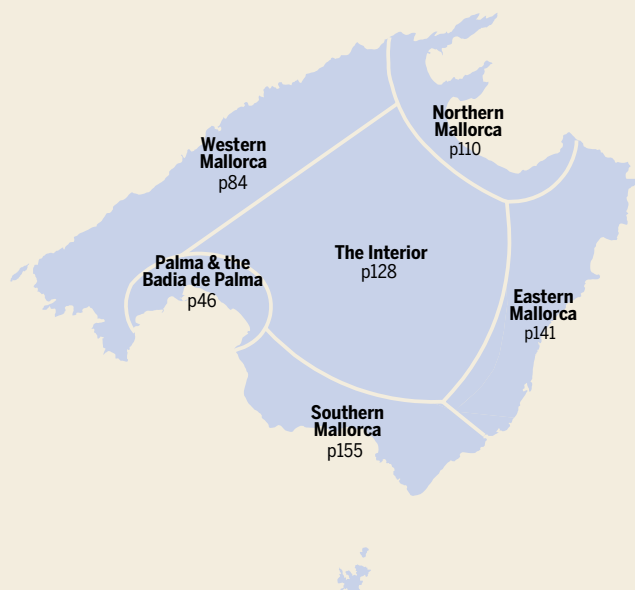




# Mallorca



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# Itineraries



1  
WEEK

## The West Coast

Warm up with a day or two in sea-splashed **Palma**, exploring its colossal cathedral, soulful alleyways and impressive portfolio of galleries and palaces. Drift southwest to beach belle **Ses Illetes**, harbourside **Port d'Andratx** and enticingly low-key **Sant Elm**; from the latter, hop to offshore **Illa de Sa Dragonera**. Marvel at cliff-edge and mountain views on the dramatic road unfurling northeast from **Andratx**. Slow the pace in alley-woven **Estellencs** and **Banyalbufar**, before overnighing in hill-town stunner, **Valldemossa**, one-time abode of Chopin. Peer through an archduke's rose-tinted specs at romantically perched mansions Miramar and Son Marroig. Just north, **Deià** twirls artistically up a hillside and begs to be photographed. Cool off in Cala de Deià, then swing north to valley-cupped **Sóller** for backstreet strolls, Modernista treasures, Picasso and Miró. Time permitting, detour to charming hill-toppers **Orient**, **Biniaraix** or **Fornalutx**, or board a rickety vintage tram down to **Port de Sóller**. As the Ma10 weaves inland, take the hair-raising road down to **Sa Calobra** en route to pilgrims' respite **Monestir de Lluc**. See the wild peaks of the Tramuntana unfurl in all their brooding splendour as you descend to the quintessentially Mallorcan town of **Pollença**.

1  
WEEK

## The Northeast

Idle away a couple of days in remarkably pretty **Pollença**, wandering its rabbit warren of lanes, soaking up life on the square and climbing the 365 spirit-lifting steps to the Calvari; try to time your visit to catch Sunday's vivacious market. From Pollença, drive to cliff-embraced **Cala Sant Vicenç** for dips in turquoise coves and an ultra-fresh fish lunch. Ooh and aah along the vertiginous coastal road to lighthouse-tipped **Cap de Formentor** and back again; allow time to hike down down to the cove of **Cala Figuera**. If you're a water-sports fan or have family in tow, spend a night or two in **Port de Pollença** or **Port d'Alcúdia**. Otherwise, make for medieval-walled **Alcúdia**. Tip-toe east to little-known **Cap des Pinar**, a pine-fringed peninsula of exceptional beauty, for coastal hikes and to enjoy the hush on the simply stunning **Platja des Coll Baix**. As you continue east, engage in a spot of birdwatching in the wetlands of **Parc Natural de S'Albufera**, then make for laid-back **Artà** for scintillating fortress views and forays into Mallorca's prehistoric past.

10  
DAYS

## The East & South

Linger in fortress-topped **Artà** for a day, then tour the remote coastal loveliness of wind-sculpted **Parc Natural de la Península de Llevant**, a jewel-box of pristine coves and quiet trails. Moving on from Artà, squeeze in a visit to **Capdepera**, a town absorbed wholly by its castle. Ear-mark a couple of nights in the vicinity of **Cala Ratjada**, hopscotching along the east coast to beguiling half-moon bays like **Cala Mesquida**, **Cala Agulla** and **Cala Matzoc**. Inching south from **Cala Ratjada**, devote time for the Coves d'Artà and medieval **Torre de Canyamel** around **Platja de Canyamel**. Away to the south, ponder the glittering depths of Coves del Drac in **Porto Cristo**, then point your compass inland to vine-streaked **Petra** and **Sineu**, stopping off at wineries along the way. As you wend your way back to the coast, visit handsome Mallorcan estate **Els Calderers**, ascend hilltop hermitage **Santuari de Sant Salvador** for heavenly views, then head for artsy **Ses Salines**, detouring via pretty beaches for a quick swim. Wrap up your trip in **Colònia de Sant Jordi**, springboarding to the island-speckled **Parc Nacional Marítim-Terrestre de l'Arxipèlag de Cabrera**.

## Off the Beaten Track: Mallorca

MEDITERRANEAN  
SEA**SA FORADADA**

This finger of rock juts out into the Med at the base of Son Marroig. Wander through sheep-dotted olive groves down to the sea and linger for a watercolour sunset. (p97)

**BANYALBUFAR**

So you've swooned over Deià and visited Valldemossa, but what about Banyalbufar? Centuries-old farming terraces form steps down to the wave-lashed coast – this speck of a village is postcard stuff. (p91)

**ILLA DE SA DRAGONERA****ILLA DE SA DRAGONERA**

This rippled island reposes like a slumbering dragon off the island's westernmost tip. Trails thread through this nature reserve to quiet capes, far from the beach resort swarms. (p89)

**PUIG D'ALARÓ**

Even in summer those who make it to the top of the rock are few and far between. It's a stiff two-hour climb to the enigmatic remains of a Moorish castle. Or cheat by driving part way. (p107)

**BANYALBUFAR** ○ **SA FORADADA**

SA

**PUIG  
D'ALARÓ**

Sa Calobra ○

Cap Gros

O Sóller

Deià ○

O Valldemossa

Palma de  
O Mallorca

O Andratx

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Palma





## OUR STORY

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

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