



Mallorca

what to visit

PALMA

Palma has lots of charming little corners that we recommend you discover on foot. Of course, visit the Cathedral (you can only go inside during mass hours or if you have [tickets](#) - you can now visit the terraces and enjoy an incredible view of the city), the Mercat de l'Olivar and the Plaza Mayor. Stroll along Passeig des Born, the Ramblas, Carrer Sant Miquel, over the old city walls of Palma... Irene's favourite square is Plaça de Sant Jeroni ☺

In Plaça de Cort, look for a lizard and a snail on the façade of the town hall: these are the signatures of the master stonemason, Jaume Caragol, and the master sculptor, Francesc Dragó, who designed the building. If you take a look inside the building, you will see the figures of “giants and big-heads” that are used in popular festivals.

If you feel like visiting a museum, we recommend Casal Balaguer, which has a very cool exhibition of an old Mallorcan house, and Es Baluard (contemporary art).

SMALL TOWNS AND BEAUTIFUL SPOTS

If you have the opportunity to explore the rest of the island, there are several places you cannot miss. Sóller is one of them. If you don't want to rent a car, you can take the historic train, and go down to the port by tram. If you want to eat a delicious rice dish, we recommend Ses Oliveres in Puerto de Sóller.

All the villages of Mallorca are beautiful, but don't miss out on Valldemossa, Banyalbufar, Pollença, Fornalutx, Santanyí and Deià. In Deià you can have lunch by the sea at Ca's Patró March.

For a stroll along the beach (or a swim if the weather is good), we recommend Sa Ràpita and Es Trenc (they are next to each other), Es Carbó or Cala Agulla. To see a spectacular sunset, there is no better place than Es Refugi de s'Àguila. And if you feel like hiking, you can go for the route to La Trapa from Sant Elm or the hike to the Alaró castle (you must stop in Es Verger to eat their amazing roasted pork/porcella).

events and fairs

May 1st

Estellencs - Cheese and wine fair with live music

Ses Salines - Craft fair with exhibitions and concerts

Costitx - Flower fair



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where to eat

MALLORCAN CUISINE

The classic Mallorcan restaurant in Palma is Celler Sa Premsa - beware that it is closed on Sundays. On the outskirts of Palma, in Gènova, you will find several restaurants: Ca'n Pedro, Ca'n Pep and Ca na Joana. And if you can get out of Palma, we recommend Es Cruce and Cal Dimoni.

The typical dishes are arròs brut, frito mallorquín, porcella, snails, tongue with capers, tumbet... and for dessert the Cardenal de Lloseta accompanied by a 'reventat'.

For breakfast and sweet bites, in Palma you must check out Ca'n Joan de S'Aigo. There are three establishments in Palma, but the original and most emblematic one is on Carrer Sanç. You must order the single-size ensaïmada lisa (the best in the world), the 'cuarto' and an almond or strawberry ice cream.

FOR A DRINK

For coffee, the Cappuccino on Carrer Sant Miquel and the café at the Antic Forn des Teatre are very good options.

For a drink, don't miss out on the Santa Catalina neighbourhood, which is Palma's trendy district. In the Plaça des Mercat, you can try the wonderful cocktails at the Gibson bar and mingle with the locals - highly recommended.

Bar Ábaco is an old Mallorcan house converted into a cocktail bar and museum-house (cocktails are a bit pricey but the museum visit is free). Another cool option is Varadero - a bar in Palma's harbour with stunning views of the Cathedral at night.

what to buy

The goal is that you take home with you a bunch of good memories, but if you want to take something else... If you want ensaïmadas, bear in mind that you have to eat them soon (after two days they are hard enough to break glass). You can order them at Ca'n Joan de Saigo. Tip - if they have a filling, they last longer: filled with crème brûlée, "angel hair" or chocolate.

If you want a good sobrassada, buy it at Colmado Santo Domingo. The ones with the red string are very spicy and the ones with the black string are for the fearless. Salt from Las Salinas (Flor de Sal) is also typical.