

General Information on visiting Palma de Mallorca, Spain

School Information:

Classes are held at Bellver International College located in Cala Mayor, a tourist area along the southern coast of the island. Bellver International College is a non-denominational, co-educational K-12 day school. Founded in 1950, Bellver is the longest established privately owned British school in Spain.

The modern premises includes 22 classrooms, 2 science laboratories, gymnasium, drama hall, library, computer lab, and art room. Although there is a computer lab, access is limited during peak hours. If you have a laptop, it would be beneficial to bring it with you. The college is situated close to the beach (opposite to the King of Spain's summer palace – Bellver Castle) in a residential area 3 km from the center of Palma.

The college's address is:
Bellver International College
Jose Costa Ferrer 5
Marivent Palma 07015
Spain

Telephone:

Phone cards are inexpensive and the best way to call home. Typically a € 6 phone card will allow 180 minutes of talk time to the United States. To dial abroad from Spain, dial 00, then country code, area code and local number. To call Mallorca from abroad, the country code is 34, and area code is 971. You must dial the area code, 971, when calling within Palma, even if calling down the street.

Directory Service is available by dialing 1003 for local and national information. For international Directory Service, dial 025.

Exchange Rates:

The Euro is very strong right now, so it is your decision when and how to exchange money. ATMs in Mallorca offer the daily exchange rate and do not charge a transaction fee, however your home bank may charge a fee for withdrawing overseas – check this before you leave. Traveller's Cheques are another option, but if you should buy them in Euro, as to avoid any exchange fees once in Spain. You can check the exchange rates through the following websites:

<http://www.exchangerate.com/>

<http://www.x-rates.com/>

Tipping:

Tipping in Spain is typically the table change left after the bill has been paid. If you find the service satisfactory, then leaving 10% of the bill is customary.

Transportation:

Buses – The bus ride to downtown Palma is approximately €1.25. The main bus station in Palma is at Placa Espanya. You can get general bus timetable from any tourist agency. Purchase your tickets once on board. Buses stop at the airport every 15 minutes from 6:10 am to 2:15 am. The bus stops on the Arrivals Level, opposite the car park.

Taxis – Taxi's are plentiful and reasonably priced. A taxi ride across the entire island will cost from around €60. The taxi stop at the airport is on the Arrivals Level, outside of Gate D. A taxi ride from the airport to Palma is approximately €15.

Phone numbers of Taxis in Palma are as follows:

Palma Taxi 971 401 414

Telephone Radiotaxi 971 755 440

Air – The airport is located 10km (6 miles) southeast of Palma. The Palma Airport phone number is 971 789000. See Buses and Taxis for transportation from the airport to accommodations. The airport offers a customer service department called the “Blue Jackets.” They can help with any problems at the airport (emergencies, first aid, translations etc).

Ferries – Ferries run from the mainland and Ibiza on a regular schedule to Mallorca.

*Transmediterranea – ferries from Valencia & Barcelona in approximately 4 to 5 hours on the jetfoil (a huge catamaran)

902 454645

www.transmediterranea.com

*Balearia – Ferries from Ibiza and Menorca to Palma

902 160180

www.balearia.com

*Cape Belear de Crueros

971 818517

www.cape-balear.com

*Iscomar

902 119128

www.iscomar.com

Trains – Two train lines run through Mallorca, one from Palma to Inca, the other from Palma to Soller. They have separate stations in the Placa Espanya in Palma. The Inca train is a local train that makes many stops, the Soller train is a fast train to Soller.

Cars – Renting a car in Mallorca is possible and rather affordable though automatics are not as plentiful as a standard transmission. You must be over 21 and have a credit card to rent a car. There are two major highways in Mallorca, one running from Palma to Soller, the other from Palma to Inca.

*Europcar
971 455200
*Hertz
971 734737
*Avis
971 730720

Emergency Information:

*Dial 112 in any emergency and the operators will be able to assist you. They speak English and can send the appropriate help.

Local Police 092

National Police 091

*The Red Cross can also be of assistance in emergencies.
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*There are two international hospitals in Palma:

Policlinca Miramar 971 767500

Clinica Juaneda 97122 22 22

Embassies:

United States Consulate General in Barcelona

Paseo Reina Elisenda de Montcada, 23

08034 Barcelona

España

Telephone (34) 93 280 22 27

Fax (34) 93 280 61 75

Email: consularbarcel@state.gov

British Consulate, Palma de Mallorca

Plaza Mayor 3D

07002 Palma de Mallorca

Mallorca

Telephone: (34) 971 71 24 45

Fax: (34) 971 71 75 20

Email: consulate@palma.mail.fco.gov.uk

Australian Consulate in Barcelona

Plaza Gala Placidia

1-3, 1st Floor

Barcelona 08006

Spain

Telephone: (34) 9349 09013

Fax: (34) 9341 10904

Other:

*Post offices are open only in the morning except for the main post office in downtown Palma. The main post office is located at:

C/de la Constitucio 5

Palma

Main post office hours are Mon-Fri 8:30am – 8:30 pm, Sat 9:30am – 2pm.

*Web Resources & Information on Mallorca

www.mallorcaonline.com

www.baleares.com

www.mallorcaweb.com