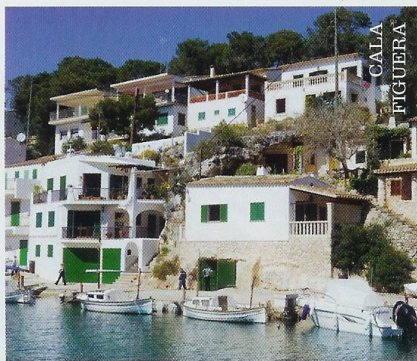
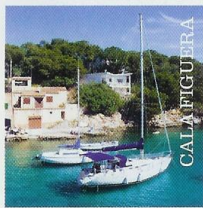


## THE VIBE

Hidden away in a remote corner near Cala d'Or, on the eastern coast of Majorca, Es Serral is all about chilling out. You will mostly be outdoors, cooling off in the pool, taking siestas under the citrus trees, lunching on the shady terrace. If you want local life, within 20 minutes' drive you'll find towns and villages such as Felanitx and Llucmajor, with ornate churches, squares and markets.

## THE LOOK

Many villas are designed as family homes, with one luxe master bedroom and several not-so-hot ones for the kids, making who-sleeps-where tricky if you're sharing with friends. No such problem at Es Serral, which has four equally sized doubles, plus three bathrooms. With its airy interiors, thick walls and cool, terracotta-tiled floors, Es Serral was built with the fierce summer sun in mind. Outside, the covered terrace, pool and pretty garden overlook lemon and almond groves, while twinkling in the distance, beyond about a mile of fields, lies the sea.



## GETTING THERE...

Ryanair (enq 0871 246 0000; ryanair.com) has flights from £40 return. Mallorca Farmhouses (enq 0845 800 8080; mallorca.co.uk) offers a range of villas, retreats and rustic farmhouses,

all with maid service, starter pack and private pools. Car hire and private chef can be arranged. Weekly prices for Es Serral start from £980. Sleeping eight, this works out at around £123pp per week.

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## THE FOOD

In Cala d'Or, the best restaurants, like Port Petit (enq portpetit.com), are in the marina. More local is Porto Colom; dine alfresco at Colón (enq restaurante-colon.com). To buy fresh fish, go to Cala Figuera (15 minutes south) at about 5pm, when the fishermen come in with their catch.

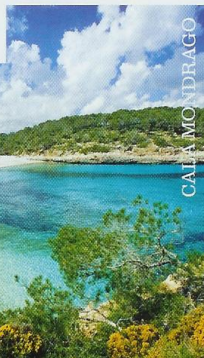
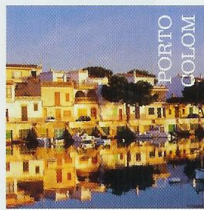
## HOT SPOT

# es serral, majorca

*Villas like this may look pricey, but share with friends and you've got five-star luxury on a two-star budget*

## HANDY FOR...

Cala d'Or, 10 minutes away, is a pretty place with whitewashed shops and cafes, a chic marina and small beach. At the Sunday morning market at nearby Felanitx, stock up on fruit, vegetables and local cheeses.



## BEACHES

However blissful the pool, nothing beats a pre-breakfast dip in the cool waters of the Med. If you're here in August, head for the beach before 10am and you'll have most of the little coves to yourself. The nearest beach is Cala Sanau – a tiny cove five minutes away. About 20 minutes west, Es Trenc is set in a nature reserve, backed by rolling sand dunes and a salt lagoon, while Cala Mondrago is dramatically pretty, if packed by lunchtime.

