




GUIDE OF
MALLORCA

FOR THE USUAL AND UNUSUAL TRAVELLER

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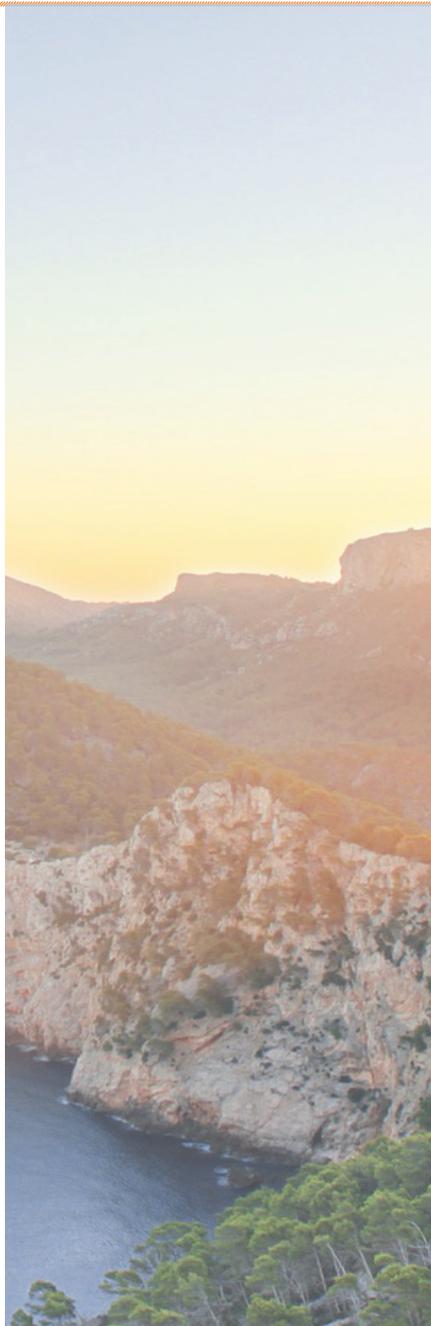
Mallorca. When you pronounce this word the first things that come to mind are: long sandy beaches, crystal clear waters, palm trees, high cliffs and all sorts of images that create in our mind the picture of a perfect destination.

Indeed, Mallorca is all of this, but also so much more. Do you want to discover the island thoroughly? Can you think of anyone better than the Mallorcans to show you the island in the most authentic way?

With "Let me tell you about my island, the Mallorca of the locals" we want not only to show you Mallorca, but also give you an insight on how we live it. An island as beautiful as this one offers many things to enjoy, but must be also cared for properly.

In this guide you will find 10 sections with 7 points each, describing all the things that we Mallorcans do in our daily life and how we get the most out of this island.

Are you curious to know in which restaurants we hang out, which wine we prefer to drink or the activities that we enjoy most? Then this guide is perfect for you, you will get to know Mallorca and appreciate it in the same way that we locals do.



Mallorca History

Mallorca is a vibrant and cosmopolitan island, full of culture, activities, with a great gastronomic variety that draws the attention of the most experienced travellers.

But where do all of these qualities come from? How does an island, lost in the middle of the Mediterranean, manage to have so many features that make it so unique?

The island of Mallorca, and the archipelago to which it belongs, have more than 4000 years of recorded history, in which the island has been conquered many times by different cultures.

The first known inhabitants of Mallorca were the Balearic slingers who defended the island by throwing stones from the coast. In fact, the name "Islas Baleares" has Greek origins and comes from the Balearic slingers, from the plural "ba 'lé yaroh". The noun "ba 'lé" means "those who exercise the act of" and acts as subject of the verb "ya-roh" which means "throwing stones". During this period, around 1300 B.C, the Talayotic culture began to develop lasting until the conquest of the Roman Empire at the hand of Cecilio Metellus, leaving us with countless buildings made from stones, known as Talaiots that nowadays continue to be a characteristic of our island.

After many years of Roman occupation, Mallorca began to suffer invasions of the Vandals who were on the island for more than 100 years. Subsequently, the island was conquered by the Muslim culture. From this period of history, Mallorca preserves important influences such as ingredients and dishes that today are typical of its gastronomy, and important architectural constructions like the Arabic baths of Palma.

Finally, in 1229 the troops of Aragon led by King Jaume I the Conqueror, conquered the island of Mallorca for good in name of the Christians. Since then, the Balearic Islands have been under Spanish domination.

With a history so full of conquests and battles between different cultures, it is not surprising that today Mallorca is set as one of the most multicultural places, and also one of the most interesting in Europe. In Mallorca you can do all kinds of activities, there are restaurants from almost any culture and innumerable sports that can be practised throughout the year.

In this guide, we want to show you places where we Mallorcans enjoy to go, but also our favourite pastime, so that you too can get to know the authentic side of Mallorca, and at the same time learn to appreciate, care for and preserve it as we locals do.



Intro / Activities that Mallorcans do

If you travelled to our island with the purpose of getting to know the culture and the lifestyle of the Mallorcans, there are 7 essential activities that you can enjoy during your stay.

Through these activities, you will feel what it really means to live on the island, savour the weather, enjoy the small things and reduce the pace of your routine. In this section we provide you with 7 activities and traditions that we Mallorcans enjoy doing frequently.

Are you ready?

1. Drinking a vermouth
2. Taste the coca de patata in Valldemossa
3. Going to the market on Saturdays
4. Fer un variat
5. Making sausages
6. Paella in Ca'n Gavella
7. Ca'n Joan de S'aigo



Drinking a vermouth



In Spain we enjoy the good things in life and if they are accompanied by a beer and some tapas, that just makes it much better. The vermouth hour is a typical Spanish tradition that we Mallorcans like to enjoy every Sunday at noon, before lunch.

Usually the vermouth is accompanied by the typical Spanish tapas, although there are many that choose to drink a beer or any other refreshing drink instead. The vermouth is for the Mallorcans an excuse to get together with friends and enjoy the nice weather and the good gastronomy.

If you want to savour a vermouth like a Mallorcan and immerse yourself in a good atmosphere, you have to visit the Bar Vermú in Conde de Barcelona Street, where you can just disconnect from the world and have a good time. We recommend having the Vermouth on Tap accompanied by some grilled razor clams.

☎ 655 496 406

📍 C/ Comte de Barcelona, 13. Palma.

Taste the coca de patata in Valldemossa



We Mallorcans are enthusiasts of an active life, so we do not hesitate to organise excursions around our island to enjoy our little paradise more and more every day.

One of the excursions that we like to do, be it summer or winter, is going to the charming village of Valldemossa to wander through its streets and enjoy its typical sweet: the coca de patata.

The most traditional place to try the coca de patata is the bakery of Ca'n Molinas. This traditional bakery opened for the first time in 1920, and will soon celebrate 100 years since its opening. Ca'n Molinas has the recipe for the genuine coca de patatas, so unique that it is difficult to find the same one in any other places. And if you fall in love with this typical sweet and want to take some with you back home, you can purchase trays of coca de patata from this authentic place.

The coca de patata is usually accompanied by chocolate, hot or cold, depending on the season. The best way to spend the day in Valldemossa would be taking a walk through its cobbled streets, visiting one of its museums and finally enjoying a snack on a terrace overlooking the Serra de Tramuntana.

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📍 C/ Blanquerna 15, Valldemossa.

Going to the market on Saturdays



Mallorca is an island rich in local products and because many of these foods are the base of our diet, each Saturday we go to the local market to purchase them.

In Palma there are two main markets: The market of Olivar and the market of Santa Catalina, opened from Monday to Saturday. Each town around the island has its own day of the week assigned for the market, where they set up flea markets to sell all kinds of products, foods and crafts.

The market is a great place to buy fresh fish from the local fishermen, seasonal fruits and vegetables from around the islands, spices and fresh meat. But the local products are not the only thing that you can find here.

For several years now, there have been many stalls that offer products from various cultures. For example, you can find Arab spices, Thai condiments or ingredients from the Chinese culture, Japanese and many others.

You will also find stalls from small bars, where you can stop to enjoy a vermouth or variat (activities mentioned in this section). It is typical for the people from Palma to enjoy a variat en Ca'n Frau, in the market of Santa Catalina, one of the most symbolic stalls in the city.

- 📍 **Mercado del Olivar:** Plaza de l' Olivar 4, Palma.
- 📍 **Mercado de Santa Catalina:** Plaza Navegació s/n, Palma.

Fer un variat



The 'Fer un variat' is a custom so typical for us Mallorcans, like the tapas are for the Spanish people. We even take a break from 11:30 to 12:00 am, only to enjoy this typical snack.

It is known that the Mallorcan cuisine is based on a post-war cuisine where nothing is wasted. Many of our dishes, although really tasty and unique, are made with staple food such as bread or potatoes and the variat is a clear example of this cuisine. Basically it involves filling a plate with small portions of all Mallorcan dishes: frit mallorquí, meatballs, ensaladilla, squids, pork tongue and sometimes a piece of tortilla. The tradition of variat probably comes from not wanting to throw away the leftovers, and thus gathering them in a dish with a little bit of everything.

Currently the variat is a daily tradition for the Mallorcans, which also causes a lot of debates on where the best variat is served.

1. There are 3 sizes of dishes: Large, medium and small dishes.
2. It is unique every day: being a snack that consists of various dishes, each day the combination will be different.

Without any doubt, there is no other Mallorcan dish as traditional as this snack. If you really want to enjoy your holiday on the island in the purest Mallorcan way, you cannot overlook this custom. To try this snack we recommend you the s'Hostal d'Algaida, experts in the making of variats.

- ☎ **971 66 51 09**
- 📍 **S'Hostal d'Algaida.**
Ctra. Palma-Manacor Km. 21

Making sausages



One of the most deeply rooted traditions on the island are the Mallorcan slaughters, festivities and process in which we make our famous sausages, the most popular product being the sobrasada. This product is known worldwide as one of the most original sausages, with a high demand.

The process of making the sobrasada is a tradition in which many Mallorcan families participate once a year. The history of this type of sausage comes from the need to preserve meat throughout the year in good condition, by salting the pork meat and adding spices to it, in order to preserve it for a long time.

Usually one or two families buy a pig and carry out the process, which results in many types of sausages: sobrasada, botifarrons, ca-

maiots and llonganices, each with a different flavour and preparation method. During the manufacturing process, the atmosphere is provided by music and food cooked with the first parts from the pig, that can be cooked without being treated. The traditional 'frit de matances' is a typical dish for such days.

Nowadays you can find some companies that specialise in this process, which you can contact if you are interested in spending a day getting to know the Mallorcan sausage production. For example the Ramaders Agrupats Association offers advice, facilities and products that are needed for a traditional slaughter.

Associació de Ramaders agrupats.

☎ 971 58 20 69

🌐 www.ramadersagrupats.com

Paella in Ca´n Gavella



Although the origin of the paella is often an issue for debate, being a dish that is more typical of our Valencian neighbours, the Mallorcans never miss out on the opportunity to enjoy a good paella on the beach.

Ca´n Gavella is a beach bar located in Ses Casetes d'es Capellans and despite not being a lifelong restaurant, it has played a key role in the lives of the Mallorcans since its opening. It is a restaurant where you can delight yourself with plenty of delicious dishes, with your feet in the sand and enjoying a direct sea view. They also have a quite extensive and varied wine list, so make sure to accompany your meal with a good local wine.

If you want to really savour this Mallorcan custom, we recommend getting up early to spend the morning on the beach of Ses Casetes d'es Capellans, enjoy the sunshine and at midday you can sit on the terrace of Ca´n Gavella to enjoy their lovely food.

Keep in mind that being a restaurant with a high demand, you should book at least a couple of days in advance.

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Can Joan de S'aigo



It is true that over the years the Mallorcan character, although closed-minded, is beginning to get used to trying and doing new things, but still there remain some lifelong places that no Mallorcan will miss out on.

If you are in the downtown of Palma, you cannot miss the opportunity to have breakfast or a snack in Ca'n Joan de S'aigo, the most popular cafe among the Mallorcans. The main appeal of this lovely place is that from the two properties that they currently possess, one has been opened in the same location since 1700. This would be the property on Calle Sans, number 10, where apart from enjoying the best sweets and handmade products, you can delight yourself with its traditional decoration that remains from the first day of its opening. The second location is in Calle Baró de Santa María del Sepulcre, a street that is perpendicular to the avenue Jaume III. Being in a more central location, in this second premise there is always a queue for a seat, so you will probably have to wait a couple of minutes.

One of the most striking things about this popular cafe is that it is a place for anyone, regardless of their age or personality.

Here we can find elderly people, children, families and groups of friends, making it clear that Ca'n Joan is a place of reference for any Mallorcan. Among the delicatessens that one can taste in Ca'n Joan de S'aigo, you can also find: a wide variety of handmade ice creams, quartos, ensaimadas, cocas de patata, cocas de trampó, gató mallorquí and many other typical delicacies from the Mallorcan cuisine, all of them homemade.

This is a place where you can enjoy the genuine Mallorcan flavour, but because there are so many people who visit the place every day, you will have to try to keep your visit short. Also, don't be surprised if just after serving you the waiter leaves the ticket on the table, it's not that he's being impolite; it's just a way to indicate that when you are finished you can leave the table quickly, so that others can enjoy it as well.

So if you're spending the day in Palma and are looking for a place to grab a quick bite or take a break from all the shopping and wandering, the perfect place for that is Can Joan de S'aigo.

☎ 971 72 57 60

📍 Carrer Can Sanç 10, Palma.

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Sales Manager



"Without any doubt, there is probably nothing better than sharing great moments with your friends while having a good paella in a beach bar to forget about the week."



Intro / Villages

You know that feeling when you're wandering, turn around the corner and all of a sudden discover a spot so incredible that you will surely remember it forever? Well, Mallorca is full of these places that are often not mentioned in the guides, but we think that it would be interesting to get to know them.

We know that you are a responsible visitor who will look after these spots as if they were your own. This is why in this section we will tell you about seven essential villages from around the island that you can visit. Here you will enjoy breathtaking landscapes and charming corners that we hope will stick with you for a lifetime.

Full of love and confidence, we will show you some of the treasures that our island holds. We hope you enjoy it!

1. Banyalbufar
2. Deià
3. Fornalutx
4. Galilea
5. Caimari
6. Sóller
7. Sineu



Banyalbufar



Located in the southwest of the Sierra de Tramuntana and with a direct view to the sea, Banyalbufar is a small paradise that you cannot miss out on.

If you are visiting the coast of Tramuntana, this small village is definitely a stop worthy of your time and you shouldn't miss the opportunity to see it, because you can discover a lot of wonderful spots here. You can get to Banyalbufar by car, by taking the bus or on even on foot if you are up for an excursion.

Once you get to the village you can visit the church located in the main square, go down to the beach for a quick swim or even get lost through its vineyards, as they are usually open to the public. If you want to relax and have a drink while enjoying the exceptional view of this place, we recommend going to

Café Bellavista because it is the best place for that.

For sports enthusiasts we recommend an exciting trip know as the Route of Es Correu that will take you from Esporles to Banyalbufar. It is a beautiful trip that goes through these two villages, on which you can enjoy some incredible views. It can get quite steep in some stretches, so keep this in mind if you are planning on going with kids, as they will need your help on several occasions.

Don't miss out on..

- 📍 *El Café Bellavista*
- 📍 *La Torre de ses animes*
- 📍 *Bodega de Son Vives*
- 📍 *The cove*

Deià



Deià is one of the places that have been ranked as one of 'the most beautiful villages in Spain' on several occasions, so we could not miss out on the opportunity to mention it in our guide. Since the 70s, Deià has been one of the most visited villages on the island due to its amazing landscapes and characteristic stone houses.

Located in the Serra de Tramuntana in a prime location full of greenery, this gives Deià some really beautiful views to the Mediterranean Sea. This town has been chosen throughout history by hundreds of famous people as a place of retreat. We can mention names like the writer Robert Graves, or the musicians, Mike Oldfield or Andrew Lloyd, who established themselves here charmed by the beauty of Deià.

The village can be reached from Valldemossa, through a narrow road that crosses the mountains, which will give you the opportunity to enjoy some of the best views of the Mediterranean. Deià is also famous for having one of the most incredible sunsets in Europe. If you have the chance, don't miss out on having a drink while enjoying the sunset from the lookout of Sa Foradada. And one of the other things that you can enjoy in Deià is a pub called Sa Fonda, where you can have a nice dinner made with typical Mallorcan products while listening to some live music.

Don't miss out on..

- 📍 *The lookout of Sa Foradada*
- 📍 *Cala Deià*
- 📍 *The monastery of Miramar*

Fornalutx



The village of Fornalutx has probably one of the richest histories in Mallorca, and will definitely take you back to the past due to the fact that it has preserved itself incredibly well. Located on an elevation of the Vall de Soller, it is really an extraordinary place that you should not miss out on.

The history of Fornalutx is more than 1000 years old. In the beginning it was a famous estate of Arab ownership, which after the Catalan conquest, began to take the shape of what we know today. One of its most emblematic buildings is the church, which was built in 1639 and is still perfectly preserved to this day.

This is a perfect village for active people, as its location in the Sierra de Tramuntana makes it the perfect place to practice outdoor

activities such as hiking or cycling. Besides, it is located very close to the famous route GR221. In the village you can find several agencies where you can hire specialized guides of the area, to accompany you on your sport activities through the town. But the best thing about Fornalutx is certainly getting lost in its cobbled streets, enjoying its perfectly preserved classical facades or allowing yourself to be transported into the past. Due to this incredible state of preservation it was awarded with different prizes on several occasions.

Don't miss out on..

- 📍 *The City Hall*
- 📍 *Formalutx's bakery*
- 📍 *Restaurant Café Med*

Galilea



The village of Galilea is a town located in the western part of Mallorca, at an altitude of 402 meters. It is a very small village located between Puigpunyent and Calvià, 18km away from Palma, with a population of around 300 inhabitants.

Galilea is characterised by its well maintained original houses built in stone, and also its incredible views of the Serra de Tramuntana. A village full of peace and tranquillity, this is why we recommend taking your time and spending a whole day here, if you want to enjoy it to the fullest. It also holds traces from the Talayotic, Roman, Islamic and Muslim cultures, which can still be discovered and enjoyed to this day.

The only way you can get here is by taking the road Ma-1041. You will find many restaurants and cafes in the village, where you can eat or take a break from all the wandering through the streets of this lovely little town.

One of the places to worth mentioning is the bar 'El Parroquial' where you can enjoy a good cup of coffee accompanied by incredible views.

In other words, Galilea is one of those forgotten villages in the Serra de Tramuntana, perfect to get lost in and enjoy the charm of all its corners, where you can disconnect from the world and its daily worries.

Don't miss out on..

- 📍 *The church*
- 📍 *Casa de Nieve*
- 📍 *Molino de Martí*
- 📍 *The former monastery*
- 📍 *Casa de las tejas pintadas*

Caimari



Caimari is located in the northern part of the island, at the foothills of Lluc, in the Serra de Tramuntana. This village is a perfect place for families, because the cultural activities are fun for everyone and wandering through its streets is not as exhausting.

This Mallorcan village is very famous for its olive oil production, the Tafona from Caimari being very popular for making this Mediterranean product.

During the olive harvesting season, it is possible to assist in the process of making olive oil. Visitors can enjoy the whole process, from the moment that the olive is received until the extraction of the virgin olive oil, ready for consumption.

Besides, in Caimari children have a huge playground located in the heart of Serra de Tramuntana, where the kids can really enjoy themselves. It is equipped with picnic areas, many shady area and all kinds of swings, it is perfect for organizing a peaceful afternoon with a family picnic.

At 32 km away from Palma, Caimari is the perfect place to stop and enjoy a nice walk before visiting the monastery of Lluc.

Don't miss out on..

- 📍 *Possesió de Son Albertí*
- 📍 *The Ethnological Park*
- 📍 *Camino viejo de Lluc*

Soller



If there is a municipality on the island that offers entertainment for the whole day and for all kinds of audiences, this would have to be without a doubt Soller, because you can find something to do or discover.

The thing that stands out the most about Soller would have to be its history. In 1561, several vessels of Algerian pirates wanted to attack this village in order to loot it. The inhabitants of Soller courageously defended their city in a bloody battle that is commemorated to this day with a festival known as "Es Firó" celebrated in May every year (for more information consult the Festivities section).

If you want to properly visit this charming place, we recommend dedicating a whole day to it and following our tips. Start out the trip in Palma by taking the famous Ferrocarril de Soller, a traditional wooden train made of 27 wagons that has been operating since 1912; it will get you to the village and give you

the chance to enjoy some incredible landscapes that can only be seen on this train ride. Once you get to Soller, take your time to wander and enjoy the town and everything that it has to offer. When you feel that you are already saturated by all its charm, landscapes and gastronomy, grab a ride on the train to the Port of Soller. Here you can enjoy one of the best and most active beaches on the island. It is great for families as it is a sandy beach, easy to access and provides all the amenities that you might need. If you are a sports enthusiast, you can organize a fun time by planning an excursion in Kayak or an afternoon of diving in the waters of its bay.

Don't miss out on..

- 📍 *Can Prunera*
- 📍 *The botanical garden*

Sineu



The legend has it that the name of this beautiful town emerges from the morning after its conquest. The night of his victory, King Jaume I the conqueror said, that the first word that would come out of his mouth the next morning would be the town's name. Thus at sunrise, when one of his servants went to wake his majesty up, he pulled back the curtains and saw that a heavy snow had fallen over the village. Seeing this, the servant said to his majesty in catalan "Mirau majestat, neu" or as it would be in English "Look majesty, snow", to which James I answered "si neu" which means "yes snow", being his first words in that morning and therefore the new name that the village would receive: Sineu.

According to actual historic data, King Jaume I and King Sancho both established their residences in the village of Sineu, which explains why this town is so noble and full of history.

Since the village is located in the centre of the island, the landscape that it offers is very different in comparison with that of other villages of the Serra de Tramuntana. You can also enjoy its large fields of wheat and the sweet smell of jasmine and bougainvillea, whenever you feel like escaping from the bustle of the beaches. Besides, it stands out for the quality of its cuisine, so virtually all its restaurants are a good choice even for the most exquisite palates.

Don't miss out on..

- 📍 The parish church of Santa María de Sineu
- 📍 *El León, the monument of San Marcos*
- 📍 *El Palacio de los Reyes de Mallorca*

Rudy Betke

Receptionist Ferrer Concord



*"I love the genuine villages from Mallorca, especially **Banyalbufar**, where it seems that the clock just stopped ticking and the atmosphere is just charming."*

Intro / Beaches

When we talk about the beaches of Mallorca, we talk about beautiful places, full of charm and tranquillity, where the sound of the waves and the wilderness make for perfect places where you can chill out. The harmony of our shores has convinced millions of people from all over the world to come and visit us, over the years.

Because of this, when we Mallorcans talk about our beaches, we also have to talk about the deterioration that they often suffer from the little consideration that some of our visitors have towards them, but also point out the importance of the preservation of our coasts. Could you imagine what would happen, if our long beaches, turquoise waters and our coves would disappear? It would be a permanent loss for all of us.

1. Cala Deià
2. Es Coll Baix
3. Cala del Delta
4. Platja d'es Carbó
5. Playa de la Victoria
6. Cala Figueras
7. Cala S'Almonia

From Ferrer Hotels, we think that the solution is not to keep our best beaches away from the eyes of our visitors, but better yet to educate and show anyone who visits this beautiful island, how to care for it and preserve our beautiful beaches and coastline.

In this section, you will discover seven incredible beaches that we Mallorcans usually go to, for their incredible waters, tranquillity and the disconnection from the world that they offer. These are coves and beaches that are usually frequented mostly by Mallorcans, as they are a genuine oasis of peace. To visit them you must behave like an authentic Mallorcan, meeting with some basic standards and ensuring that they will continue here, just as beautiful and lush for many years to come.

Do you want to get to know the real paradise and at the same time learn how to preserve it? We will tell you how you can do this below.





Tips / on how to go to the beach in a responsible way

Probably the chapter which is dearest to us would have to be the one where we talk about our beaches, in which we mention the best places of our beloved Mallorcan coast.

However, before we tell you about them, we want to give you some small guidelines that we ask you to follow when visiting the beaches, and thus help us preserve them as they are for many years to come.

Below are some tips that we would like you to consider when going to the beach:

Always carry a trash bag. The charm of many Mallorcan beaches is that they are virgins or have no large buildings nearby. This makes them the perfect place to get away from everything, but implies that they are often not equipped properly and don't have garbage disposal bins or trash containers. In order to avoid seeing these little havens crowded with garbage, which eventually ends up in the sea, we insist that you carry a garbage bag in which you can dispose of your leftover food and containers that you might use throughout your stay on the beach, so that you can take it with you and dispose of it in the closest trash container.

Sunscreen lotion and water. It is true that when going to spend a day at the beach, it is necessary to protect your skin from the sunlight using sunscreen lotion. However, you should avoid applying the lotion on yourself and then immediately diving into the water, because this contaminates the water. Ideally, apart from buying a lotion that is water resistant, is applying the lotion before leaving the house. Or if you do it when getting to the beach, wait a few minutes for the lotion to be absorbed by your skin before entering the water.

Music. The beach is a place where people go to relax and unwind. In the event that you want to cheer up your day with music, it is best to wear headphones so that you can enjoy your music without disturbing anyone else. After all, not all of us share the same taste in music and there are some that might feel disturbed by any loud noise.

Fauna and Flora. The Mallorcan coastline is characterised by its great beauty, most of which is attributed to its breathtaking fauna and flora. We know it can be tempting to want to take a piece of Mallorca with you back home. But imagine if each and every one of us would take with them some shells, a sea urchin or seaweed that they find pretty, this would end up in a depopulation of the seabed and damage to the ecosystem. So do the responsible thing and enjoy the charm of the Mallorcan wilderness without altering it.

Seabed. If you go to the beaches with a boat, you should also keep in mind that you should not throw any waste or thrash into the sea, or anchor carelessly. Also, if your vessel (be it a boat, a jet ski or similar) has a motor, you must remember that as you approach the coast you must slow down, in order to make as little noise as possible, so as not to disturb any bathers by stirring up the water and also to reduce the pollution.

Protection. Remember that whenever you show someone you know one of our beaches, you should also teach them how to look after these beaches. In this way, in a joined effort we get to preserve the Mallorcan beaches in good condition for many years to come.

Cala Deià



This amazing beach is a small prairie of round edges and pebbles located in a narrow access in the middle of the Serra de Tramuntana's coast.

Cala Deià is located between Son Beltran and Sa Pedrissa, just 10 Km away from Soller, where it stands out through a defence tower which was built to fight against pirate invasions. Besides, the imposing peaks of Teix and Cargolí can also be seen from this beach.

This beach is characterised by its coarse-grey sand. Here you can find a small jetty and different restaurants, well recognised for their paellas and grilled fishes, where during the summer you can easily run in to celebrities from all around the world.

The access through the road is quite easy; you just have to follow the road signs although we do advise to do so with caution since the road is a little bit dangerous. There is a parking close to the beach, however since this one is usually too crowded we recommend using the one in the upper side of the road and walk down to the beach, enjoying the nice view. Keep in mind that the parking is not free of charge and you would need to use a parking meter, so don't forget to bring some coins with you.

Cala Deià has everything you might need like garbage disposal bins, but also bars and restaurants where you can grab a bite. It is one of the beaches of our beloved Mallorcan coast, so we ask you to bear this in mind and preserve it during your visit.

Es Coll Baix



This beach might be one of the most beautiful beaches in the north coast of Mallorca, but at the same time it is one of the less known, due to the long walk needed to arrive to this beach. 'Es Coll Baix' is the last virgin beach in the bay of Alcudia and its represented by a ground made from round edges and deep turquoise waters, sheltered by high cliffs, which end in a 16th century defence tower at the peak.

It's a perfect place to spend a day away from the crowd, a place where you will feel as if you were lost on a deserted island. Although easy to get here from the main road of Alcudia, after parking the car prepare yourself for a 45 minute walk down to the beach. For this reason, we do not recommend going with small children.

We would like to highlight that due to the fact that 'Es Coll Baix' is a virgin beach there are no additional services on the beach like sun-

beds, garbage disposal bins or beach bars, so you will have to take with you everything that you might need for the day.

Once again we would like to remind you about the importance of preserving the Mallorcan coastline, so remember to check out our tips about how to go to the beach in a responsible way.

Cala del Delta



This beach is located on the south coast of Mallorca, a rocky beach where you will be able to discover many things.

It is a former marble quarry that is disused in the present day. The odd square and angular shapes of these cliffs are a result of the bulk stone blocks that used to be extracted from this part of the island, many years ago.

Its seabed is one of the one of the most densely habited on the island in terms of marine fauna and flora. Classified as a natural reserve, it is a place where you can enjoy diving sessions, for any levels, the best place to discover all sorts of submarine sceneries. But you have to bear in mind that due to the fact that it is a natural reserve, it is strictly forbidden to fish or remove any kind of seaweed, from the sea.

The access is quite simple, you just have to follow the road signs starting at the roundabout from the residential area of Cala Blava. There is a large parking area in Cala Delta where you can normally find a parking space without any problem, but in case you can't find a free parking space, you can park at the residential area and walk from there to the beach.

Even though there is a beach club called 'Mhares' nearby, it has no other convenience so it's recommended to go well equipped. Since it is classified as a natural reserve you need to be extra careful and prevent any sort of possible contamination. If you want to learn more about how to respect the nature of this beach, you can consult the 'tips on how to go to the beach in a responsible way' page.

Platja d' es Carbó



When talking about idyllic beaches in Mallorca, it is impossible to leave out the beach of Es Carbó. It is located less than 1 Km from the Colonia de Sant Jordi, a very popular village among the Mallorcans.

The long beach, with white and fine-grained sand plus the crystal clear waters characterize the beach of Es Carbó. Its shallow waters make it a perfect beach for families, even 30 meters away from the shore, the water is only waist deep.

It is a large beach, so to get to the best part of the beach, be prepared for a 40 minutes walk from the parking area. But not to worry, the path is fairly easy, although if you are planning to go with small children, keep in mind that it is a long walk. For parking the car, you have two options: either leave it in the Colonia de Sant Jordi from here the walk is shorter; or park it at Cap Ses Salines and enjoy a hike to the beach, with amazing views.

If you have the possibility to rent a small boat, do not hesitate to do so and get to the beach by the sea, as it is a unique experience. And if you want to enjoy this experience like a true Mallorcan, we recommend renting a llaüt, a typical boat Mallorcan boat and enjoy a pleasant excursion to the beach.

Es Carbó is one of the most popular beaches on the island, so it is well equipped with garbage disposal bins. Nevertheless, we encourage you to give our 'tips on how to go to the beach in a responsible way' another look, before going to this or any beach in Mallorca. By doing so little, you help us to preserve this beautiful oasis and also the coastline of Mallorca.

Playa de la Victoria



S'Illot is a beach located in the northern part of Mallorca, and it actually serves as a separation of the bays of Alcudia and Pollença and is characterized by its dark sands. The name of this beach has a very interesting background, as it comes from a chapel that is located close by, which was built in 1552 to celebrate the victory against the 'agermanats'.

This beach is located 5 Km away from the beach of Alcudia and it is quite easy to get here by car, you just have to follow the road signs that lead to the 'Albergue de La Victoria'. It's the perfect place for families, as it has shallow waters, is easy to reach and broad enough, making it a great spot for the little ones to play and explore. The best part is that this beach has a tiny island just 30 meters

from the shore, and you can reach it by swimming, or if the tide is low, you can even walk to it. This tiny island is perfect for the entire family, as you can enjoy jumping from the rocks, exploring the little caves or diving and discovering the marvellous seabed.

While there are garbage disposal bins in the parking area near the beach, what you will not find here are sunbeds or beach bars. Once again, we remind you that it's important to review our 'tips on how to go to the beach in a responsible way' before going to the wonderful beach of S'Illot.

Cala Figuera



Located close to Pollença, Cala Figuera is the perfect mix between rocks and white sand. The real charm of this beach is that despite it having an easy access, it's not frequented by many tourists. The way to the beach is quite easy, since it's located only 200 meters from the main road of Formentor, and from there on the rest of the path is signalled very well.

It's a quiet place full of tranquillity. Although it is a beach suitable for children, due to the easy access and the conditions of the beach, there is a lot of Posidonia present in the rounded edges from which the seabed is made, thus being something that the little ones might not enjoy.

The beach constitutes of crystalline waters with seabed mixed from sand, rocks and Posidonia. And it is poorly equipped, so we urge you to keep in mind our advices and review our tips on how to go to the beach in a responsible way. Help us protect and preserve the Mallorcan coast.

Cala S´ Almonia



Cala s'Almoina is a small beach located between rocks at just 9 Km from Santanyi. Its turquoise waters are one of the most beautiful on the island and they give you a feeling of swimming in a natural pool.

Although you can easily get there with a car, it can be difficult to find a parking space because the parking is quite small. Also parking in the village is not an option, since it is quite far away from the beach. If you really want to go to this beach, then we recommend going early, in order to find a parking space, and plan to spend a whole day there.

Even though the beach is pretty small, there are many possibilities for entertainment. You can go diving and be amazed by its marvellous seabed, you can go on small trips on the rocks, explore the caves and hidden corners of the beach, or play fun sports like beach tennis for example.

Since this is an isolated cove, you have to be very considerate and responsible when you visit it, because maintenance services cannot reach it and any trash or waste will end up in the sea. Review our tips on how to go to the beach and help us preserve the Mallorcan coastline.

Claudia Castaño

Marketing Manager



*"When I travel outside Mallorca, definitely what I miss most are its beaches. For me, these are genuine places of tranquility. I grew up really close to **Cala Delta**, this is why it's one of my favourites. It really saddens me to see our beaches full of garbage and I think it is essential that we all learn how to take care of them."*



Intro / Restaurants

In all the guides, of every city, in every country you can think of visiting, there are plenty of restaurants classified by countless criteria and Mallorca is no different. You can find all kinds of guides with restaurants classified by type of food, average price or location... But how many guides will offer a rating based on the opinions of authentic Mallorcans?

In the next section we reveal 7 restaurants, very different from each other that any Mallorcan would recommend without thinking twice. If the Mallorcan cuisine is famous for its originality, the taste of its inhabitants is famous for being demanding, so we expect that following their recommendations will be a delight for your taste as well.

1. Casa Manolo
2. El Jardín
3. Arume
4. Cas Busso
5. Chamelis
6. Celler Sa Sini
7. Sa Pastanaga



Casa Manolo



The story of the winery Barahona, better known as 'Casa Manolo' dates back to 1945 when "Juan d'es Bodegón", born in Andalucía (Jaén) and married to a Mallorcan, open the doors of their establishment as a selling point for liquors and alcoholic beverages. In 1972, the establishment went through a big change, a complete renovation and since then the restaurant hasn't changed anything. One year later "Casa Manolo", is passed on to the son of the owners, who in 1976 along with his wife Margarita begin the initiative of making tapas daily. But it was in 1990 that Manolo and his family decide to incorporate a restaurant, based on fresh fish and seafood, as well as his famous rice of Notario, lobster stew, the salted fish and jig-caught squid, dishes that we from Ferrer Hotels recommend that you try during your stay on the island.

☎ 971 64 91 30

🌐 www.bodegabarahona.com

📍 Plaza San Bartolomé 2, 07640 Ses Salines.

🍴 Mediterranean, Spanish, Seafood.

🕒 Monday to Sunday from:

// 11:00 - 16:00 and from 19:30 - 23:00.

€ 40 € (medium price).

R Yes (reservations).

👉 **We recommend** the *calamar de potera* and the *caldereta de bogavante*.

El Jardín



If we go on the website of the restaurant El Jardín the first sentence that we read says: "We have created a place where you will feel in Mallorca and where you can immerse yourself in the flavors of the sea, fields, mountains and forests that Mallorca has to offer." Without any doubt, we are faced with a restaurant that has a purely Mallorcan tradition, but has also known how to reinvent itself and take its dishes to the highest level, and thus becoming a place of reference.

Its chef Maca de Castro is considered to be one of the best Spanish chefs, for being a pioneer in the use of the local product and the reinterpretation of the traditional Mallorcan cookbook, and thereby achieving a Michelin star which she maintains for 6 years now.

☎ 971 89 23 91

@ info@restaurantejardin.com

🌐 www.restaurantejardin.com

📍 Calle de los Tritons, 07140 Port d'Alcudia.

🍴 Mediterranean, European, Spanish.

🕒 Thursday to Sunday

// 13:30 - 15:00 / 19:30 - 22:00

// Consult previously.

€ 63 € - 108 € (medium price).

R Yes (reservations).

👉 **We recommend** its *rice with squid* or *red mullet with trempó*.

Arume



Arume is one of the most renowned restaurants in Palma, for being specialized in the fusion of Asian and Mediterranean food. They opened their doors 10 years ago, located at the number 83 of the street San Miquel in Palma. Arume counts with a clientele loyal to the creations of its chef, Tomeu Marti, who is widely renowned on the island. They offer a menu which is made with products from the market, lunch menu (16€) and a tasting menu during the evening which changes every two months (48€).

With Arume the gastronomical satisfaction is assured, so don't think about it and make your reservation, so that you can enjoy the best fusion food during your vacation.

☎ 971 21 41 21

@ info@tomeumarti.com

🌐 www.bodegabarahona.com

📍 Carrer Sant Miquel, 83. 07002. Palma.

🍴 Asian and Mediterranean fusion, signature cuisine and specialized in sushi.

🕒 Monday to Sunday from:
// 13:30 - 15:30 and from 20:30 - 23:00.

€ 40 € (medium price).

R Yes (reservations).

👉 **We recommend** the prawns and sea urchin in tempura, and the fattened entrecote steak Korean style.

Ca's Busso



The Restaurant Cas Busso is a welcoming restaurant of Mallorcan food, between Cap Blanc and Llucmajor. Given the fact that it's located directly on the highway, it is often visited by groups of cyclists who are enjoying the routes of Mallorca. It is an inviting and warm place where you can enjoy a good dish of 100% Mallorcan food. During winter, its small hall with chimney makes the perfect refuge, whereas in the summer its porch is perfect to enjoy the good weather of the island.

☎ 971 12 30 02

📍 Carretera Cabo Blanco, km 24.

🍴 Mediterranean

🕒 Thursday to Sunday:
// 9:30 - 00:00

€ 15 € - 20 € (medium price).

R Yes (reservations).

👉 **We recommend** the pa amb oli, a delicacy for any taste.

Chameli´s



Chameli's is a restaurant located next to the beach of Portal Nous, which has a special menu of paellas and sweet rice dishes, perfect to be enjoyed in the winter as well as in the summer time.

The fact that it counts on a chef specialised in this type of dishes along with best quality rice and fresh ingredients purchased on a daily basis, makes Chameli's the perfect place to enjoy a nice meal.

☎ 971 67 74 03

🌐 www.restaurantechamelis.com

📍 Carretera Vieja Palma-Andratx, 35,
07015 Portals Nous.

🍽 Mediterranean, Spanish.

🕒 Monday to sunday from:
// 8:00 - 1:00.

€ 25 - 30 € (medium price).

R Yes (reservations).

👉 **We recommend** you the great variety of paellas and sweet rices.

Celler Sa Sini



The Celler Sa Sini is a restaurant located in Santa Maria del Camí, a village that is located only a few kilometres away from Palma. Sa Sini is one of the most representative restaurants for the Mallorcans with an excellent value for money.

They are specialists in Mallorcan and Mediterranean cuisine. With a relaxed atmosphere and excellent treatment from staff, Sa Sini is a restaurant that you should not miss out on.

☎ 971 62 02 52

🌐 www.cellersasini.net

📍 Plaça Hostals, 20, 07320 Santa Maria del Camí.

🍽 Mediterranean.

🕒 Consult previously.

€ 20 € (medium price).

R Yes (reservations).

👉 **We recommend** you taste the snails and the lamb shoulder.

Sa Pastanaga



The Sa Pastanaga is a small vegetarian restaurant located in the centre of Palma, in a beautiful street of the old town.

The restaurant owners carefully prepare a daily vegetarian menu, offering one of the best values for money in the area. Their cuisine is characterised by their vegetarian dishes made with the most typical Mallorcan ingredients. And an extensive wine list that is the perfect complement to all their culinary creations. So if you visit Mallorca and decide to spend a day in Palma, Sa Pastanaga is certainly a very good option to have lunch.

☎ **971 72 41 94**

📍 Calle Sant Elies 6, 07003 Palma.

🍽️ Vegetarian and Mediterranean.

🕒 Monday to sunday from:

// **13:00 - 15:45.**

€ **15 €** (medium price).

R **Yes** (reservations).

👤 **We recommend** you to taste any of their pasta dishes.

🍷 **GIFT INCLUDED**

// the guests of ferrer hotels will receive a free bottle of wine.

Patrick Amengual Hackbarth

Marketing Director



“**M**aybe it is due to its location in the Mediterranean, but in Mallorca you can find all kinds of restaurants. One of my passions is discovering small new places, where they manage to give a twist to the good old dishes. **I especially enjoy sitting at the bar in the Arume Restaurant** and letting myself be tempted by the creations of its Chef, Tomeu.”

Intro / Recipies

Mallorca is well-known for its gastronomy and everyone who visits us knows that the Sobrasada is the typical product, that our best dessert is the Ensaimada and it is a 'must' to taste our Coca de Trampó.

Although many of our visitors are familiar with our best dishes and products, once on the island it may not be very clear which are the best places to taste these delicacies. Well, with this section we put an end to this problem and we will talk about the 7 most important products in the gastronomy of Mallorca, and give you some tips on where you can go to try them.

Mallorcan food in authentic Mallorcan places, can you think of anything better?

1. Frito mallorquín
2. Coca de Trempó
3. Lamb shoulder cooked in Mallorcan style
4. Sopes mallorquines
5. Arròs brut
6. Coca de patata
7. Robiols



Frito mallorquín



This dish is made of fried red pepper, cauliflower, onions and other vegetables based on different pieces of meat such as offals, liver and even blood. A tasty and very full dish which delights any lover of the Mallorcan cuisine that tastes it.

Preparation:

- Cut the lamb offal into tiny pieces.
- In a pan with oil and lard fry the garlic with the offal, chilli, and fennel; then season the mix. Brown and set aside into a hot greixonera (clay plate).
- Fry lightly the stir-fry with the peas and remove it from the fire.
- Dice the potato and fry them.
- Mix everything into the greixonera, twirl it and add salt if necessary.
- Serve it hot.

Don't miss out on..

We recommend you to taste the frito Mallorquín in Son Torea of Sineu.

Coca de Trempó



Simple, fresh and very easy to make, the coca de trempó is one of the most typical salted recipes of Mallorca. It is as simple as putting on a dough some different types of peppers, onions and tomatoes. Simple but tasty, below we will tell you all the steps for its preparation.

Preparation:

- Extend the dough on a square tray and warm up the oven to 200°C.
- Cut into pieces the onion, the red pepper, the green pepper and the garlic cloves, season them with olive oil, pepper, salt and sweet paprika.
- Poke the dough with a fork and put it into the oven.
- After 5 minutes we add the cut vegetables to the dough and bake it between for 30-45 minutes more.

Don't miss out on..

We recommend the coca de trempó of Es Rebost.

Lamb shoulder cooked in Mallorcan style



It is true that the lamb shoulder is a typical dish in Spain, but in Mallorca it is a traditional dish, that when cooked following our recipe result with a flavour a substantially different to that of other peninsular regions. A recipe that we just had to include in our guide!

Preparation:

- With 24 hours in advance: prepare chopped garlic and parsley with a bit of salt & marinate the shoulders.
- Place the shoulders in a square tray and drizzle with olive oil.
- Put in the oven for half an hour, at medium heat.
- Turn over the shoulders and add a glass of white wine.
- Leave them another half an hour in the oven over medium heat, drizzling the meat occasionally with its own juices.
- Dish up and serve.

Don't miss out on..

We recommend the paletilla de cordero of es Castell d' Alaró.

Sopes Mallorquines



Can you imagine eating a soup that is not actually a soup? Well that is exactly what the 'sopes' (literally soups) are, a dish of vegetables and meat in broth, soaked with very thin slices of bread. This bread receives the name of 'pan de sopes' and below we show a recipe for this traditional dish.

Preparation:

- Fill a clay pot halfway with olive oil, fry the onion, garlic and parsley lightly then add the tomato and green pepper, previously cut into pieces.
- After several minutes add the cabbage pieces and the cleaned, sliced artichokes.
- Add water until it covers the vegetables.
- Add the cauliflower, spinaches and peas.
- Add the necessary salt and pepper; let it boil until the cauliflower is cooked.
- Turn off heat and add the artisan bread.
- Leave to rest a few minutes and serve it.

Don't miss out on..

We recommend the sopes de Ca'n Toni Pates in Sineu.

Arròs brut



The story of the Arròs Brut (literally, dirty rice) is related with the war period on the island. During the Spanish post-war period the island was suffering from a food shortage, so it was important not to waste anything. The Arròs Brut was born as a result of a mixture of leftovers (meat and vegetables) with rice and spices. Below you can discover how to elaborate this typical Mallorcan dish.

Preparation:

- Sauté the meat previously cut in small pieces.
- When the meat is already fried, add the onion and Green pepper.
- After 10/15 minutes add the grated tomatoes and the garlic.
- Add the spices and the water.
- Boiled for 30 minutes, the meat should be well cooked.
- Pour the rice and vegetables. Cook it for 15 minutes.
- Dish up and serve.

Don't miss out on..

We recommend the arròs brut of Ca'n Arabí in Binissalem.

Coca de patata



The 'coca de patata' (literally potato dough) is the traditional pastry from Valldemossa (see the 'Taste the coca de patata in Valldemossa' section). This original sweet dough is made from potato and fermented dough. Once again, the potato is the base of a typical Mallorcan dish. We hope you enjoy this typical recipe from Mallorca.

Preparation:

- Boil the potatoes with the peel for 20/25 minutes. Chill, peel, strain and smash the potatoes.
- Mix the purée with the other ingredients and knead the dough until its homogeneous.
- Round the dough into a spherical form, cover it with a cloth and let it rise in a warm place.
- After 2-3 hours, make small dough balls about 12/15 cm.
- Spread the pork lard onto the oven tray and put the dough balls. Bake them during 25/30 minutes at 180/200°C.

Don't miss out on..

We recommend the Coca de Patata of Ca'n Molinas in Valldemossa.

Robiols



The Robiols are the typical sweet pastry of Easter in Mallorca. According to the tradition, on one of the days of Easter, the whole family sits together to cook robiols. Although traditionally the filling was usually Cabell d'àngel or cream, nowadays you can also find chocolate fillings or different jams.

Preparation:

- In a bowl mix the: melted lard, oil, orange juice, 3 egg yolks and grated lemon peel, sugar, sifted flour. Knead until obtaining the dough.
- Leave to rest for half an hour.
- Get dumplings of dough and make circles of about 10 cm of diameter.
- Introduce a bit of the chosen filling in the centre of each circle and fold it in half.
- We seal the ends with a fork and bake at 170 ° C until they are golden.

Don't miss out on..

We recommend los robiols of Es Forn d' Es Santo Cristo.

Jaume Ramón

Director Ferrer Isabel



"I love Mallorca in the summer, there are some incredible vegetables and in my spare time **I love to make fresh tomato salads and coca de trempó."**



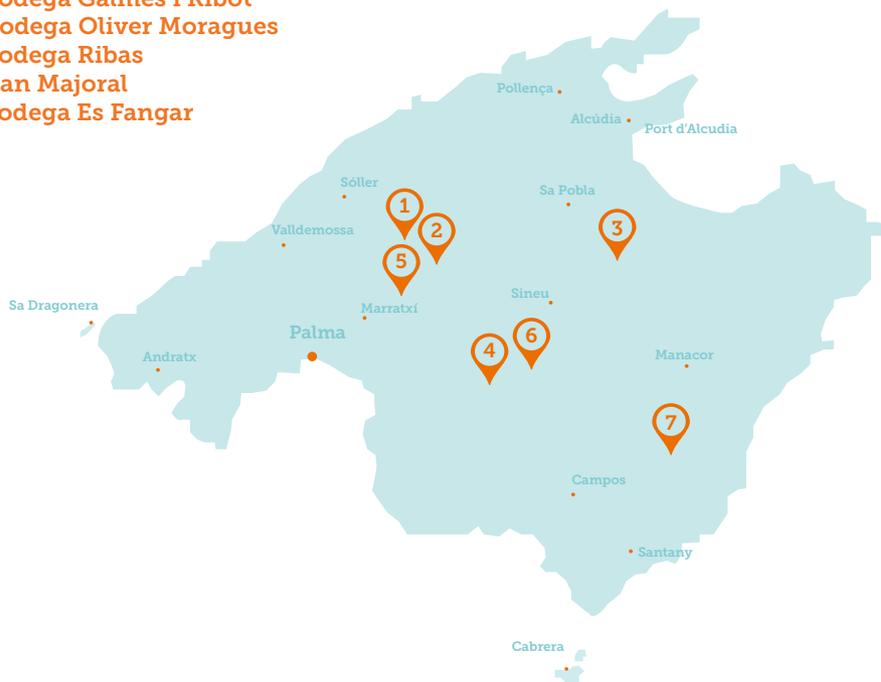
Intro / Wines

The Mediterranean Sea has always been famous for its successful production of great wines. In Mallorca winemaking has been a custom for many years and nowadays we can say that we are a point of reference within the European wine production.

Our wineries have no reason to envy the renowned productions of the Italian Tuscany. In Mallorca, there are numerous wineries and cellars with original productions that surprise even the best of the sommeliers.

We have put a lot of effort into this section, to provide you with wineries that you will not find with a simple search on Google, but that you cannot miss out on if you have a minimum of fondness for wine. We hope you enjoy the visits, the wines you taste and the excellent treatment of its wine masters.

1. Bodega Castell Miquel
2. Bodega de Ca'n Verdura
3. Bodega Galmés i Ribot
4. Bodega Oliver Moragues
5. Bodega Ribas
6. Can Majoral
7. Bodega Es Fangar



Bodega Castell Miquel



The wine cellar Castell Miquel is located in a picturesque environment, in one of the most beautiful landscapes of Mallorca. It is a place which symbolises the perfect combination between pleasure and health. In the 90s, Michael Popp discovered this romantic estate located in the Serra de Tramuntana. He turned it into an exclusive wine exploitation along with a winery which counts with the newest technologies.

The property stretches out on approximately 16 hectares, with plots that have been cultivated again until obtaining an area of around 5,5 hectares, which gave rise to a single terrace-vineyard. If you are an enthusiast of wine and enjoy its values, you cannot miss out on the winery Castell Miquel during your stay in Mallorca.

Type of grapes

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz and Monas trell for red wines, Sauvignon Blanc for white wine and Monastrell for a Blanc de Nègre wine (White wine made from red grapes)

☎ 971 67 74 03

@ salom@castellmiquel.com

📍 Carretera Alaró - Lloseta km. 8,7.

Visitations and wine tastings:

Guided tours are only made for closed groups with a min. of 10 participants, booking in advance.

Gift included

The guests of ferrer hotels will receive a tasting of wines.

Bodega de Ca'n Verdura



The history of the Ca'n Verdura winery goes back six generations of working and cultivating the vineyards of Binissalem. Their plan is to produce wines with a Mallorcan character, made from local varieties of grapes such as the Mantonegro and the Callet.

Ca'n Verdura aims to demonstrate that using the Mantonegro grape you can achieve wines with a great character and really representative of the island. If you want to enjoy a wine made from a traditional type of grape that is constantly innovating itself, you should not miss out on the opportunity to visit this winery in the town of Binissalem. We recommend you to taste its wine "Supernova" the punkest production of this winery.

Type of grapes

Mantonegro for the red wines and Moll for the white ones.

☎ 695 817 038

📍 C/ de s'Era 6, Binissalem.

Visitations and wine tastings:

Yes. Consult previously.

Bodega Galmés i Ribot



Galmés i Ribot is a small winery with a family character, dedicated to the elaboration of quality wines based on the property's production from the estate "Rotes dels Cavallers" of Santa Margalida. Counting on 14 hectares cultivated in an environmentally friendly way, it's always looking for raw materials of the highest quality and uses local and international varieties to achieve a product with a Mediterranean character.

This winery characterises itself by searching and recovering almost extinct native varieties as the Gorgollassa or Escursac, among many others.

Type of grapes

Callet , Fogoneu , Gorgollassa , Escursac , Prensal Blanc, Giro Ros , Muscat , Malvasia , Cabernet , Merlot and Syrah.

☎ **678 847 830 / 687 789 932**

@ vins@galmesiribot.com

📍 Ctra. Santa Margalida - Petra, P.K. 2,400 07450 Santa Margalida.

Visitations and wine tastings:

Yes; the fee is 25 Euro per person, only with prior reservation.

Gift included

The guests of ferrer hotels will receive a 10% of discount in all of its products.

Bodega Oliver Moragues



Oliver Moragues is a winery that was founded with the aim of recovering and promoting winemaking tradition, following a few standards based on the quality of its production.

Apart from its wines, this peculiar winery also counts with a unique history. OM wines are produced in the Possessió de Binicomprat, one of the oldest estates from Mallorca which is registered in records that date back to 1229, when the land was distributed after the conquest of Jaume III. It was in 1511 that the place became part of the current family. So don't miss out on the opportunity and make a reservation as soon as possible, if you would like to delight yourself with its traditional Mallorcan wines.

Type of grapes

Tintas (Manto negro, Callet, Cabernet S., Merlot, Syrah) Blancas, Prensal blanc, Viognier, Sauvignon bl.)

☎ **626 733 330**

📍 C/ Autopista Palma Manacor salida 22.

Visitations and wine tastings:

Yes, the fee is 25 Euros per person, only with prior reservation.

Gift included

the guests of ferrer hotels will receive a bottle opener.

Bodega Ribas



The Ribas wineries are located in the village of Consell, where they have been producing wine for more than 300 years. Their production is characterised by two main types of grape, the Mantonegro and the Prensal. In addition, these wineries are also responsible for the recovery of other native varieties from the island such as the Gorgollassa, which is practically extinct.

They currently possess more than 40 hectares of vineyards which are being worked and harvested manually. In Mallorca, Ribas is a pioneer in the selection of grapes in the vineyard, but also in the seed by seed selection in the winery, ensuring in this way the highest quality in all of their wines.

Type of grapes

Mantonegro, Gorgollassa and Prensal.

☎ 971 62 26 73

📍 Carretera Alaró - Lloseta km. 8,7.

Visitations and wine tastings:

Yes. From Monday to Friday, from 10:00 to 18:00.

Ca'n Majoral



Ca'n Majoral is a small family winery which was founded in 1979. Driven by the desire and the belief that, in Mallorca, more specifically in Algaida, good and quality wines could be made, this family started the project of Ca'n Majoral.

What characterises their wines is that they are either single-variety wines or based on one variety, counting with only small contributions from other grapes to achieve a greater complexity. Although each of these wines has its specific winemaking process, in order to obtain different products, they all share a common denominator: the expressiveness.

Type of grapes

Capgiró, Gorgollassa, Galdent, Son Blanc, S'Heretat, Son Roig y Turgent.

☎ 971 66 58 67

@ info@canmajoral.com

📍 C/ de s'Era 6, Binissalem.

Visitations

From Monday to Friday, from 16 h to 19h; Saturdays, from 9 h to 13 h.

Bodega Es Fangar



Es Fangar is a traditional Mallorcan winery which counts with 36 hectares of vineyards. The winemakers from this wine cellar devote a special attention to local grape varieties, aiming their research at a strictly biological cultivation of their entire land, the result being their excellent wines. Due to this, the Mallorcan winery holds a European organic certificate.

Besides, this estate also houses within its walls the historic vegetable garden of the property, which nowadays is one of the largest organic vegetable gardens in Europe.

We can assure you that visiting Es Fangar is a unique experience for all wine lovers, because it offers the possibility to immerse yourself completely in the process of winemaking and learn about the importance of organic farming, respectful to the environment.

Type of grapes

Giró Blanc, Gorgollassa, Callet, Manto Negro, Prensal, Viognier, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Shiraz, Chardonnay y Musca.

☎ **971 18 37 10**

📍 Camino Son Prohens s/n 07209 Son Prohen.

Visitations and wine tastings:

Yes. Consult previously.

Enrique Le-Senne

Operations Director



"I am a big lover of wines and in my opinion the Mallorcan wines don't need to envy or compare themselves to other European wines. Without hesitation, **I will stick with the Supernova accompanied by a good paella."**



Intro / Palma Tips

The greatest city from Mallorca probably has to be Palma. Main town of the island, it is recognised as the capital of Mallorca and the Balearic archipelago, and definitely a must that you cannot miss out on.

We will recommend to you a great number of "musts" that you can do if you want to experience it as the locals do. In this section, we will talk about seven activities that every resident of Palma does occasionally.

We hope you enjoy the experience!

1. Bar España
2. Beers in the Bar Atlántico
3. To have a Cocktail in the Brass
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7. To have a glass of wine in Confecciones La Fábrica.



Bar España



When you are visiting Palma, one of the things that you cannot miss out on is the Bar España and its "tapeo", the tradition of eating tapas.

The Bar España is probably one of the most typical Spanish wineries in the city. It might look like an ordinary bar, but once you past the door, you will see that it is much more than that. You will find a lot of hot and cold tapas of the highest quality, cold beer and wine glasses at perfect temperature will delight your senses.

The food served in this establishment is exquisite and there are many who praise the quality of their dishes. Besides, they are famous for being experts in organizing large soirées to cheer up the atmosphere and you can often find a group playing live music in the bar. In our opinion they serve one of the best tortillas in town, so good that they vanish minutes after being pulled out.

Also you shouldn't miss out on their mini burgers or little quail knots. As you can see the Bar España is definitely the best place to enjoy gastronomy and typically Spanish and Mallorcan entertainment, so we think it's worthy of being on our list.

☎ 971 72 42 34

📍 Carrer de Ca'n Escursac 12.

Beers in the Bar Atlántico



If there is something typical in Spain that would have to be the tapas and going out for some beers, and the best place in Palma to enjoy some cold beers around a great atmosphere is the Bar Atlántico.

Located in the Sant Feliu Street, in the heart of the old town of Palma, the Bar Atlántico is full of personality. Upon entering you realize that you have before you a mix between a British pub and a rockers tavern. Whiteboards hanging from its walls with all you can taste, decorated in a truly vintage style, which gives them a touch of 'old age' that helps to create that special atmosphere that characterises it. The wood is particularly important for this pub as its bar and stools are an authentic work of art.

In the Bar Atlántico you can taste a variety of beers, from homemade to typical Mallorcan beers, or even the most common of beers.

They also have a large selection of tapas and Spanish sausages that will delight your senses.

Another great advantage of having a beer at the Bar Atlántico is its music selection. So why not enjoy a cold beer accompanied by all the great rock hits, with an atmosphere that will convince you that this is the best place on the island to have some beers.

☎ 971 72 62 85

📍 Calle Sant Feliu 12.

To have a Cocktail in the BrassClub



If you are a fan of cocktails and have a taste so exquisite that you can sense if there is a centilitre more of alcohol in your drink, you cannot visit Mallorca and not go to the Brass Club.

A few years ago, Rafa Martin a Spanish Champion of Mixology in 2011 and bronze medal winner at the Beijing World Championship in 2012 opened the Brass Club in the centre of Palma. The place is decorated in a style that resembles the golden decade of cocktails in New York. There are more than 3000 bottles hanging from its ceiling, which is quite impressive when first entering the establishment. They only use the best selection of ingredients, to the extent of making their own ice for cocktails with a machine that is specifically designed for it.

Find the time to go to the Paseo de Mallorca 34 to have a cocktail at this cocktail lounge, an experience that you will definitely want to repeat on many other occasions.

If you decide to visit the Brass, we recommend the Smoked Old Fashioned, or Bantha Milk Alexandra, a cocktail especially interesting for fans of Star Wars.

☎ **871 71 56 77**

📍 Passeig Mallorca 34.

To have a Llonguet in the Bar Bosch



One of the best things that you can have for lunch in Mallorca is certainly the Llonguet. It is a kind of sandwich made with bread which is called Llonguet, served with cheese, ham, sobrasada and other typical Mallorcan sausages, always accompanied by olives.

The favourite place of the Mallorcans to enjoy this snack is the Bar Bosch, a traditional bar that has been part of our lives since 1936. It is located in one of the most central squares of the city, where apart from Llonguets, you can try many other Mallorcan meals, ice creams and desserts. A vintage bar, with a large terrace decorated with marble tables and iron chairs that help create a relaxed atmosphere. The best option is to sit on the terrace, in the shade and enjoy a Llonguet while observing the movements of the city, accompanied by the charming sound of accordions that flood the street.

The perfect place to have a break from the hustle of getting to know our city, so feel free to sit in the Bar Bosch and feel like a genuine Mallorcan.

☎ **971 72 11 31**

📍 Plaza del Rei Joan Carles I, 6.

To take a coffee in La Molienda



A good cup of coffee, well prepared, can be one of the greatest pleasures during the holidays. We Mallorcans know very well the importance of it, this is why we couldn't miss out on mentioning in this guide where you can enjoy the best coffee on the island.

La Molienda is a small cafe located on a corner of the Calle del Bisbe Campins, and its owners take good care of every detail. This cafe was born from a small place of only two tables in the old town of the city, but after having such a big success, it moved a few years later to its current location. They even added a small kitchen where every morning they prepare delicious sandwiches and scones that many Mallorcans come to enjoy.

But what makes La Molienda stand out is its exquisite coffee. It is currently the only establishment in Palma that has a Rocket coffee maker, which prepares all varieties of coffee.

Being coffee experts, they have managed to be the spot where every Mallorcan living in Palma goes to have a cup. So if you visit the capital of the island, be sure to find some time to give La Molienda a visit and enjoy a cup of authentic homemade coffee.

☎ 638 390 339

📍 Calle de Bisbe Campins 11.

Shopping on Calle Paraires



We must say that holidays are not complete without spending a long day of shopping and also make for some great memories.

In Mallorca, if you want to go shopping for a whole day you cannot miss the street Peaires, in the old town of Palma, where you will find some of the best boutiques for men, women and children.

The shops on this street are the best example of the Mediterranean style, since you will find here from linen shirts to dresses made from Ibiza fabrics and the typical Mallorcan baskets. If you want to have a good time and take home some nice memories, then the Peaires Street is a must in the city of Palma.

Aside from its stores, this popular street is also a good place for a fantastic tour, due to its paving and facades, with typical Mallorcan balconies, being a really good spot to spend pleasant days in the downtown of Palma.

Don't miss out on..

- 📍 La Principal
- 📍 Bossa
- 📍 American Vintage
- 📍 Closed
- 📍 Sastrería Campins

To have a glass of wine in Confecciones la fábrica



Years ago there was a store in Palma, famous for its shirts and haberdashery products. The name was Confecciones La Fábrica and unfortunately they closed their doors in 2013. Shortly after, the place was turned into a wine bar, but since the history of Confecciones La Fábrica was so important for the city, its new owners decided to keep the place as it was and not change its classic labels.

The establishment, now known as 'Vinostrum' is located in the popular neighbourhood of Santa Catalina, considered one of the most bohemian areas of the city of Palma. Vinostrum is a bar with a decoration that perfectly blends classic elements of a traditional winery with modern touches, 100 % adapted to the latest trends. Specialized in wines, it is one of the best places to go and enjoy wines from Mallorca, but also from other places. Besides, its tapas are exquisite and very abundant. We recommend their octopus tapas or the cheese boards.

☎ 638 998 637

📍 Calle Fábrica 45.

Sandra Rothlisberger

Reception Manager Ferrer Concord



"For me Palma is an amazing city where you can wander or enjoy some nice tapas in a wonderful atmosphere. Besides, it has more than 300 stores of shoes! **So I can't help but lose myself through the shops in the old town."**

Intro / Cultural Tips

As we mentioned earlier in the introduction of this guide, Mallorca is a very cosmopolitan island, thanks to the extensive contact that it has had throughout its history with many great cultures.

In this section we will show you seven locations that will help you get to know Mallorca but also its history. We are sure that after visiting these key points of the island's culture, you will have a better understanding of our character, customs and traditions.

Step into the Mallorcan history and culture while enjoying this next section.

1. The Royal Cartuja of Valldemossa
2. Drach Caves
3. Es Baluard
4. The Cathedral of Palma
5. The Bellver Castle
6. La Fiore
7. Museum Sa Bassa Blanca



The Royal Cartuja of Valldemossa



The museum is located in a former monastery which in its origins was a royal residency. It was founded and inhabited by Carthusian monks since the year 1399 up until the secularization of the place in 1835. After the secularization of the Charterhouse (Cartuja), the pianist and composer Frédéric Chopin and the writer George Sand lived here, in the winter of 1838-39. In the present time, the museum hosts the historic and artistic legacy of the Carthusians, manuscripts and memories from the romantic couple, autographed and bibliographic archives from the Archduke Luis Salvador of Austria, and exhibitions of art and culture from the XX century.

During your stay in Mallorca don't miss out on the opportunity to visit the Charterhouse (Cartuja). It's a museum that holds very important pieces of the Mallorcan history, so if you really want to get to know our culture, this is definitely not something that you would want to miss out on.

☎ **971 61 21 06**
@ **real-cartuja@valldemossa.com**
📍 **Plaza de la Cartuja. 07170 Valldemossa.**

🕒 **Opening hours:**
- 9.30h to 19.00h From April to September;
- 9.30h to 18.00h March and September;
- 9.30h to 17.30h February to November;
- 9.30h to 15.30h January and December.

€ **Price:**
- 8,50 €/entry fee;
- For groups of more than 4 people:
7,50 €/entry fee
- For students: 6 €/entry fee: Senior
Seniors (age 65 and over): 7 €/entry fee.
- Children are allowed: Until the age of 10:
no entry fee; Age 11 to 15: 4 €/entry fee.

📌 **Only for ferrer hotels guests: 10% discount on normal entry fee and group entry fee.**

Drach Caves



Can you imagine yourself going deep into some prehistoric caves which Jules Verne himself mentioned in one of his adventure books? Well, if you're spending a few days in Mallorca, experiencing this in real life is possible.

The caves of Drach are a cavernous formation consisting in 4 large underground caves located in the town of Manacor. The four caves named Black Cave (Cova Negra), White Cave (Cova Blanca), Cave of Luis Salvador (Cova de Lluís Salvador) y Cave of the French (Cova dels francesos), are connected between with each other, creating a big cave which is semi-submerged in an underground lake. These caves were formed in a natural way due to the impact of the sea waves on the external cliffs and they were explored for the first time in 1880 by M.F. Will and in 1896 by E.A Martel.

Going down into the caves, exploring them, going for a boat trip on the lake and listening to the concert is one of the best cultural experiences that one can live on the island and is without a doubt a 100% Mallorcan experience.

☎ **971 82 07 53**
@ **info@cuevasdeldrach.com**
📍 **Ctra Cuevas s/n 07680 Porto Cristo, Mallorca.**

🕒 **Opening hours:**
- 1st of November to 13th of March:
- 10:45 AM; 12:00 PM; 14:00 PM and 15:30 PM.
- 14th of March to 31st of October: 10:00 AM;
- 11:00 AM; 12:00 PM; 14:00PM; 15:00 PM;
- 16:00 PM; 17:00 PM.
Closed on the 25th of December and the 1st of January.

€ **Price:**
- 15 € for adults and 8€ for children.

The Cathedral of Palma



The Cathedral of Santa María, known by the Majorcans as "La Seu", began its construction in 1229 at the orders of the king Jaume I, as a temple dedicated to the Virgin Mary, for guiding and accompanying him during the conquest of the island.

This cathedral was built with blocks of sandstone extracted from the quarry of Lluçmajor where currently you can find the beach of Cala Delta (see the section of Beaches). In 1931 it was declared a historic monument. It is the second highest cathedral in Europe and its rosette encloses a story full of charm. Besides being the largest rose window in Europe, twice a year the residents of Palma can enjoy two fascinating optical lights phenomena's, where the rosette is reflected on the walls of the temple, giving the impression of two large windows instead of just one.

Among the successful artists who participated in its construction and renovations we highlight those of Antoni Gaudí, who made several structure related contributions in the main hall, and Miquel Barceló who renovated the Chapel of Sant Pere, better known as the Santíssim.

If you go to Palma, you have to visit the cathedral because it is something so representative of this city and the island in general, that you cannot miss out on it. You can either choose to go to a Mass, or visit the temple after the Mass and enjoy its incredible architecture.

☎ **902 02 24 45**
🌐 www.esbaluard.org/es/
📍 Plaza Almoína, s/n, 07001 Palma.

🕒 **Opening hours:**
Consult previously.

Es Baluard



Es Baluard is a museum of modern and contemporary art is one of the most renowned in Spain of its kind. Located in Palma de Mallorca, it has been opened since 2004 and is the main museum of the Balearic Islands as it counts with more than 500 pieces of art, both modern and contemporary, related to artists from the sphere of the islands as well as artists of international reference.

The main purpose of the museum focuses on the functions that give meaning to the word "museum" itself. That is: preserve, document and promote the heritage related to the collections in the custody of Es Baluard, with the objective to strengthen and spread the heritage value of the so-called modern and contemporary art.

The collection of the Es Baluard Museu d'Art Modern i Contemporani of Palma collects works from the main artists and movements that came and come together in the Balearic

Islands since the beginning of the XX century up until the present day, and connects them to works of art from other national or international artistic contexts. If you find yourself in Mallorca, don't miss out on the opportunity to visit a museum which has so much to offer and is a good way to learn while having fun.

☎ **971 90 8200**
🌐 www.esbaluard.org/es/
📍 Plaça Porta de Santa Catalina 10, Palma

🕒 **Opening hours:**
- Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am to 8 pm.
- Sunday from 10 am to 3 pm.
- Closed on Mondays.

€ **Price:**
- General ticket: 6,00 € Ticket to temporary exhibition: 4,00 €.

🏠 **The guests of ferrer hotel will receive a 20% discount with upon previous request.**

The Bellver Castle



The castle of Bellver is one of the most symbolic monuments of the island of Mallorca. This castle is a former fortification of gothic style constructed in the XIV century at the order of King Jaume II of Mallorca. It's located above a hill of 112 meters above sea level, which makes it have clear and extended views of the city and the bay of Palma. Besides, this castle is a construction with a circular layout, quite unusual in Europe, where the majority of fortifications have a square layout.

The castle of Bellver has been keeping an eye on the city as well as witnessing all of its changes for centuries, so we could not think of a better plan than taking a small trip up to the castle and letting yourself be enchanted by the history that it holds.

☎ **971 73 50 65**
@ castelldebellver@palma.es
📍 Carrer de Camilo José Cela, Palma.

🕒 **Opening hours:**
- Monday to Friday from 09:30 to 13:30.

€ **Price:**
Consult for price.

La Fiore



The blown glass factory known as La Fiore is one of the most amazing cultural spots you'll find when visiting Mallorca. Its glassmaking masters spend all their art and commitment to the production of glassware pieces following traditional techniques that have been used for over 100 years on the island, the technique of glass blowing being one of the most famous.

If you go to La Fiore you will observe closely the making process throughout the day, since the factory is opened to the public. They also have a small shop where you can buy some of their art works, although there are also other places around the island where you can buy craftworks made by La Fiore.

If you like art, the craftworks of La Fiore will surprise you more than you might expect.

☎ **971 61 18 00**
🌐 www.lafiore.com

🕒 **Opening hours:**
Consult previously.

€ **Price:**
No entry fee.

Museum Sa Bassa Blanca



Located in Alcudia, Sa Bassa Blanca is a museum integrated with the wilderness of the Serra de Tramuntana, a protected area which was declared World Heritage by UNESCO.

The Foundation that manages the museum established in 1993 at the hand of the couple of artists and collectors Yannick Vu and Ben Jakober, and the philanthropist Georges Coulon Karlweis. Upon arrival we are surprised by a building designed by Hassan Fathy, a renowned Egyptian architect, this being his only construction in Europe. In this building there are several collections that have been recognised on numerous occasions as assets of the Historical Heritage of the Balearic Islands, or as assets of Cultural Interest.

Furthermore, the former water tank or "Aljibe" existing underground was transformed into an exhibition place where we can find one of the most original collections of Europe entitled "Nins" which consists in a collection of more than 150 portraits of children from different European countries, dating between the sixteenth and the nineteenth century.

We cannot forget the park of sculptures, which includes a piece by Yoko Ono, the Sokrates space where you can find from a work by Miquel Barceló, to a complete fossil skeleton of a Siberian Woolly rhinoceros, dating back to the interglacial Riss - Wurm late Pleistocene age, and finishing with the rose garden, where over a hundred varieties of roses are grown.

While in Mallorca, you should dedicate a day to visit this incredible museum and enjoy a splash of culture in an unbeatable location.

📞 **971 54 98 80**
🌐 www.fundacionjakober.org
📍 **Museu Sa Bassa Blanca Es Mal Pas | Alcudia Illes Balears 07400**

🕒 **Opening hours:**
- Tuesdays (no entry fee) from 9.30 to 12.30h and from 14.30 to 17.30.
- Mondays & Wednesday to Saturday: only guided tours with a prior appointment, from 11 to 15 h.

€ **Price:** Consult for price.

Alicia Ferrer

Human Capital Director



"A part from the museums, what I like most are **the temporary exhibitions from Es Baluard**, they keep the island connected to the current avant-garde and seeing them is a great occupation."



Intro / Festivities

The island of Mallorca is a place full of traditions and many of them are commemorated with celebrations that remind us of our history and how we got to be here today.

In the next section, we will talk to you about 7 festivities which are for us the most characteristic of the island. Some of them for being celebrations of important historical moments in Mallorca, while others are essential due to the popularity that they have gained among Mallorcans, year after year.

Each of them will help you discover a little bit more about the island of Mallorca, its stories and traditions in the most fun and enjoyable way.

Also, don't forget to have a look at our social networks in which we show you regularly the environment and customs of all these festivities.



August
1/2

1. S' Auborada in Pollença

July
23

2. Es Negre Banyalbufar

May
Monday
1st week

3. Es Firó de Soller Festival

September
last
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7. Sant Sebastià

Es Firó de Soller Festival

May
Monday
1st week



As mentioned in the section of villages where we talked about Soller, in 1561 this popular Mallorcan village was attacked by several fleets of Turkish pirates. The Mallorcans ended up winning the battle and didn't lose their village, maintaining until this day under the control of Christianity.

To this day, the residents of Soller celebrate this battle each month of May, on the Monday following the second Sunday of May, in a feast that is known as the celebration of the Moors and the Christians or Es Firó de Soller. Half of the village dresses up as the Moors to play the part of the ones who tried to conquer the village.

To make it more fun and simulate the battle wounds, the Moors often carry pieces of coal which they use to paint anyone taking part in this feast, even initiating small battles between friends, to see who manages to paint more the opposing team.

On this day, the pubs from the port of Soller take their bar counters to the street, where they sell an assortment of drinks, soft-drinks, bites (pinchos) and tapas. This celebration is a brilliant and fun moment for us Mallorcans to remember our history proudly, by having a good time and enjoying the good weather specific to the month of May.

Sa Vermada

September
last
week



As we told you in our section of wines and wineries, Mallorca is an island with a long tradition in the wine sector. So much so that its winemaking town of Binissalem has a celebration dedicated exclusively to the beverage.

We are talking about the Vermada, a popular festival of Binissalem, which takes place in September and revolves around the theme of wine. The two big parties are "Els trepitjadors" and "La Vermada".

During "Els trepitjadors" all the villagers dress in white and take part in a war of grapes, in an area which is prepared especially for this occasion. This feature comes to symbolise the winemaking process in which the grapes are pressed, as traditionally this was carried out by pressing the grapes with the feet.

Throughout the Vermada you will have the pleasure of enjoying a parade of carriages through the streets of the village. The carriages are prepared for the Vermada by the youngest villagers weeks before the celebration, and during this parade all the villagers dress as 'pageses' with the regional costume typical of Mallorca.

Throughout all the festivities in the village you can enjoy craft fairs, activities for children and food tastings. If you decide to spend a few days on the island during September, passing by Binissalem during their festivities is definitely an experience you should not miss out on.

S' Auborada in Pollença

August
1/2



As in the case of the Moors and Christians celebration in Soller, S' auborada in Pollença commemorates the arrival of the Turks to the city of Pollença, with the purpose of invading it.

The celebration in Pollença is very similar to the one in Soller, the only difference being that, in the last anyone who takes part in the celebration can participate by recreating the battle, whereas in Pollença it is more of a show, at which one must limit oneself to a mere spectator.

From one side of town, the Moors come out dressed in their multicolored suits and prop swords, while the Christians come out from the other side of town, dressed with their traditional white pajama and armed with sticks.

At the Moors and Christians celebration in Pollença, when both gangs face each other in the center of town, they recreate a real battle which means that the Moors and the Christians fight each other for real with sticks and swords. For this reason, if you are going to attend this celebration on this day, you will have to limit yourself to be part of it only as a spectator.

In order to set up this celebration, the village fills up with open-air bars, where you can have a taste at the bites (pinchos) and traditional tapas as well as cold drinks. It's a celebration fit for the whole family, which includes all kinds of activities for entertainment. If you visit Mallorca in August, we encourage the night from the 1st to the 2th of August in your agenda and come by to enjoy a typical Mallorcan celebration which you will never forget.

Es Negre Banyalbufar

July
23



From all the celebrations that we have mentioned, this one has to be the least traditional one, given the fact that it has been celebrated only a few years now. However, it has been very welcomed among the Mallorcan people.

On the 23rd of July the village of Banyalbufar dresses up to pay tribute to black music and gastronomy. During this day, the main gastronomical characters are the Mavasian wine typical to this village and the pa ambo li with branch tomato (local species known as tomate ramallet).

Throughout this day, black music can be heard on the streets of this village, giving rise to a feast that has been known for the past 5 years as 'Gastro musical Festival'. Midday, from 12:00 to 14:00, a route of tapas takes place through the whole village. From 17:00 to 21:30 a 'sunset session' takes place, at which various DJs play music appropriate to the theme of the celebration.

Finally, from 22:30 to 04:00, several concerts of alternative music take place which everybody can enjoy.

To take part and enjoy this celebration you will have to pay a 15 € entrance fee. However, if you want to enjoy a good celebration of music and gastronomy, set in ideal surroundings in a pure Mediterranean style, then you shouldn't miss out on it.

Sant Antoni

January
17



Sant Antoni is known in Mallorca as the patron saint of animals. Many villages around the island celebrate this day by parading floats exhibiting peasant scenes, through the streets. Also it is a custom for churches around the island to dedicate this day to baptizing animals, making this celebration perfect for having a nice time with the family.

Later in the evening, everyone lights up bonfires, known in Mallorca as foguerons, and disguises themselves with demon masks. The masks are linked to this saint because legend has it that San Antoni suffered the temptation of these demons on several occasions, but managed evade them through the strength of his spirit. When the flames from the foguerons are low, people use the coal from the fires to make large barbecues, where everyone cooks their meat while enjoying

a pleasant evening with their families, friends and neighbours.

Nowadays, Sant Antoni is a very popular festivity celebrated throughout the island in a unique way. One of the most original celebrations is the one from the town of Alcudia, where on the afternoon of January 16th, the Saint hands out candies and sweets to everybody. He is followed around by 18 demons that hit children and adults with a broom, resulting in a fun game where everyone runs through the streets trying to avoid the broom of the demons.

Santa Catalina Thomás

July
28



Santa Catalina Thomás, better known as the Beateta, was the first Saint that our island had. Born in the village of Valldemossa on May 1st, 1531, she entered the towns' convent at the age of 21, dedicating her life to prayer.

Currently, this Saint is the patron of Valldemossa, a village that pays tribute to her not only holding a festival in her honour, but also by hanging tiles depicting scenes from the life of Beateta on the doors of their houses.

During the last week of July, Valldemossa celebrates throughout the week festivities in honour of the Saint, ending on July 28th. The most significant days of the festivities are the 27th when the procession of the relic of Santa Catalina is held and the 28th when the big celebration takes place. On the morning of this day, a Mass in honour of the Saint is held, and in the evening they hold a parade known as "La Cabalgata triunfal de Santa Catalina", in which every year a little girl from the village is chosen to represent Santa Catalina.

Santa Catalina passed away at the age of 43 and her incorrupt body is preserved in the convent of Palma where she is highly revered by the Majorcans.

In 1792, she was beatified by the Vatican and in 1930 the Mallorcans obtained her canonization. Without any doubt, to have the opportunity to experience the celebrations of the Blessed in Valldemossa is a unique occasion, because the charm of the village along with the festivities unite giving rise to one of the most beautiful and traditional festivities on the island.

Sant Sebastià

January
20



On the 20th of January, the capital of our island celebrates its patron saint, Sant Sebastià. On this particular day, but also throughout the month of January, Palma is full of celebrations. In the morning the cathedral holds the Mass for Sant Sebastià, and in the afternoon you can participate in a 'diada' (a cycling event) and finally, the evening is reserved to a ceremony where the 'Premios Ciutat' are awarded.

Among other activities, the City Hall organises several outdoor concerts in the most central parts of the city, where Palma residents enjoy a pleasant evening of music and snacks commemorating the Saint who protects their town. It is custom to make barbecues and roast meats of all types directly on the streets, using the coal from the foguerons which are lit up throughout the night, thus making the most out of this occasion and spending some quality time with neighbours and friends.

San Sebastian was a captain from the guard of Diocletian, who decided to convert to Christianity, and in consequence was sentenced to death.

It is believed that he protected the city from the Black Plague, so it is no surprise that the Mallorcans want to pay tribute to him every year.

The weeks of festivities related to San Sebastià are overlapped by the festivity of San Antoni, which you can discover in the following section.

Javi Guardia

Bartender Ferrer Concord



"The best thing about summer in Mallorca is the festivities, especially all the people that gather to enjoy them. My favorite one is without doubt the 'Moros y cristianos' in Pollença. Que viva Mallorca!"

+ Intro / Extras

A vacation cannot be great without treating ourselves to a few whims. In this section we gathered 7 possible plans within and outside of Mallorca that will stay with you forever, if you manage to achieve them.

For the experience that they imply, for the sensations that you will feel and because they are whims which you should allow yourself, we leave you with these 7 extras to make the best of your vacation.

So cheer up and don't think about it twice!

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Quick escape to Menorca



Mallorca is the main island of the Balearic archipelago, followed by the islands of Menorca and the Pitusses (Ibiza and Formentera). Have you ever thought of enjoying one of your vacation days by going to another island?

Getting up early one day and taking the first boat will get you in just 1 hour and a half to Menorca, where you can enjoy the wonders of this island. An authentically Mallorcan custom is to take advantage of the summer days to visit Menorca and eat a delicious lobster stew, a typical dish from the island.

We recommend you to spend the morning at Cala Cavalleria, and then go to Fornells to eat a stew in Es Cranc (the favorite place of the Minorcans).

After lunch you can go to Ciutadella, lose yourself on its streets and finally finish with its famous "pomada" in the port, a drink made from Minorcan gin and lemon juice. What could be a better plan?

Also if you are staying in one of our hotels, you have to keep in mind that in Ciutadella de Menorca we have our hotel Skyline Menorca, where you can go any time if you need more information, help or advice.

Trip to Dragonera



Dragonera Island is the smallest island in the Balearic archipelago. Currently it is considered a National Park and has been protected since 1995 by the Balearic government along with its neighbouring islands El Pantaleu and La Mitjana.

Fortunately this island can be visited with a nice boat tour. The closest municipalities to this island in Mallorca are San Telmo and Andratx, therefore the best starting point for a trip.

In these towns you will find several companies that sell tickets for boat trips, which go back and forth to Dragonera several times a day, like for example the Cruceros Cormorán.

The boat trip usually lasts no more than 45 minutes and depending on the company, they might even let you enjoy a nice swim during the tour. Once on the island you can wander around and try out routes to enjoy it to the fullest. Try to take a picture with a lizard without frightening it, have a snack in the picnic areas or explore the coast.

This tour is a great choice if you have children, as you can walk around the island very easily and comfortably spend the day here. It also has some souvenir shops where you can buy little gifts.

Boat trip to Cabrera



If you are an enthusiast of nature, hiking and finding new places you cannot miss the opportunity to visit one of the last virgin islands in the Mediterranean. From the southern part of the island there are several boats that organize trips to visit the island of Cabrera. The tour usually costs about 45.00 € which includes the trip to and from the island, along with food aboard the ship.

Cabrera was declared in 1991 'Parque Nacional Marítimo- Terrestre' and is currently protected. After arriving and starting to explore the island, keep in mind that it is necessary to be extra careful during the time you spend here and preserve the integrity of this beautiful place.

You should visit Cabrera not only to discover its wonders, but also for the boat trip itself, the tranquility of the island and the chance to spend a day like an authentic Mallorcan.

Hiking to La Trapa



Following our extras section, we encourage you to do on your vacation everything in your power to experience the most out of Mallorca. Below we will tell you about another great excursion offered by the island.

If you're a hiking enthusiast, you cannot leave Mallorca without going on this trip. It is a long walk with some steep sections that require extra effort, but are definitely worth it. This trip starts in the town of San Telmo. To get there you have to take the motorway towards Andratx and from there divert to S'arracó and follow the road signs to San Telmo.

Once in San Telmo, you must go to the Avenida de la Trapa where you can park the car without much trouble and begin the trip to foot.

After several minutes of walking you will see a forest trail called "Camí de Tomevi" which

you have to follow until you find a sign indicating "La Trapa" where you will begin to climb. Note that the trip to the Trapa can be done by the east side or the west side of the mountain; you can choose which one you prefer best.

If you are considering doing this tour with the family and you have young children, maybe you should reconsider the trip, as in many sections you will encounter gradients and even small sections where basic climbing knowledge is required, thus resulting complicated for children.

If you visit Mallorca and want to see the island from high above, find the time and escape one day to make a trip to La Trapa and enjoy the island as a real Mallorcan.

Trip to Lluc



What represents Mallorca most are probably its beautiful sceneries and the amazing weather, so it is no surprise that we Mallorcans love to go on excursions and encourage our visitors to join this custom.

One of our favourite trips is to go to the monastery of Lluc, which can begin from several points and is a fairly long trip. Traditionally, once a year on the first Saturday of August, many walk from Palma to Lluc on a pilgrimage. This tradition is known by locals as "Lluc a peu" or "Del Güell a Lluc a peu". This custom began in 1974 when the owner of the bar Güell of Palma and a group of friends made this excursion to honour the Virgen of Lluc, after the daughter of the owner experienced an accident in the bar and thus her father prayed that she would come out unharmed.

Since then every year this tradition is carried out by thousands of Mallorcans who spend a whole night walking up to Lluc.

Although this tradition takes place in August, this tour can be done throughout the year as it has the best views of the Sierra de Tramuntana. If you want to make the trip in a couple of hours, the best starting point would have to be Caimari or Selva.

Once past these villages, where the ascent of the mountain begins, you have two options: either follow the road or reach the monastery by the ancient paths. The first option takes longer because it goes around the mountain in order to reach to top. The second option is more direct but somewhat risky, since it is not a paved path. It is important to take a good amount of water and food on this trip, as it is quite challenging.

A quick visit to Ibiza



When staying in Mallorca, you should not miss out on the opportunity to get to know its neighbour islands.

At just two and a half hours away by fast ferry or 20 minutes by plane, you have the popular island of Ibiza. And if you get up early, you can enjoy a whole day on this island. Vila, the main town of Ibiza, is a perfect place for shopping and savouring the island's gastronomy.

If you want to explore it a little bit more, you can choose to rent a car or a motorcycle for the road. We recommend visiting the beach of Vedrá or Ses Salines to enjoy a refreshing swim and recharge your energy, before seeing a unique sunset while having a mojito at the beach bar Subset Ashram in Cala Compte.

In case you want to enjoy more than just the daytime on the island, you can spend the night in Ibiza and enjoy its vibrant parties and incredible shows. This island is best known for its nightlife and various clubs many that offer all kinds of music alternatives.

Visit to the port of Valldemossa



In all the guides about Mallorca, Valldemossa is described as a well-known village, famous for its coca de patata (see the section 7 Activities that we Mallorcans do) and its beautiful streets, but it is rarely mentioned that this mountain village has a port with a beach. Quite curious, isn't it? But the truth is that Valldemossa has a small fishing port which is one of the prettiest in Mallorca.

This beautiful and unknown place can be reached by car, taking the road to Valldemossa but leaving the village behind and keeping on driving until seeing the first road signs that indicate "Port de Valldemossa". Be very cautious and aware as the road to the port is very dangerous because it has many curves and is a little bit outdated, so drive carefully and slow to avoid any surprises or accidents.

When you reach the port you will be immersed in a kind of rural dream. Lost in the middle of the mountain in a sheltered corner there is a set of old fishermen cottages that along with a small dock make up the port of Valldemossa. Here you will find a restaurant with a lot of dishes and depending on the time of year, you might even find some small souvenir shops.

The rest of the village inspires tranquility, relaxation and calmness, being a perfect place to slow down and enjoy some quiet time.

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*"I love music and everything related to it, **and being able to escape to Ibiza** whenever I feel like seeing **The Martinez Brothers in DC10** is probably one of the many benefits of living in Mallorca."*

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