



Eastern Mallorca

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Why Go?

There's a reason that tourists arrive in Eastern Mallorca in their hundreds of thousands on their annual sun pilgrimage: this is one of the prettiest coasts on an island of many. Yes, there are stretches of coastline that can seem like a poster child for all that's abhorrent about Mediterranean coastal tourism. But Mallorca's rocky eastern walls conceal perfectly formed caves, coves and inlets, some of which are accessible only on foot – among these are Mallorca's most beautiful, with turquoise waters and with nary a hotel in sight. There are even resorts that are actually rather handsome, most notably Cala Ratjada with its picturesque harbour and wild coastal beaches nearby. Also here is medieval Artà, one of the island's better-preserved inland towns.

When to Go

You could be forgiven for thinking that Eastern Mallorca hibernates throughout the winter, rumbling into life only from April to October. There's an element of truth in this: many restaurants, hotels and other businesses only open in these months (sometimes waiting until May to dust off the cobwebs). That said, winters are relatively mild and the beauty of Eastern Mallorca's coastal inlets have an alluring charm without the crowds, as long as you don't wish to swim. Plus most towns and villages celebrate Sant Antoni with great gusto in mid-January.

Eastern Mallorca Highlights

- 1 Hike the wooded hills of the **Parc Natural de la Península de Llevant** (p138) to reach unspoilt coves
- 2 Soak up the rays at Cala Ratjada's **Platja de Cala Agulla** (p140)
- 3 Eat well down in town, then climb to the summit of **Artà** (p136)
- 4 Delve into the centre of the earth at the **Coves del Drac** (p145), Mallorca's most spectacular caves
- 5 Eat traditional Mallorcan cooking at **Porxada de Sa Torre** (p144)
- 6 Explore Mallorca's ancient history at **Ses Païsses** (p137), accompanied by birdsong
- 7 Walk from one beautiful cove to the next ending at sublime **Cala Magraner** (p146)
- 8 Search for princesses at the **Castell de Capdepera** (p139)
- 9 Savour the luxury of Mallorcan rural estates at **Cases de Son Barbassa** (p173)
- 10 Discover a whole new world beneath the Mediterranean's surface at **Portocolom** (p147)

