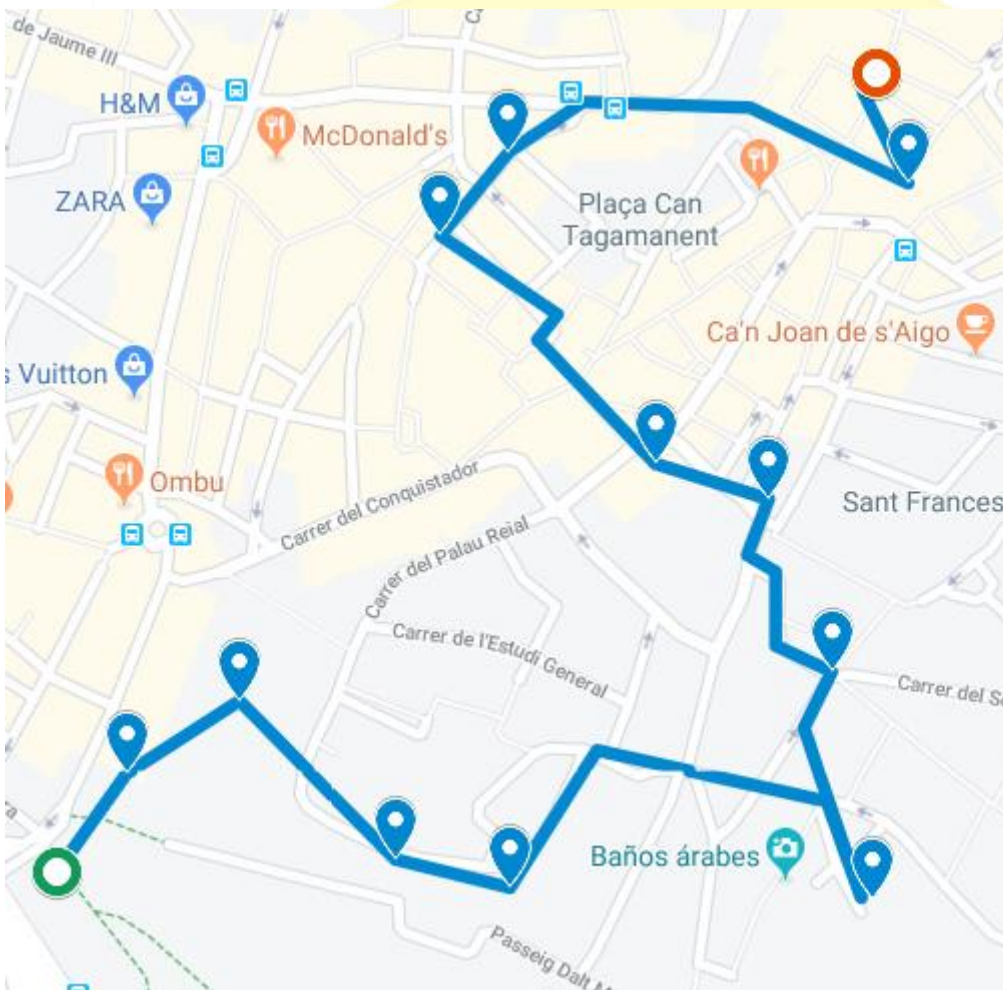


# MALLORCA FREE TOUR – LEGENDS AND MODERNISM IN PALMA



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- Tuesday,  
Thursday and  
Saturday at 6  
p.m

### Meeting point:

- Plaza Mayor

### Tour end:

- Parc de la Mar,  
near the  
Cathedral

### Tour duration:

- 2 hours

### THE WALK:

1. Plaza Mayor
2. Casa Rey and l'Àguila
3. Modernism at Plaza Mercat
4. Sant Nicolau church.
5. City Hall
6. Santa Eulàlia
7. Sant Francesc
8. Jewish Quarter
9. Santa Clara convent
10. "Drac de na Coca"
11. "La dama de la Catedral"
12. Cathedral and walls
13. Royal Palace of

We are at **Plaza Mayor**, the city centre, at 6 p.m. with an orange umbrella. Ready to start the Free Tour and discover the legends and the main modernism buildings of the city of Palma?

### 1. Plaza Mayor:

This square is the nerve centre of Palma from where some of the busiest streets are born: *Sant Miquel*, *Sindicat* and *Jaume II*.

From Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there is an artisan market (Jan. - Feb.: Friday and Saturday / Mar. - Jun. And Oct. - Dec.: Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday / Jul. - Sep: from Mondays to Sundays).



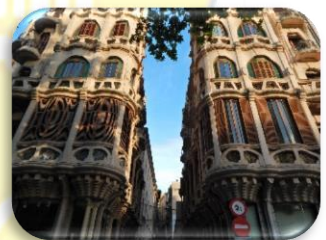
### 2. Casa Rey y l'Àguila



Near the Plaza Mayor (main square) there are located more modernism buildings: the house known as Can Forteza Rey that follow the Catalan modernism and the *art nouveau* trends and the former commercial centre of l'Àguila, a great example of the Austrian secessionism.

### 3. Modernism at plaza del Mercat:

The Modernism came to Mallorca at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; not only Gaudí worked in Mallorca but other Catalan architects as Rubió i Bellver or Domènech i Muntaner and Mallorcan ones for instance Bennàzar and Roca i Simó built modernism buildings. At the Plaza del Mercat stand out the Gran Hotel and the twin buildings of Can Casasayas and the Pensión Menorquina.



### 4. Sant Nicolau church:



This small and hidden parish church of Palma is devoted to Sant Nicolau (Saint Nickolas) and it was built at the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup> century to split the area controlled by the Santa Eulalia parish church. Here we will try to look a small sign located nearby the sculpture of the saint on the main façade.

### 5. Palma City Hall:

Known as Cort, Palma City Council is one of the city's emblematic buildings.

Built in the s. XVII follows the scheme of a traditional Mallorcan manor house, in the form of three declining floors topped with an impressive cantilever of red pine wood designed by Gabriel Torres.



### 6. Plaza de Santa Eulàlia:



The parish church of Santa Eulàlia is the oldest church of Palma (13<sup>th</sup> century). It's located at Santa Eulàlia square a former market place and where almost all the artisans of the city used to live, for that you can find the Butcher's Street, Glassmaker's Street, Silversmith's Street and more.

### 7. Jewish Quarter:

During the middle Age in Palma, there were two *Calls* (denomination used in the Crown of Aragon to refer to the Jewish neighbourhoods), but today there are barely any visible remains. In 2005, Palma enrolled in the Spanish Jewish Network to publicize the heritage and history of this community in the Balearic Islands.



### 8. Santa Clara convent:



It was founded in 1256 by Catalina Berenguer, the abbess of Santa Clara convent of Tarragona and her sister Guillermina. It's a cloistered convent, but behind those walls some sinister stories are told...

### 9. El "Drac de na Coca":

Is it possible that Palma was long time ago a dragon land like Game of Thrones?

It is said that a giant and fearsome dragon lived in Palma and it frightened the entire population. Today we have some hints about that... It will be true or another legend?



10. The lady of the Cathedral:



Still at the Mirador's side of the Cathedral. And as we said before... the Cathedral hides some stories... maybe real stories or just legends... Who was the lady of the Cathedral?

11. Cathedral de Santa María de Mallorca – Mirador side:

The Cathedral of Mallorca, known as La Seu, is the symbol of the city. It's a gothic cathedral built during the 13<sup>th</sup> century and as many buildings it hides mysteries, curiosities and anecdotes. Here, at the south side called the Mirador portal, we will reveal some of them.

The entrance fee is € 8 (free for residents of Mallorca).



12. Royal Palace of Almudaina and the walls:



L'Almudaina (10<sup>th</sup> century) was the residence of the *wali* or Muslim governor and since the 13<sup>th</sup> century until the 20<sup>th</sup> century it was the main palace, the residence of kings and queens.

From the palace you can contemplate part of the walls that surrounded and protected the city of Palma almost until today.

It is currently a museum of furniture and tapestries.  
Price: € 7



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