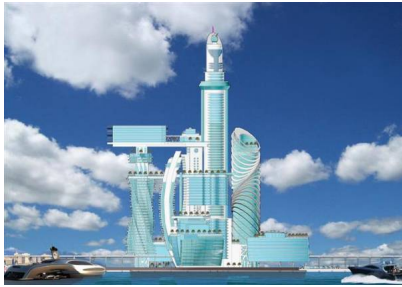


EUROPE'S HIGHEST HOTEL IS GROWING IN SPAIN



Despite economic difficulties, Spain remains one of the main tourist destinations in Europe. It is expanding in its hospitality industry: 42 major hotel construction projects with more than 84,000 rooms are currently under development. This information has emerged from a hotel market financial report, provided by Tophotel Projects.

An amusement park "Gran Scala" with 32 casino hotels (over 8000 rooms) will be built as well as several theme parks between Barcelona and Madrid. The newest wholesale project is the Mobilona Space Hotel with 2,000 suites and apartments, to be built on an artificial island just off the coast of Barcelona. An ambitious undertaking, "Barcelona Island" is Europe's largest artificially created island. There is also a pedestrian bridge and an elevated train associated with the project which will provide links to the Catalan port city.

Space Rocket

Modelled on a space rocket, the Mobilona Space Hotel will also be the tallest hotel on the continent, at 300 meters high. The complex will cost approximately 1.5 billion euros. The project developer is Apogee Investors. Suites and apartments are to be marketed at prices ranging from 495,000 to 2.6 million euros. The penthouses will be even more expensive, at 3.9 to 20 million euros. One night at the Space Hotel will cost between 300 and 1500 euros. Two other space-themed hotels are being planned by Mobilona in Los Angeles and Hong Kong. Information on the construction and possible opening dates have not yet been decided.

Also, on the Spanish island of Majorca, two outstanding luxury hotels have been erected: in location 1a, near the chic marina portal is where the Kameha Bay portal is being built. The Lifestyle-Design hotel with only 63 room and suites has an exclusive boutique hotel character and is now a member of the Leading Hotels of the World - even before its planned opening in early 2015. The "Green Hotel" will offer the latest environmental technology and a world-class spa with medical-health applications and an outdoor pool. The hotel's interior design is by renowned designer Marcel Wanders. The hotel's operator is the Lifestyle, Hospitality & Entertainment Group, run by Carsten Rath, who originally ran the Kameha Grand in Bonn and developed a second Kameha Grand in Zurich.

Hyatt Luxury Hotel in Mallorca

Hyatt is also preparing for the launch of its first owned hotel in Mallorca: 2015 will see the opening of the Park Hyatt Mallorca - an investment into the traditional Mallorcan style with 142 rooms and suites. Operated by Cap Vermell Hotel Proyectos y Promociones, the luxury resort was created in the Canyamel Valley near the town of Arta. Nearby is an 18-hole golf course. The Park Hyatt Mallorca is part of a 27-acre development site, with luxury villas and apartments to be built by Grupo Cap Vermell. I am sure that staying in these luxury resorts hotels could be quite expensive, so make sure to run a price comparison before booking, as you might get lucky and find yourself a deal.

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