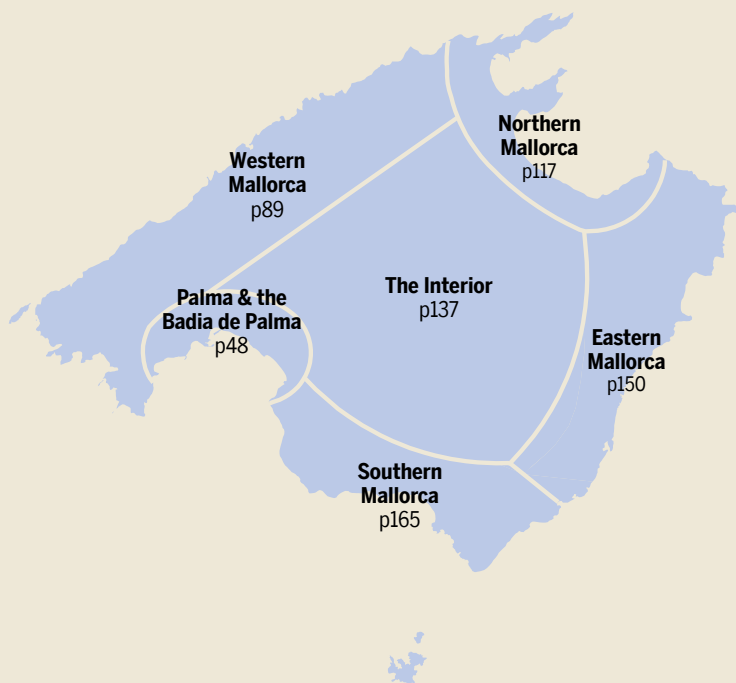




Mallorca



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Itineraries



The Grand Tour

This all-inclusive tour breaks the back of the island, whisking you from Palma's historic attractions along the mountainous coastline of the Serra de Tramuntana via charming mountain villages, seaside inlets, ancient towns and seaboard hikes, before concluding at the gorgeous coves of the Illa de Cabrera.

Spend a few days exploring **Palma**, prowling its colossal cathedral, soulful alleyways and impressive portfolio of galleries and palaces, then head north to the mountains and the stunning town of **Valldemossa**. Continue east along the coast road to restful, artsy **Deià** and the tranquil village of **Fornalutx**, with its unruffled sense of seclusion. Take the epic downhill corkscrew to **Sa Calobra**, then follow the pilgrims seeking spiritual restoration at the **Monestir de Lluc**. From here, aim for ravishing **Pollença** and the ancient sights of walled **Alcúdia**, cultured precursors to a breezy and bracing hike along the sublime **Cap des Pinar**. The ancient settlement of **Artà** lies to the south, a good base from which to explore the outstanding landscapes of the **Parc Natural de la Península de Llevant**. Continue to the charming town of **Santanyi** and nearby **Cala Mondragó**. Conclude your journey with a trip to the beautiful archipelago of **Illa de Cabrera**.

1
WEEK

Palma to Pollença

Kicking off in the island's capital, this journey charts a dramatic course through many of Mallorca's signature sights

Warm up with a day or two in sea-splashed **Palma** before drifting southwest to beach belle **Ses Illetes**, harbourside **Port d'Andratx** and low-key **Sant Elm**, before hopping to **Illa de Sa Dragonera**. Dramatic cliff-edge and mountain views unfurl northeast from **Andratx** through alley-woven **Estellencs** and **Banyalbufar** and hill-town stunner **Valldemossa**. Just north, photogenic **Dejà** twirls delightfully up a hillside, with the minute village of Lluc Alcari just to the east. 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**.

10
DAYS

Artà to Illa de Cabrera

Mix gorgeous beaches and sheltered coves with morsels of historic charm, inland wineries and rural vistas.

Linger in fortress-topped **Artà** for a day, then tour the remote coastal loveliness of **Parc Natural de la Península de Llevant**. From Artà, squeeze in a visit to **Capdepera**, a town defined by its castle. Hopscotch along the east coast to beguiling half-moon bays, such as Cala Mesquida near **Cala Ratjada**, and inch south for the Coves d'Artà and medieval Torre de Canyamel around **Platja de Canyamel**. Head further south, pondering 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** and then head for the boho charms of **Santanyi** and the good-looking port of **Cala Figuera** before aiming for artsy **Ses Salines**, detouring via pretty beaches for a quick swim. Wrap up your trip in **Colònia de Sant Jordi**, springboard to the island-speckled **Parc Nacional Marítim-Terrestre de l'Arxipèlag de Cabrera**.

Off the Beaten Track: Mallorca

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. (p96)

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. (p100)

CALA BLANCA

Tucked away on the coastline a short drive from Port d'Andratx, Cala Blanca is a quiet, little-visited cove strewn with pebbles, affording moments of serenity and views over the sea to the two headlands and anchored boats offshore. (p92)

ILLA DE SA DRAGONERA

CALA BLANCA

Cap des Llamb

Andratx

Peguera

Cap de Cala Figuera

SA FORADADA

Deià

Valldemossa

Sa Calobra

Cap Gros

Sóller

PUIG D'ALARÓ

Palma de Mallorca

Badia de Palma

Cap Enderrocat

Llucmajor

Cap Blanc

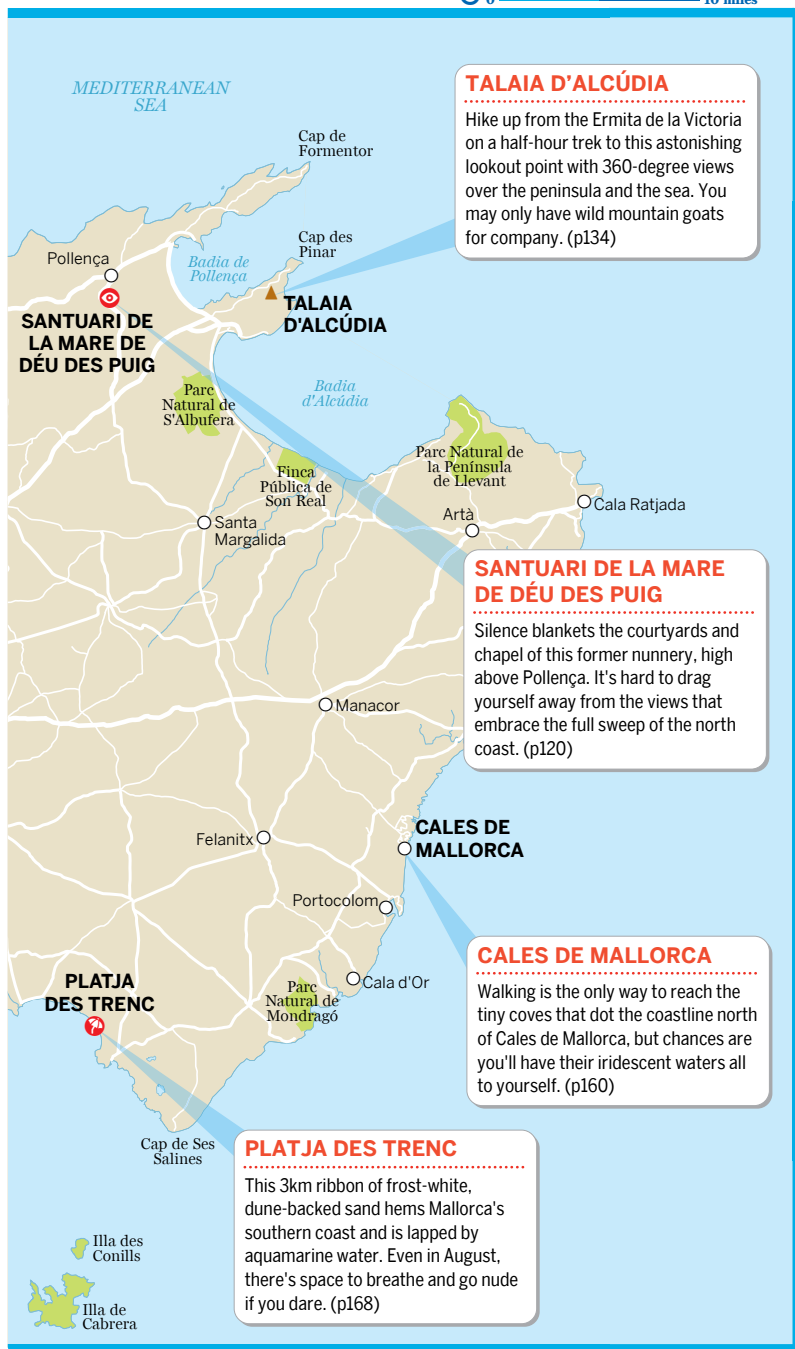
ILLA DE SA DRAGONERA

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. (p93)

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. (p114)

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SEA



Map Legend

Sights

- Beach
- Bird Sanctuary
- Buddhist
- Castle/Palace
- Christian
- Confucian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jain
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Ruin
- Shinto
- Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

Activities, Courses & Tours

- Bodysurfing
- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Skiing
- Snorkelling
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Activity

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

Eating

- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

Information

- Bank
- Embassy/Consulate
- Hospital/Medical
- Internet
- Police
- Post Office
- Telephone
- Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

Geographic

- Beach
- Gate
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

Population

- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

Transport

- Airport
- Border crossing
- Bus
- Cable car/Funicular
- Cycling
- Ferry
- Metro station
- Monorail
- Parking
- Petrol station
- S-Bahn/Subway station
- Taxi
- T-bane/Tunnelbana station
- Train station/Railway
- Tram
- Tube station
- U-Bahn/Underground station
- Other Transport

Routes

- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed road
- Road under construction
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian overpass
- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour detour
- Path/Walking Trail

Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

Hydrography

- River, Creek
- Intermittent River
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Reef

Areas

- Airport/Runway
- Beach/Desert
- Cemetery (Christian)
- Cemetery (Other)
- Glacier
- Mudflat
- Park/Forest
- Sight (Building)
- Sportsground
- Swamp/Mangrove

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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.

Today, Lonely Planet has offices in Franklin, London, Melbourne, Oakland, Dublin, Beijing and Delhi, with more than 600 staff and writers. We share Tony's belief that 'a great guidebook should do three things: inform, educate and amuse'.

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