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Tour Highlight:

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Palma de Mallorca, Spain



ISLAND BEACHES AND MOORISH ARCHITECTURE

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Shout out Ryanair (not really because our flight got delayed) and hotels Globales for cheap airfare and accommodation to Mallorca. Mallorca is a semi-large island that is the home to the capital of the Balearic islands: Palma de Mallorca. Palma gets its name from the Roman town Palmeria, and has been a key island in Europe due to its geographic location in the Mediterranean. Spain took control of the island in the 15th century, but lots of the architecture in the city dates back to before this. Fun Fact: Rafael Nadal is from Mallorca!

Beyond the ancient and historic city of Palma lies beaches bringing in tourism dollars to Spain's economy. Magaluf is a town about 20 minutes from Palma and is full of Northern Europeans escaping the cold in their towns for the warm weather in the islands. These areas show the modernization of Mallorca, and how the island has been able to become a tourist hotspot while still keeping in touch with its ancient moorish and roman roots. The duality of these places can be quite comical at times.

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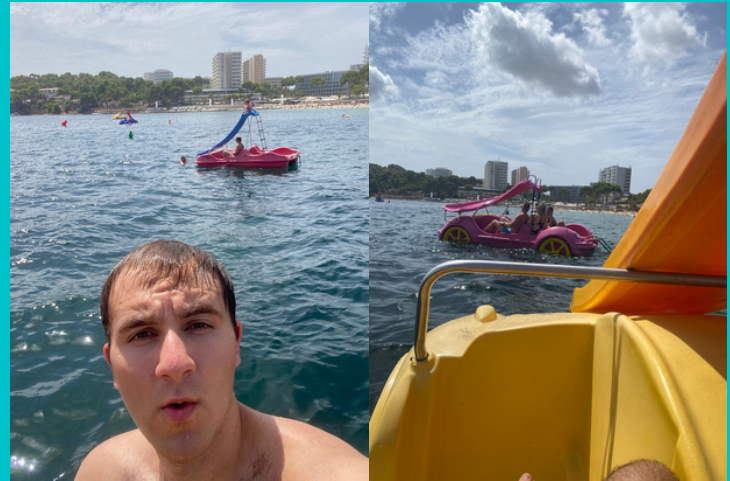


Some quick tips for exploring Mallorca:



- Take the bus instead of the taxis (bus is \$4 and taxis can be \$40)
- The streets are very curved so although two places are close it might be a long walk
- The closer your hotel is to Palma the more expensive it will cost
 - Most of the beaches are similar

The beaches in Magaluf were full of bars and restaurants. My personal favorite was happy house/hour/place (not sure the name lol) due to the cheap prices and entertaining service. The food at all the restaurants is basically the exact same (even the menus look the same) so service is definitely how they stand out. They had these boats we rented that have a slide on top for only \$15 (great deal am I right). You get an hour which is plenty to enjoy. We made many British friends on the boats.



Our hotel was in Cala Vines which was a ~20 minute walk and ~5 minute drive which was super convenient. We stayed at the globales hotel in Cala Vines which is a chain in Mallorca with hotels throughout the island. For less than \$100 for the weekend we were able to have ocean front views. Being a few minutes away from Magaluf also gave us some peace and quiet during the day.

The town of Magaluf is the Florida for the British and other Northern Europeans. Restaurants have menus in English, French, German, Swedish, Norwegian, Dutch, and Portuguese. It's their cheap spring break destination where they can get schwasted in the streets. There was even a giant sling shot that sends you hundreds of feet into the air that I may have done. The vibes here are much different than the historically significant city of Palma. Nevertheless, only being 20 minutes from Palma gives visitors the perfect opportunity to see both sides of the island.



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The main city of Palma de Mallorca was so much different than where we stayed in Magaluf. Palma de Mallorca has been under rule of the Romans, Byzantines, and Muslims which can be seen throughout the city through its architecture. The old town is super walkable and is filled with shops and restaurants. Walking down the narrow streets was super enjoyable.

There is so much history within the city that Spain has ensured to protect the cobblestone streets and architecture whereas other areas in Mallorca such as Magaluf are seeing a transformation due to tourism.

We only spent the day in Palma de Mallorca since we had a late flight (more about that soon) and that was more than enough to tour the castles, palaces, and other sights the city had to offer!



Unfortunately our flight out ending up getting delayed and we did not land until 3am Monday with my first class (first day of school too!) starting at 8am. Lets just say I was tired.

See You On the Next Stop on the Tour!