-bellied tamarins, Geoldi's monkey, the fun loving ring-tailed lemurs and the critically endangered Sulawesi crested macaques.
Explore the selection of beautiful and colourful birds, including the Tayto Park World of Raptors, featuring birds of prey from around the globe, including vultures, eagles, owls, hawks and more.
Sprinkles
Cool down with an ice cream from Scoop and Sprinkles or take a break and re-fuel with take-away dining options from Tayto Park's Outback Restaurant and Coffee Bistro, all before burning off some energy at Pow Wow and Spud Hara Playgrounds, featuring towers, slides, swings, climbing frames, mazes and rope bridges for all ages.
Speaking on the announcement, Ray Coyle, founder of Tayto Park said, "We are delighted to be able to safely open the Tayto Park Zoo to our visitors." To book tickets visit www.taytopark.ie.

What's on at home

EXPLORING new places, getting plenty of fresh air and taking in nature is exactly what's needed after a long winter.
Perhaps you want to relieve stress, unwind and relax?
Well, the perfect opportunity awaits you this summer in the Boyne Valley.
Offer
Disconnect to reconnect as you discover what the beautiful countryside of the Boyne Valley has to offer – from historical and mythological landscapes to scenic walking trails, river tours and much more.
You can enjoy a complete family break for up to three nights in Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim, Co Meath from €199.
The packages can include 'Dinner for All',

What's on abroad

LUXURY all-inclusive resort company, Sandals Resorts International (SRI), will embark on a multi-million-dollar renovation of Sandals Royal Bahamian, the brand's award-winning hotel, spa and private island located in Nassau, Bahamas.
Addition
As part of these enhancements, the resort will unveil several new features and facilities including the addition of river suites and the refurbishment of over 200 existing rooms and suites.
So as not to intrude upon the guest experience, the resort will remain closed while construction is underway and will reopen ahead of the winter season, on November 4, 2021.
"Sandals Royal Bahamian has a storied past and played a starring role in the history of Bahamian tourism, hosting rock stars and royalty and we pledge our continued commitment to this captivating island," said SRI Executive Chairman Adam Stewart.
"We honour and celebrate our partnership with this great destination looking forward not only to reopening this fall, but to the future, when together, Sandals and the Bahamas will continue to exceed our guests' expectations."
For more information on Sandals Resorts, see www.sandals.co.uk or call 0800 597 0002.



CURATE YOUR STAY AT FAMED CARTON HOUSE

LUXURIOUS: Carton House
FOR more than 250 years, Carton House has been one of the finest Georgian estates in Ireland.
And now, after a two-year, multimillion-euro renovation of the original house, surrounding hotel and stunning grounds and parkland, it's one of the finest hotels in the country.
This summer savour the splendour of Carton House and curate your perfect stay by choosing from a range of options to add to your experience, to create your very own bespoke stay, unique to you.
Curate your Stay at Carton House exactly as you please – with bed and breakfast included in the modern luxury of one of the Garden Wing's gorgeous Fairmont King guestrooms, you then simply choose as many add-ons as you wish to further enhance your overall resort experience.
Curate your Stay at Carton House with one night bed & breakfast in a Garden Wing Fairmont King guestroom is available from €250, based on 2 people sharing.
See www.cartonhouse.com for more information.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

STOBART Air, operator of Aer Lingus Regional routes, has added two new routes to its network, connecting the island of Ireland with England's southwestern coast.
The new Dublin Airport (DUB) to Exeter Airport (EXT) route will initially operate four times weekly, on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, commencing on August 30.
The new Belfast City Airport (BHD) to Cornwall Airport Newquay (NQY) route will initially operate three times weekly on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, commencing on June 28.
Anticipating a resumption of air travel within the Ireland-UK Common Travel Area in line with the successful rollout of vaccination programmes across Ireland and the UK, Stobart Air has added these new routes to its network to provide additional choices for customers.