

## Palma de Mallorca



A glistening gem of a city on the south coast of an exquisite Mediterranean island, Palma de Mallorca gleams like a precious sun-drenched pearl among the Balearic Islands. Embracing the soothing blue waters of the magnificent Bay of Palma, the city's princely coastline is fringed by an armada of white yachts, shining in the early morning sun. An ancient land, governed by a long and varied string of rulers throughout the centuries, Palma allures with vibrant facets of culture and heritage. Whispers of Byzantine influence waft through its massive cathedral, one of the most magnificent churches in the world, while its historic streets and squares hum with an undeniably Spanish spirit.

### Memorable Experiences

#### Tee Time

Enjoy a round of golf at Son Vida's acclaimed course.

#### Maritime Escape

Stroll exclusive docks, past magnificent yachts at Puerto Portals Harbor.

#### Tranquil Walks

Amble up a rocky path to the ruins of Castell D'Alaro and its chapel.

#### Historic Excursions

Discover distinctive shops among Renaissance mansions in Old Town.

### Distinctive Details

Tiny lights twinkle among authentic nativity scenes as the aroma of roasting chestnuts mingles with the angelic voices of a choir. The city of Palma abounds with holiday magic during the Christmas season.

### Starwood Preferred Guest Recommends

#### Valldemossa

Historic monasteries and simple stone fountains fill the ancient, well-preserved village of Valldemossa. Nestled within a green valley, fifteen kilometers north of Palma, this peaceful oasis was once home to the composer Frederic Chopin.

### Destination Information

**Country** Spain  
**Province** The Balearic Islands  
**Elevation** 13 meters  
**Population** 517,285 (2007)  
**Language** Spanish



**Area Code:** 971  
**Country Code:** 34



**Palma de Mallorca Airport (PMI)**

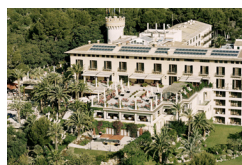


**Transportation:**  
Car, Train, Boat



**Euro**

### Nearby Luxury Collection Hotels and Resorts



#### Castillo Hotel Son Vida, Mallorca

C/ Raixa 2 Urbanizacion Son Vida  
Palma de Mallorca, 7013  
Phone: (34)(971) 493493



## Culture

The heritage of Spain's great masters is preserved within spaces of unrivaled dignity.

## Family



### Catedral de Mallorca

The plaintive chanting of monks mingles with the harmonious chords of an organ as sunlight streams through seven brilliant rose windows. Gleaming shards of violet and emerald are cast upon magnificent walls of golden limestone. An immense megalith of spires and flying buttresses Palma de Mallorca's breathtaking cathedral is one of the world's most extraordinary examples of French Gothic style. Completed in 1601, it houses unparalleled wrought iron chandeliers, medieval Flemish tapestries, and exquisite altarpieces carved with scenes from the bible.

**Address: Plaza Almoina**  
**Phone: (34) (902) 022445**

## Highly Recommended



### The Pilar i Joan Miró a Mallorca Foundation

White rooftops curve inwards like the wings of seagulls on the top of one of four workshops where Joan Miro once created his masterworks of painting and sculpture. Surrounded by peaceful gardens, this fascinating complex of modern exhibition spaces and historic houses offers a detailed look at the last twenty-five years of Miro's life. Paintings hang in voluminous, light-filled galleries, while in a small, 17th century house known as Son Boter, the artist's charcoal outlines adorn the walls, sketches for the sculptures he made in this intimate refuge.

**Address: Calle Joan de Saridakis, 29**  
**Phone: (34) (971) 701420**



### Es Baluard

Brown tones of sunlit bark adorn an aged trunk that curves against a sea of brilliant turquoise. Lime green cypress trees rise from a dusty desert peak, beneath a jade sky. The vibrant hues of the Mediterranean merge in an enchanting collection of Spanish landscapes at this unparalleled art museum. Its modern structure of white concrete houses a vast contemporary collection of regional art that merges with Palma's ancient stone fortifications, gracefully linking the old with the new. Temporary exhibitions are displayed within a medieval water tank.

**Address: Plaça Porta Santa Catalina, 10**  
**Phone: (34) (971) 908200**



### Bodegues Ribas

From old vines, thick with gnarled branches and strong leaves, plump grapes grow. Each one is carefully selected, harvested by hand, and processed into some of the island's highest quality wines. One of Mallorca's oldest wineries, the Ribas family has been preserving its heritage, and developing its cherished product on these forty hectares since 1711. Mantonegros, Chardonnays, Callets, and Garnachas of varying complexity and expression are bottled and emblazoned with the classic Ribas label. Visits to the historic vineyards may be arranged by appointment.

**Address: Camí de Muntanya, 2, Consell, 25 kilometers northeast of Palma de Mallorca**  
**Phone: (34) (971) 622673**



## Shopping

Ancient customs, invented by medieval merchants, flourish in shops and markets.

### Local Charms



#### Sineu Market

Terra cotta bowls, heaping with olives and pistachios, cover a long wooden table, while the ebony plumage of a black rooster glistens in the morning light. Each Wednesday morning, the residents of Mallorca venture to the ancient hilltop town of Sineu for this weekly market. Stalls surround the church square, overflowing with shiny red peppers, soft orange persimmons, and artisanal cheeses, as well as native handicrafts such as pottery, leather goods, pearls, and lace. Inaugurated by King Jaume III, this bustling marketplace has been a trade center since 1306.

**Address: Church Square, Sineu, 45 kilometers northeast of Palma de Mallorca**

### Local Specialty



#### Rialto Living

Faded blue Acne jeans are piled high near racks of cream and beige Jil Sander dresses. Plush sofas, upholstered in pure white denim, pink stripes, or blue paisley are arranged in distinctive areas that embrace one of four styles: "Hamptons," "New York," "Colorful European," and "Ethnic." In a welcoming environment of blond floors, exposed stone walls, distressed window shutters, and leafy potted plants, interior design and fashion combine in finely crafted displays that embody the art of living at its most gracious.

**Address: Carrer Sant Feliu 3C**

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### Neighborhoods



#### Avinguda Jaume II

A ribbon of gold buttons rises up the side of a white crocodile skirt worn by a mannequin in Loewe, a purveyor of fine leather goods since 1846. Just down the road, the window of Majorica shines with strands of luminous pearls, each one formed by the natural elements of the sea. From renowned department stores like Galerías Preciados and El Corte Ingles, to the boutiques of emerging Spanish designers such as Jesús del Pozo and Hannibal Laguna, Palma de Mallorca's most exclusive shops take refuge beneath the elegant arcade that lines this distinctive avenue.

**Address: Avinguda Jaume II**

### Shops & Boutiques



#### Lafiore Vidrio Artístico

Molten glass smolders with fiery hues of tangerine and scarlet. A two thousand year old art form takes shape within the stone ovens of the Lafiore glass blowing workshops. Exquisite vases of cobalt blue mirror the timeless grace of the Mediterranean, while slender ruby candlesticks gleam with a brilliance reminiscent of Spanish passion. In addition to these smooth, lustrous works, this design shop offers a premiere collection of furniture and accessories for the home. Teak beds are displayed alongside walnut tables and sofas of chocolate leather.

**Address: Carretera de Valldemossa, Km. 11**

**Phone: (34) (971) 611800**



## Cuisine

A Mediterranean bounty takes center stage within the island's finest dining venues.

## Acclaimed



### Koldo Royo

Wide glass windows overlook the tall white masts that rise up from the harbor of Palma's Paseo Marítimo district. In a second floor dining room of honey walls lit by candles, the culinary influences of Spain's Basque country meet the flavors of the Mediterranean at this Michelin starred restaurant. Extraordinary plates such as cannelloni stuffed with eggplant, monkfish drizzled with saffron sauce and pine nuts, and lamb marinated in white wine are complimented by a distinctive selection of local Spanish wines.

**Address: Paseo Marítimo, 3**  
**Phone: (34) (971) 732435**



### Tristan

The calm of twilight descends upon Palma de Mallorca as the moon rises above tranquil azure seas. From an open-air terrace where a gleaming teak floor is sheltered by a silky cream canopy, a majestic vista of regal palms gives way to a fleet of exclusive yachts. Within these enchanting environs, seductive aromas fill the air. Black truffle sauce infuses a fillet of Galician beef juniper, red wine sauce coats a confit partridge, and gnocchi is roasted with Stravecchio cheese and radicchio, all exquisite creations of celebrated head chef Klaus Brunmayr.

**Address: Puerto Portals, 1**  
**Phone: (34) (971) 675547**



### Sea

A black olive crust coats a filet of wild seabass. Noodles infused with the essence of fine truffles cushion a prime cut of beef sirloin. Once private chef to the British royal family, Manuel Molina concocts exquisite works of culinary art in this sleek, upscale restaurant in the fashionable resort neighborhood of Ca'n Pastilla, just outside Palma's city center. The day's catch directs the menu's seafood option, which joins dishes like tripe, lamb, and risotto for a truly international selection of gourmet fare consumed within walls of gleaming ebony.

**Address: Congrio 26, Cala Estancia**  
**Phone: (34) (971) 261337**

## Local Specialty



### Caballito de Mar

Hunter green walls highlight a modern interior where chairs of smooth, dark wood encircle tables draped with white cloths. Within a princely 18th century building on Palma's emblematic Plaza de la Lonja, or on a sidewalk terrace sheltered by potted hedges and wide umbrellas, a divine menu, centered on the bounty of the sea is served. Platters overflow with oysters, mussels, clams, crab legs, and the bright red tails of lobsters. Sea bass is baked in a salt crust, steak is surrounded by sweet potato mash, and ravioli is filled with foie gras.

**Address: Calle Paseo Sagrera, 5**  
**Phone: (34) (971) 721074**



## Noteworthy

Majestic caves, authentic wineries, and enchanting villages offer alluring excursions.

## Adventure



### Coves de Campanet

Sand-hued stalactites hang dramatically, resembling glistening icicles rich in mineral deposits. Mysterious passages lead to majestic chambers such as “The Enchanted Castle,” “Musical Waterfall,” and “The Palm Tree Chamber” where extraordinary wall formations reflect in pools of cerulean water. Within the southern slopes of Sant Miquel Hill in northern Mallorca, these unparalleled caverns stretch across three thousand two hundred square meters. Guided tours traverse this mystical realm, fifty meters below the earth, for forty minutes of radiant adventure.

**Address: Highway Palma, Sa Pobla, Port d’Alcudia, Exit 37, Campanet**  
**Phone: (34) (971) 51 61 30**

## Day Excursions



### Deia

Rounding the Sa Pedrissa headland on Mallorca’s northwest coast, a picturesque village of sandstone houses and terra cotta rooftops takes shape against the everlasting blue of the Mediterranean. Towering cypress and palm trees shade dusty, sun-baked paths where townsfolk amble, making their way past tiny storefronts to the ancient hilltop church above, or the peaceful fishing coves below. A myriad of mule tracks and footpaths wind through the surrounding Serra de Tramuntana mountains, offering an adventurous escape into Mallorca’s stunning natural terrain.

**Address: 30 kilometers north of Palma de Mallorca, on the island’s northwest coast.**



### Port de Soller

The fragrance of orange blossoms drifts down through olive grove plateaus to an enchanting village that embraces a turquoise bay. Fresh river waters flow into the sea, forming an estuary where flocks of white egrets wade. A stunning town, surrounded by glorious natural scenery, Port de Soller offers sandy shores, seafront restaurants, a beachside promenade, and tranquil footpaths that wind up the mountainside, promising sensational views of a glistening sea. Explore these majestic environs with a boat cruise around this rare natural haven.

**Address: 30 kilometres north of Palma off Ma-11 on Mallorca’s north coast**

## Shops & Boutiques



### Fosh Food

Well-lit shelves of blond wood display boxes of chocolates, tins of hibiscus flower sea salt, and jars of white truffles and beluga caviar. Neatly packaged gastronomic products from around the world are offered within this elegant space where Louis XVI inspired chandeliers hang above slate tiled floors. The acclaimed chefs who prepare a daily, three-course lunch menu in the shop’s open kitchen also teach frequent cooking courses throughout the month, which include workshops on creating different types of Greek, Moroccan and Asian cuisine.

**Address: Calle Blanquerna, 6**  
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