



Northern Mallorca

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Why Go?

Northern Mallorca is the island's heart and soul, bundling coastal drama, cultured towns with spirited fiestas, a twinset of white-sand bays and an exciting portfolio of adventure sports into one enticing package.

The Serra de Tramuntana is at its most fabulous where the range culminates on the Cap de Formentor, flicking out into the Med like a dragon's tail. The road that wraps around its cliff tops elicits gasps of wonder from drivers and cyclists. Across the water, the pine-forested peninsula of Cap des Pinar is hiking heaven. Elsewhere, kitesurfers, cliff jumpers, scuba divers, cavers and paragliders harness its unique coastscapes and steady breezes.

Resorts here have a low-key, kid-friendly vibe. Inland, towns have retained an authentic Mallorcan air: from medieval-walled Alcúdia to Pollença, with its cafe-rimmed plazas, pilgrim trails and live-to-party summer festivals.

When to Go

Some of the beach resorts barely have a pulse until May or after October (Cala Sant Vicenç, for instance), and the best beach weather is from June to August. Pollença is one big fiesta in August. Yet our favourite time to visit is spring and autumn – migrating birds flock to the Parc Natural de S'Albufera, the roads are quieter (especially out along the Cap de Formentor), Pollença's Good Friday celebration is captivating, and Alcúdia hosts a terrific market in early October. Cooler weather is better for hitting the walking trails, too.



Northern Mallorca Highlights

- 1 Cap de Formentor** (p127) Feeling your jaw drop as low as the cliffs on this coastal thriller.
- 2 Pollença** (p120) Counting your blessings

pilgrim-style on the the 365-step Calvari.

- 3 Penya Rotja** (p130) Hiking to see the north coast reduced to postcard format.

- 4 Santuari de la Mare de Déu des Puig** (p120) Lifting your spirits with sensational views.
- 5 Cala Sant Vicenç** (p124) Snorkelling in