



PLACES OF INTEREST

1 Cathedral, located on the Mirador, is a massive 13th century gothic structure. Known locally as La Seo, it is well worth a visit to view the beautiful stained glass windows and the world's largest rose window. Inside the cathedral is a fascinating museum displaying artifacts from the cathedral's history. Entrance to the cathedral is through the museum.

2 Palacio Almudaina sits opposite the cathedral, on the site of an old roman citadel and is a former arabic fortress, once used as a residence for the moorish kings. It was later rebuilt and used as the residence of the first kings of Mallorca. Still used by the spanish royal family for civil functions, it has a wing open to the public containing historic exhibits.

3 Bellver Castle lies 1 1/2 miles from Palma and is a fine example of medieval military architecture. Situated in picturesque Parque Bellver, it contains a museum with many interesting objects on display. The view from the battlements is magnificent and well worth a visit.

4 Pueblo Español, approximately 1 mile from the city center, is a noted tourist attraction with examples of spanish architecture from different areas and time periods. There is also a modern festival hall and auditorium as well as various craft shops and restaurants.

5 La Lonja, a 15th century structure built to house a Merchant's Exchange, is considered one of Spain's finest secular gothic buildings and is now a museum of balearic art.

6 Fundacion de Caixa, located in the old Gran Hotel at Plaza Weyler, is a newly opened museum run by a private foundation.

Beyond Palma

Manacor, in the heartland of the island, is the capital city for man made pearl factories. Several have viewing rooms to see the making of the famous pearls as well as sales rooms.

Caves of Drach (Caves of the Dragon) are on the far side of Mallorca, approximately 43 miles from Palma, and contain marvelous stalactite and stalagmite formations, and a large underground lake from which a sound and light show is staged.

Valldemosa, located approximately 12 miles north of Palma, is a small tranquil village with a gothic church, a carthusian monastery and a museum which features the place where Frederick Chopin lived during the winter of 1838-39.

- Admission Charges are generally in local currency.
- When going ashore, passengers are advised to take with them only the items they need and to secure any valuables.

SHORE EXCURSIONS To make the best of your visit to Palma and the island of Mallorca we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For Information concerning tour content and pricing consult your Shore Excursion Brochure or contact the Shore Excursion Desk.

LOCAL CUSTOMS Bargaining: Shop prices are fixed and bargaining is usually only acceptable at flea markets.

Tiping: A service charge is generally included in restaurant bills, however, taxi drivers will usually expect a little extra.

Local Cuisine: Seafood is featured in many of the local specialties; try Espinigada, a pie topped with eel and spinach. Sausages are also popular, particularly Sobrasada which is bright red and made from pork and red peppers. Sopa Mallorquina is a selection of fried vegetables in a meat stock, served over thin slices of bread. Tumbet is a variation of Ratatouille; aubergines, peppers, tomatoes and potatoes fried in olive oil.

Drink Specialties: There are a number of good Mallorcan red wines available as well as three locally produced herb-based liqueurs; Hierbas Seca and Hierbas Dulce are aniseed flavored and Palo is made from crushed carob seeds.

Bottled water is recommended.

SHOPPING FACILITIES The main shops are located on Paseo Es Born, Avenida Rey Jaime III and at Plaza Mayor. Paseo Es Born forms the hub of the City, like a huge Plaza this wide, tree-lined street provides the ideal setting in which to relax at a side-walk cafe and watch the world go by. Avenida Rey Jaime III joining the top of Paseo Es Born, offers a more exclusive selection of shops. Generally shops are open from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm, 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm Monday through Saturday. Although most shops close on Sunday, few tourist shops will open.

Mallorca is known for leather products, particularly shoes, artificial pearls and hand-crafted glassware.

Some stores may accept U.S. Dollars, most accept major credit cards. There is reputedly a 10% discount offered to tourists, it is advisable to check with the merchant.

Value Added Tax (VAT), is added to most purchases. Visitors who spend over a certain amount may be entitled to re-claim some or all of the tax paid, however, regulations and conditions governing the refund of VAT are subject to change and RCCL cannot guarantee the cooperation of local authorities.

LOCAL CURRENCY The unit of currency in this port of call is the euro. There are 8 euro coins denominated in 2 and 1 euros, along with 50, 20, 10, 5, 2, and 1 cent pieces. Every euro coin carries a common European face. On the obverse, each Member State decorates the coins with their own motifs. No matter which motif is on the coins they can be used anywhere inside the Member States. There are 7 euro notes. In different colors and sizes, they are denominated in 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10, and 5 euros. The notes are uniform throughout the euro area; unlike coins, they have no national side. All euro notes are legal tender in all countries of the euro area.

There are plenty of Exchange Bureaus and Banks located throughout the City. The Spanish word for Exchange is 'Cambio'.

POST OFFICE AND TELEPHONE FACILITIES The main Post Office is located on Calle Constitucio off Paseo Es Born.

There are many telephone booths through-out Palma which accept local coins or telephone cards.

AT&T: 900 99 0011 / MCI: 900 99 0014 / Sprint: 900 99 0013

TOURIST INFORMATION The Tourist Information Office is located on Plaza de la Reina, 2.

TRANSPORTATION Taxis are available at the Pier and will generally accept U.S. Dollars. The center of town is approximately 3 miles (5 km.) from the ship's berth.

USEFUL WORDS

Yes • Si
No • No
Good Day • Buen Dia
Good Afternoon • Buenas Tardes
Good Bye • Adios
Thank-you • Gracias
You're Welcome • De nada

(Visitors will find a combination of Catalan and Spanish is used. The words listed above are in Spanish.)