

Palma

Mallorca · Spain

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Palma is the capital of Mallorca and the main gateway to the island. It combines a historic old town, a large Gothic cathedral on the seafront and a busy harbor.

The city works as a city break or as a base for beaches and mountains. The old town is easy to walk, and the sea is always close.

When to visit

April to June and September to October are the best months, with warm days and fewer crowds. July and August are hot and busy. Winters are mild, with some rain.

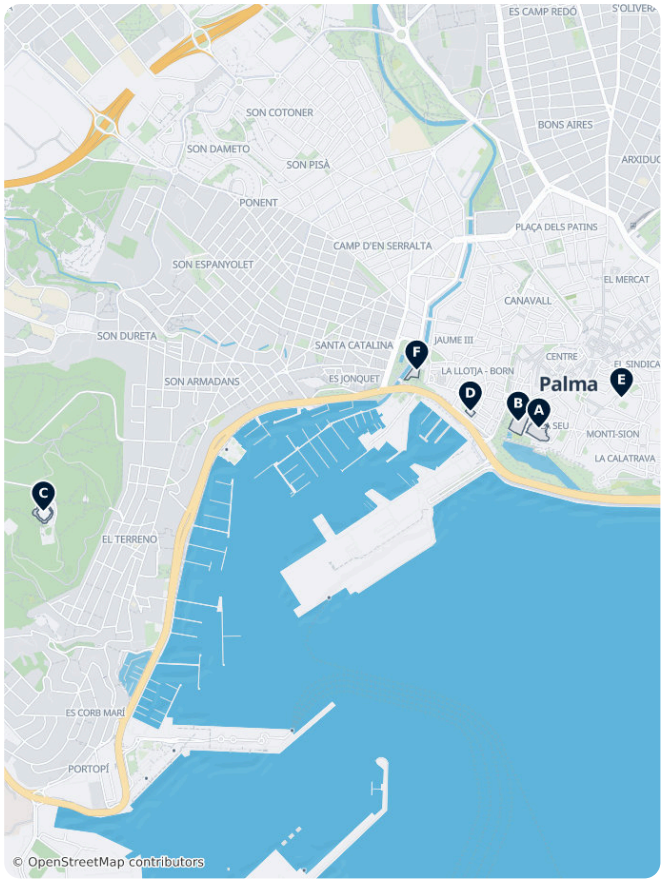
A good event to time a trip around is Sant Sebastià in mid-January, with bonfires and concerts in the squares.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Good Good for sightseeing	14° / 17° Feels like 11°	11° / 7°	Dry air
February	Good Good for sightseeing	14° / 17° Feels like 11°	10° / 6°	Dry air
March	Good Good for sightseeing	16° / 19° Feels like 13°	12° / 8°	Dry air
April	Great Great for sightseeing	18° / 22°	14° / 11°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 26°	17° / 14°	20 sunny days
June	Great Great for the beach	27° / 31°	21° / 17°	23 sunny days · Humid air · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)
July	Great Great for the beach	29° / 33°	24° / 21°	25 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)
August	Great Great for the beach	30° / 33°	24° / 22°	23 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 30°	22° / 19°	Muggy, humid air
October	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 27°	19° / 15°	
November	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 22°	15° / 10°	Dry air
December	Good Good for sightseeing	15° / 18° Feels like 12°	12° / 8°	Dry air

Best months: April, May, June, July, August, September, October

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights



- A Palma Cathedral is the huge Gothic cathedral on the seafront. Its large rose window is one of the biggest in Europe, and the interior includes work by Gaudí.
- B Almudaina Palace is a royal palace next to the cathedral, with Moorish origins.
- C Bellver Castle is a round 14th-century castle on a hill, with views over the bay and the city.
- D Sa Llotja is a Gothic merchants' exchange from the 15th century, used today for exhibitions.
- E Sant Francesc is a church and cloister that holds the tomb of the philosopher Ramon Llull.
- F Es Baluard Museum of Contemporary Art of Palma is a museum of modern and contemporary art in an old fortress by the sea.
- The Parc de la Mar is a park with a lake between the cathedral and the sea.

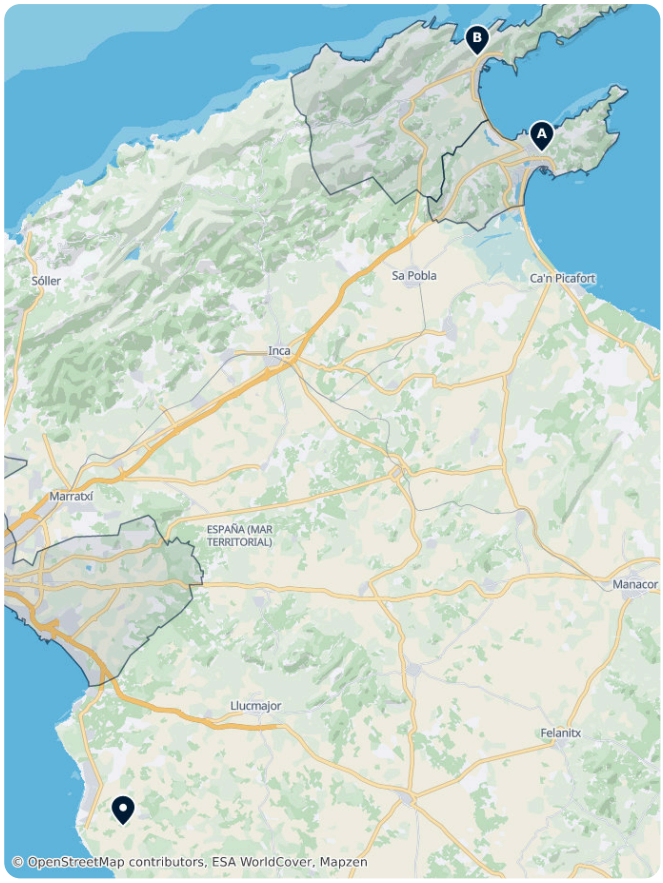
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What to experience

- Take a boat trip on the Bay of Palma in summer. Many short trips leave from the harbor.
- Walk or cycle the seafront path from the cathedral toward the east at sunset.

Day trips

- **Valldemossa** (about 18 km, 30 minutes by bus or car): a mountain village where the composer Chopin spent the winter of 1838 to 1839.
- **Sóller** (about 30 km, 45 minutes by car or about 1 hour by historic train): a town in a valley of orange trees, with a port nearby.
- A l'Alcúdia (about 50 km, 55 minutes by car): a walled town with a long sandy beach.
- B Pollença (about 55 km, 1 hour by car): an old town with a calvary stairway and a nearby bay.



Where to explore

Other places on Mallorca:

- **Island**: Mallorca has the full guide to the island.
- **North coast**: l'Alcúdia and Pollença.
- **East coast**: Cala d'Or for small coves.

Getting there

- **By air**: Palma de Mallorca Airport (PMI) is about 8 km east of the center. Buses and taxis run to the center, and the trip takes about 15 to 25 minutes.
- **By ferry**: Ferries sail from Barcelona and Valencia to the port of Palma.
- There is no train link from the mainland.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The old town and the harbor area are compact and flat. Walking is the best way to see the sights.
- **City bus**: City buses cover the wider city, including the area around Bellver Castle.
- **Cycling**: A seafront path runs along the bay, and cycling is popular.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town and harbor area are compact and flat.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

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Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the city. A car is useful for exploring the island.
- **Parking**: Use an underground car park at the edge of the old town.
- **Restrictions**: Much of the old town is closed to ordinary traffic.

Food & drink

Mallorca is known for *ensaïmada*, a soft spiral pastry dusted with sugar, and for *sobrassada*, a soft cured sausage. Try *tumbet*, a baked vegetable dish, and rice stews.

Go to the Mercat de l'Olivar for market food and snacks, and to the Santa Catalina district for restaurants and bars.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Churros · Churros con Chocolate
Fried dough sticks served with a thick, dark hot chocolate for dipping — a classic Spanish breakfast or late-night snack.

LUNCH

Paella Valenciana
A saffron-scented rice dish cooked in a wide, shallow pan. The traditional Valencian version uses chicken, rabbit, and green beans — best eaten at midday.

Gazpacho
A cold, blended soup of raw tomatoes, cucumber, pepper, garlic, olive oil, and vinegar, originally from Andalusia. Served as a drink or a starter, especially in summer.

DINNER

Pulpo a la Gallega
Boiled octopus sliced onto a wooden board and dressed with olive oil, coarse salt, and smoked paprika — a signature dish of Galicia.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Jamón Ibérico
Dry-cured ham from acorn-fed Iberian pigs, sliced paper-thin and eaten on its own or with bread. The finest grade, jamón ibérico de bellota, is one of Spain's most prized products.

Tortilla Española
A thick potato and egg omelette, served warm or at room temperature, found in virtually every bar in Spain. Often eaten as a tapa or a quick meal.

Patatas Bravas
Fried potato chunks served with a spicy tomato sauce or aioli — one of the most common tapas across the country.

Pintxos
Small snacks anchored to slices of bread with a toothpick, the Basque Country's answer to tapas. Found in bar counters across San Sebastián and Bilbao, often with elaborate toppings.

Croquetas
Crispy breaded cylinders with a creamy béchamel filling, typically made with jamón, bacalà (salt cod), or mushrooms.

DRINKS

Rioja Wine · Vino de Rioja

Spain's best-known wine region produces full-bodied reds from Tempranillo grapes, aged in oak. The crianza, reserva, and gran reserva labels indicate increasing age and complexity.

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Safety & health

Palma is a safe city. Watch for pickpockets in crowded areas and on the beach in summer. In July and August the sun is very strong, so use sun protection.

History

The Romans founded a town here, and the Moors ruled it for centuries. King James I of Aragon took the city in 1229, and Palma Cathedral was begun soon after on the site of the main mosque.

In the 14th century the kings of Mallorca built Bellver Castle. In the 15th century the city grew rich from trade, and Sa Llotja was built for merchants.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Spain at a glance:

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EMERGENCY

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ELECTRICITY



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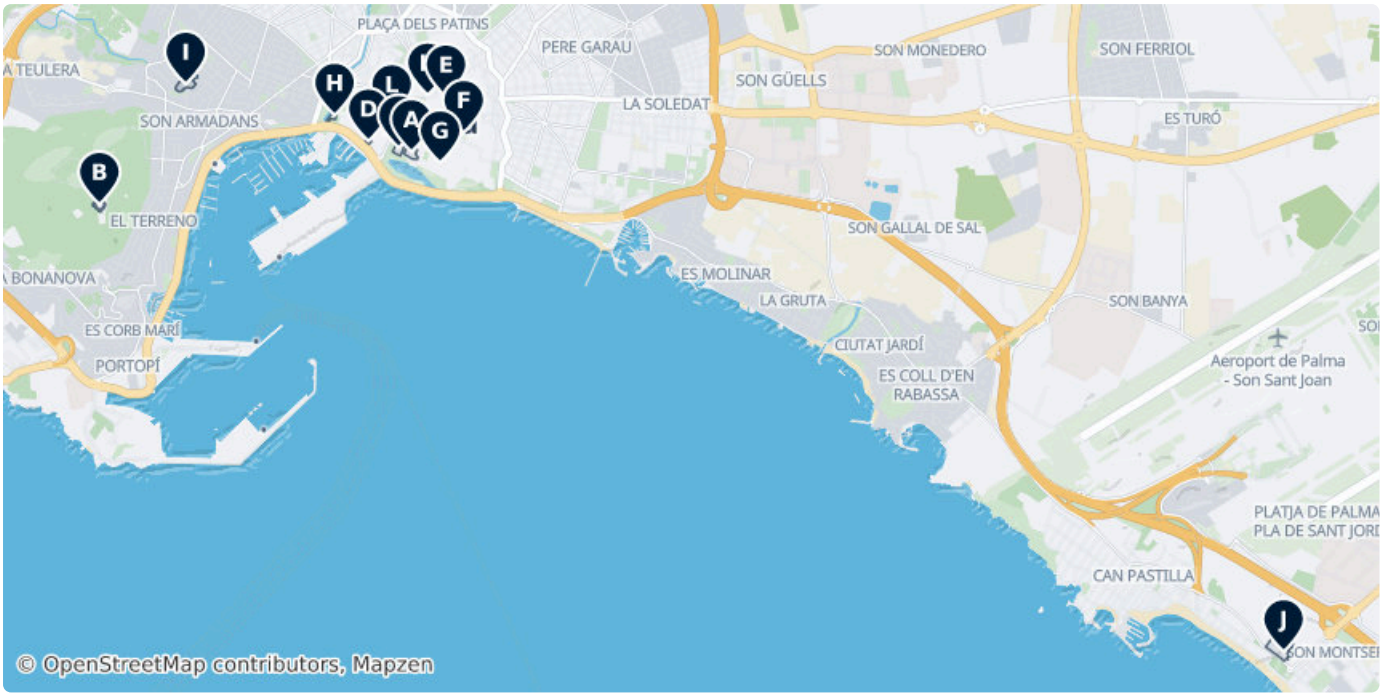
Spanish

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Palma's Unmissable Icons

A Gothic cathedral, a circular hilltop castle and a historic old town of palaces, squares and museums define Palma's must-see highlights.





A Palma Cathedral

This historic Gothic cathedral and national monument features distinctive contributions from Antoni Gaudí, modern architectural elements, and a grand rose window.

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B Bellver Castle

Built in the 14th century as a royal residence, this Gothic circular castle now houses a history museum and offers sweeping panoramic views over Palma.

Carrer de Camilo José Cela, 07014 Palma, Mallorca, Spain (39.56384, 2.61925)

Tu–Sa	10:00–19:00
Su	10:00–15:00

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C Almudaina Palace

A historic fortress and royal residence displaying Gothic architecture, this national monument serves as an official home of the Spanish royal family and operates as a museum.

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D Palma Exchange

Originally a 15th-century commercial trade center, this Gothic landmark designed by Guillem Sagrera features rib vaulting and corner turrets.

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E Plaza Mayor

Palma's central historic square features traditional galleries and connects to the city's prominent shopping streets.

Plaza Mayor, 07003 Palma de Mallorca, Mallorca, Spain (39.57153, 2.65155)

esmadrid.com/en/tourist-information/plaza-mayor-madrid



F Convent of San Francisco

Commissioned in 1281 by James II of Majorca, this historic Catholic place of worship blends Gothic and Baroque architecture.

Plaza San Francesc, 7, 07001 Palma de Mallorca, Mallorca, Spain (39.56898, 2.65319)

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G Arab Baths

Preserving historical Islamic architecture, this site dates back to the period when the Moors ruled over Spain.

Carrer de Can Serra 7 (39.56681, 2.65099)

Mo–Su 10:00–18:30

spain.info/en/que-quieres/arte/monum..., +34 637 04 65 34



H Es Baluard Museum of Contemporary Art of Palma

Set in Palma's historic defense walls, this modern and contemporary art museum hosts major exhibitions by 20th-century artists.

Plaza Porta Sta. Catalina, 10, 07012 Palma de Mallorca, Mallorca, Spain (39.57023, 2.64117)

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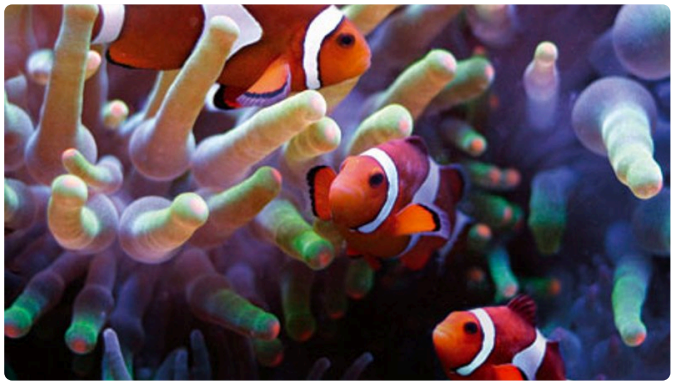


I Spanish Village

Designed by architect Fernando Goitia, this museum pays homage to Spain's cultural and historical past.

Poble Espanyol, 39, 07014 Palma de Mallorca, Mallorca Spain (39.57246, 2.62730)

+34 971 730 775



J Palma Aquarium

Home to more than 55 aquariums holding five million liters of salt water, this marine center showcases a wide range of aquatic life.

Manuela de Los Herreros I Sora, 21, 07610 Palma de Mallorca, Mallorca Spain (39.53173, 2.72956)

Mo–Su 09:30–17:00

palmaaquarium.com, +34 902 702902



K Placa Weyler

Located in the heart of the historic old town near Plaza Mayor, this lively city square features modern architecture.

Palma, Illes Balears, Spain (39.57167, 2.64982)



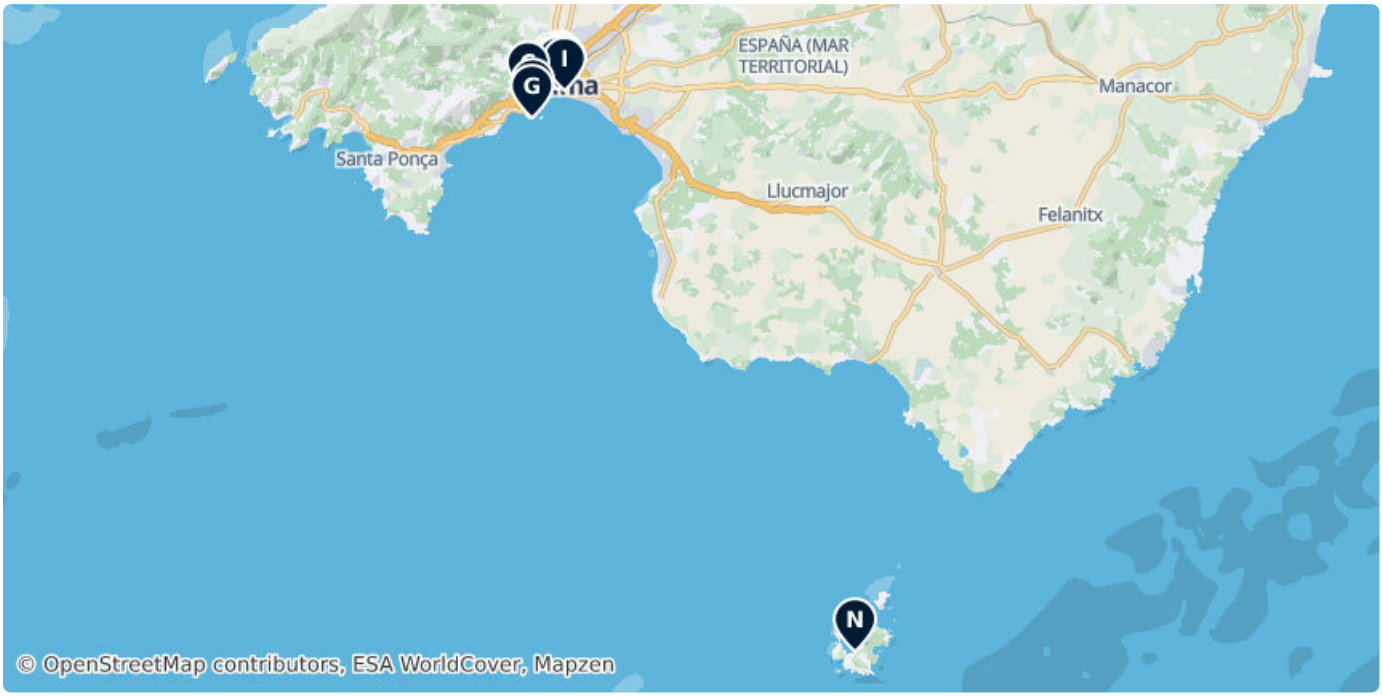
L Passeig des Born

A central pedestrian boulevard lined with upscale shops and sidewalk cafés right in the heart of Palma.

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Palma's Heritage Trail

This collection traces Palma's history through its architectural evolution, from the Moorish foundations of the Almudaina Palace to the Gothic majesty of the circular Bellver Castle and La Seu Cathedral. The trail includes 15th-century trade centers like Sa Llotja, Baroque landmarks such as the City Hall, and several medieval churches. These sites showcase the city's strategic importance in the Mediterranean, blending Roman, Moorish, and Christian influences across its historic districts and ancient settlements.





A Palma Cathedral

Historic Gothic cathedral featuring modern architectural elements and contributions from Antoni Gaudí, recognized as a national monument.

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B Almudaina Palace

Historic royal residence and fortress featuring Gothic architecture and regional heritage. It serves as an official residence of the Spanish royal family and functions as a museum and cultural site.

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C Bellver Castle

Gothic-style circular castle built in the 14th century as a royal residence, now functioning as a museum and historic monument with panoramic views.

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D Palma Exchange

Historic 15th-century Gothic building originally serving as a commercial and trade center, featuring notable architectural elements such as turrets and rib vaulting.

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E Palma City Hall

This imposing building dates back to the seventeenth century and it still has its original roof, complete with ornate doorways and the town...

Santo Domingo, 1, 07013 Palma de Mallorca, Mallorca Spain (39.56912, 2.65026)

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F Convent of San Francisco

The basilica was originally built in 1281, as ordered by James II of Majorca.

Plaza San Francesc, 7, 07001 Palma de Mallorca, Mallorca, Spain (39.56898, 2.65319)

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G Museum of Military History

Located within the 17th-century San Carlos Castle, this museum displays a collection of weaponry, uniforms, and military artifacts detailing the defensive history of Palma's bay.

(Unnamed Road), 07015, Spain (39.54627, 2.62317)

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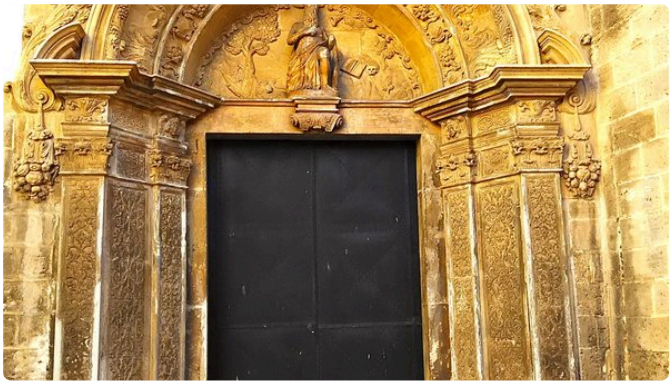
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H Placa Weyler

Situated a stone's throw away from the Plaza Mayor, right in the heart of the historical old town of Palma, lies the Placa Weyler.

Palma, Illes Balears, Spain (39.57167, 2.64982)



I Church of Sant Jeroni

Set in the Placa Sant Jeroni lies the Church of Sant Jeroni. It is situated in a quaint plaza that is dominated by a former convent which is...

Porta del Mar, 1, 07001 Palma de Mallorca, Mallorca Spain (39.56685, 2.65481)

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J Church of Santa Creu

A fine example of a Gothic style church built in the 14th century during the reign of James II.

Sant Llorenç, 4, 07012 Palma de Mallorca, Mallorca Spain (39.57044, 2.64319)

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K Torres de Gumara

Ancient defensive towers that once formed part of the city's fortified walls, representing Palma's medieval and Islamic-era heritage.

9 Calle del Temple, Palma 07001, Spain (39.56771, 2.65494)

L Torre de Paraires

A medieval coastal watchtower situated at the entrance of the Portopí harbor, historically used to monitor maritime traffic and protect the city from naval attacks.

51 Avenida de Gabriel Roca, Palma 07015, Spain (39.55094, 2.62392)



M Gran Hotel

The Gran Hotel is a former historic hotel in Palma de Mallorca, in Spain. It is part of the historic centre of the city.

Plaça d'en Weyler 3, 07001 (39.57178, 2.65020)

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N Campamento de los franceses

Archaeological remains of a historic settlement located on the island of Cabrera, reflecting the strategic military history of the Balearic archipelago.

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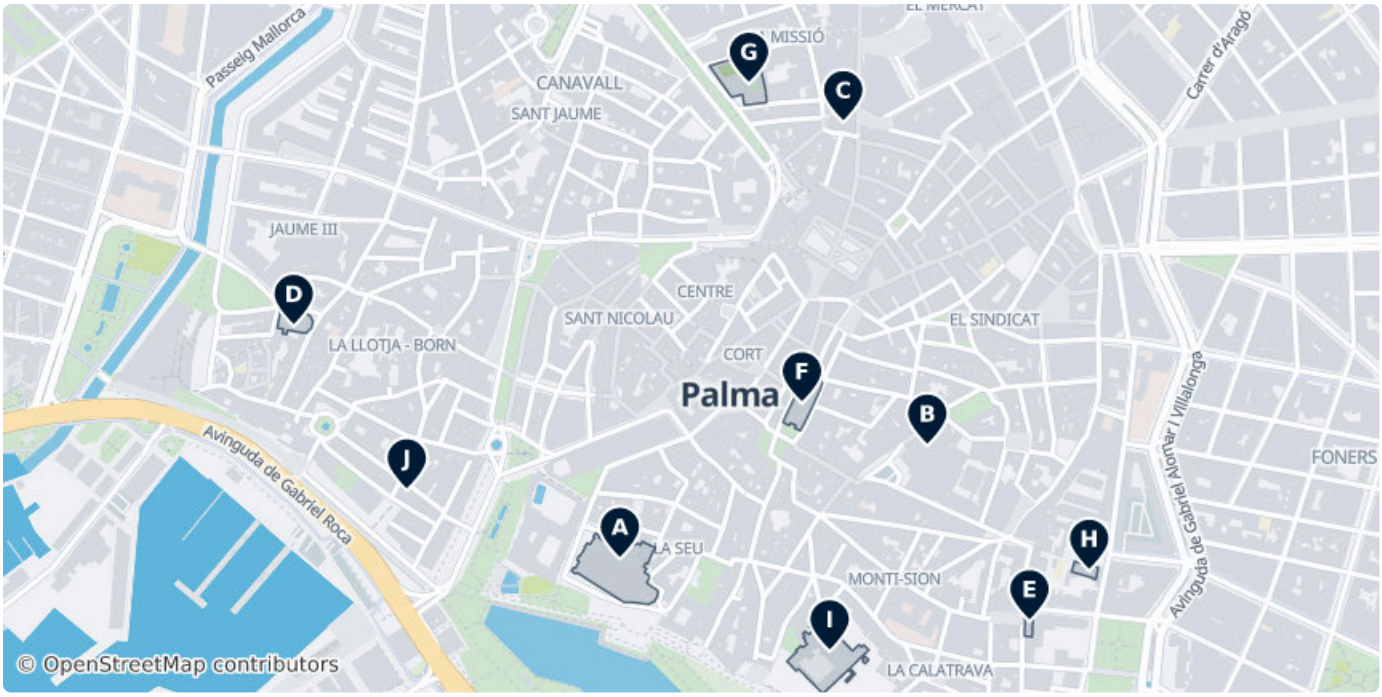
Santa Eulàlia

A significant 13th-century Gothic church where King James II was crowned King of Mallorca. It features a prominent bell tower and a traditional three-nave layout.

Plaça de Santa Eulàlia 2, Palma (39.56950, 2.65121)

Palma's Sacred Sites

From the great Gothic cathedral to Baroque basilicas and Romanesque chapels, Palma's churches reveal centuries of devotion and architecture.





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C Church of Sant Miquel

This Gothic church is noted for its painting of Saint Michael, created by Francesco Herrera in the 17th century.

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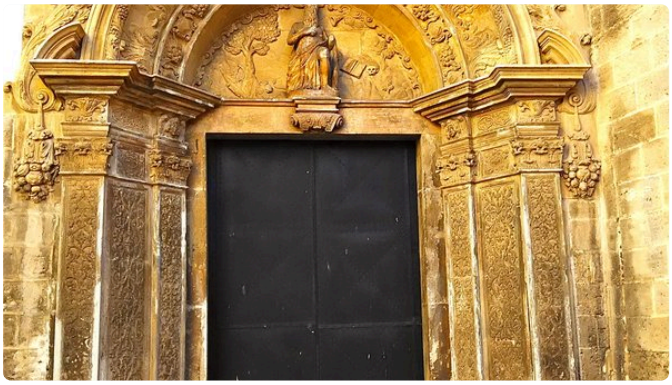


D Church of Santa Creu

Constructed in the 14th century during the reign of James II, this church stands as a classic example of Gothic architecture.

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E Church of Sant Jeroni

Located in a quiet square dominated by a former convent, this Catholic place of worship features Baroque architecture.

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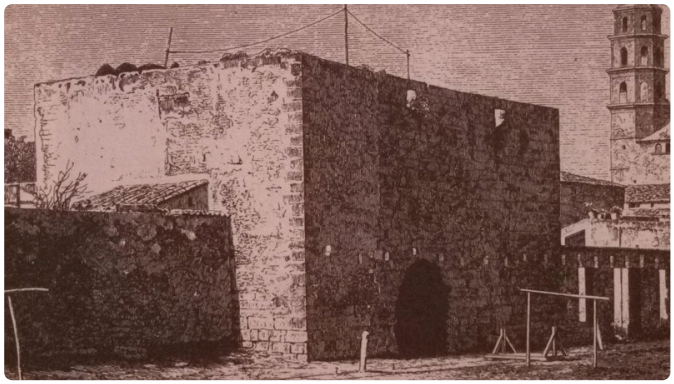
F Santa Eulàlia

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G Santa Teresa

12 Calle La Rambla, Palma 07003, Spain (39.57338, 2.65038)



H Templar Chapel

Marked by a heavily fortified gateway, this Romanesque place of worship is located east of the Basilica de Sant Francesc.

Placa Pes de la Palma, 07002 Palma de Mallorca, Mallorca Spain (39.56746, 2.65575)



I Santa Clara

Carrer de Can Fonollar 2 (39.56648, 2.65165)



J Sant Joan de Malta Church

This historic Catholic church was originally constructed as a gift for the Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem.

Passeig de Sagrera, 07012 Palma de Mallorca, Mallorca Spain (39.56844, 2.64497)

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