



Eastern Mallorca

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Why Go?

There's a reason 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 sections that seem to combine all that's abhorrent about Mediterranean coastal tourism, but Mallorca's rocky eastern walls also conceal perfectly formed caves, coves and inlets, some of which are accessible only on foot, and can never really be developed. And, to the north, you'll find wild stretches of natural park and stunning medieval towns.

When to Go

You could be forgiven for thinking that Eastern Mallorca hibernates throughout 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 (although an increasing number are extending from February to November). Winters are relatively mild and the beauty of Eastern Mallorca's coast and hill towns has a special allure without the crowds. Most towns and villages celebrate Sant Antoni with great gusto in mid-January.

Eastern Mallorca Highlights

1 Artà (p152)

Getting a grasp on medieval Mallorca by roaming the castle ramparts and backstreets.

2 Parc Natural de la Península de Llevant (p154)

Hiking the wind-buckled hills to reach pristine coves.

3 Portocolom (p164)

Diving by day and dining by night in this unspoilt fishing town.

4 Coves North of Cala Ratjada (p158)

Escaping the summer hordes at a string of quiet, unspoilt beaches.

5 Coves del Drac (p162)

Delving into the bowels of the earth at Mallorca's most spectacular caves.

6 Castell de Capdepera (p155)

Feeling Mallorca ripple out from beneath you atop this fortified hill town.

7 Ses Païsses (p152)

Wandering through the remains of Mallorca's enigmatic Talayotic prehistory.

8 Sa Torre Cega (p156)

Escaping Cala Ratjada's din to wander beautiful sculpture gardens.

