


Arrive early to beat weekend queues.

Hit the shops

 Though Passeig des Born (7) is the go-to spot for high-end, designer shopping, nearby lanes and side-streets harbour lots of independent boutiques. The Plaça de Cort area is particularly good for clothing and homewares, or try Carrer Feliu for its galleries and island-made ceramics. For quality bargains, check out newcomer Bconnected Vintage in Santa Catalina (8) for second-hand luxury brands at a fraction of the price.


Don't miss

 Pack a head for heights and climb the 200-odd spiral steps on a tour of **Palma Cathedral's terraces (9)**. Tours


take in the bell tower, gargoyles and Gothic flying buttresses, but must be booked in advance (catedraldemallorca.org; €12/£10.60, including admission, Monday-Saturday, April-October).

The Sert Studio at the Miró Museum (closed Mondays, €7.50/£6.70) will reopen imminently after months of restoration. The artist lived and painted here between 1956-1983. Admission also includes the rural 18th-century Son Boter house whose walls bear his charcoal graffiti.

Time for a drink

 Pomadas are the taste of summer. Although they're from nearby Menorca, this mix of island-made gin and lemon tastes no less refreshing here. Palma's best are served at Can Angel (10) on Carrer de Sant Jaume. They're deceptively strong, so order yours with a couple of tapas or they'll go to your head.

Dinner reservation


 Along the same street is Tomeu at Boutique Hotel Sant Jaume (boutiquehotelsantjaume.com), one of **Palma's** best new restaurants. Opened last year by Tomeu Calendntey,

Mallorca's first Michelin-starred chef, it focuses on Balearic cuisine using island ingredients. A five-course tasting menu is served without fanfare for €55 (£48).



SUNDAY


Go for a stroll

 Head up the stairs from the waterfront gardens beneath the summer residence of the royal family, the Palau de L'Almudaina (11) to pick up Passeig Dalt Murada on top of the 450-year-old city walls. The route combines sea views with city landmarks, starting with L'Almudaina itself. Next comes Palma Cathedral (main), whose rose window is one of Europe's largest. Continue to the end; then return via the Old Town's maze of streets.


Lunch break

 Find your way to Plaça de Cort (12), whose twisted, half-century-old olive tree is a local landmark. Among the outlets with al fresco seating is Restaurant Cort (hotelcort.com). Linger over tapas or seafood from the raw bar.

Time to relax

 For a change of scene, take the vintage train from Estacio Intermodal north through almond orchards and the Sierra Tramuntana before descending to Sóller, a charming town set among orange groves (trende.soller.com/en). Pop into Can Prunera, a Modernist mansion that's now a museum (€5/£4.40); then continue by tram to the seafront. The train costs €18 (£16) one way, but returning by bus is €4 (£3.50pp).

Have a treat

 Ensaimadas aren't Mallorca's only sweet temptations. Gató – sugar-dusted almond sponge cake – is another. Get yours at Fornet de la Soca (13) (fornetdelasoca.com), whose recipe has seen it touted as the best bakery in Spain.

Ask a local

VANESSA VANDERGAST
co-owner,
Bconnected Vintage



"Palma Sport & Tennis Club (palmatennis.com) is a city centre oasis: perfect for poolside lunches and a massage at the spa."



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