

WHERE TO GO IN PALMA



RESTAURANTS

1 REFECTORI

Carrer de la Missió, 7A
 Tel. +34 971 227 347
 www.conventdelamissio.com

The name is very apt since the restaurant is in the refectory of the former Convent de la Missió monastic college, which now houses the hotel of the same name. The simple modernity of the restaurant with its inner court, bar and lounge does wonders for both eye and spirit. The once hallowed



halls, however, pose no reason to cling to ancient traditions: the light, creative cuisine is based on a clever blend of Mediterranean and Mallorcan styles. A wonderfully peaceful spot that instantly cuts out the hustle and bustle of the tourist areas round about.

2 ES REBOST D'ES BALUARD

Plaça Porta Santa Catalina, 9
 Tel. +34 971 719 609

This wonderful mix of delicatessen and restaurant right next to the Es Baluard Museum serves the best local food on the island. The furnishings are just as



straightforward as the dishes themselves: chef Juan Torrens is a purist in Mallorcan cuisine. He knows it inside out and interprets it with passion; his devotion to top-quality products is evident in everything. Whether you opt for peppers stuffed with dried cod or the famous calamari filled with seafood – each one of his dishes will have you in raptures. Trust Luis' advice: he is the pleasantest waiter in Palma and speaks excellent English.

3 GARLIC & SHOTS

Cotoner, 33
Tel. +34 971 28 68 31
www.garlicandshots.com



“A kitchen full of garlic and a bar loaded with 101 different flavoured vodka shots.” This is the credo of the three Swedish Olsson brothers. Each is proprietor of an in restaurant (Stockholm, London), Olof Ola in Palma. All have the same interior, a motley collection of amusing curiosities from everyday life picked up all over the world. A crazy place ruled over by a good-humoured Nordic giant – a passionate restaurateur and Harley owner (what else!). All the excellent (!) and extremely well-priced (!) dishes are based on garlic – and no one notices! Because fellow Swede Christopher works his magic with the pungent plant so subtly. He even creates the desserts using it.

4 KUROYAMA

Calle Montenegro, 10
Tel. +34 971 728 957

In the midst of the maze of narrow streets of Llotja, the Taberna Japonesa has been serving the very finest of Asian specialities for the past five months. The typical Spanish cellar restaurant has gigantic murals depicting mediaeval scenes of Japanese warriors and geishas. The furnishings are dominated by the colours red and black. Guests eat at glossily lacquered, extra-high tables, accompanied by hip-hop music that is (sometimes) just a bit too loud. But that is a minor consideration as soon as the first delicacies are served up, for what sushi master Huan, an unusually large Chinese, prepares in the kitchen under the gaze of his patrons melts on the tongue like snow on the slopes of Fujiyama.



5 BAHIA MEDITERRANEO

Paseo Marítimo, 33
Tel. +34 971 457 653
www.restaurantebahia -
mediterraneo.com

First-class eatery located in a gem of Mediterranean architecture from the turn of the century. Perched high above the bay of Palma, it offers one of the city's most attractive terraces. Glorious in the evening when the city begins to glitter and shine, the colourful lights are reflected like precious stones in the circle of the harbour, while the mighty cathedral seems to float in a golden halo from the floodlights. Even the most beautiful starry sky can't hold a



candle to it. The glass of champagne compulsorily served with the menu makes for a stylish prelude. Highly recommended is the frito marinero (various fried fish); also delicious is the grilled duck liver. A rewarding highlight in both culinary and emotional terms.

6 801

Plaça Comtat del Roselló, 6
Tel. +34 971 495 449
www.801.es



On the edge of the financial district, the vault of a former bank has been transformed into a coolly modern cafeteria on the ground floor and a laid-back business restaurant in the basement. There, the remaining safe deposit boxes – particularly the one painted in red with the number 801 – recall the old days. Maria, the owner and chef, loves fusion – France, Thailand, Japan and Mallorca all meld on the prettily decorated plates. For dessert there's “our version of Toblerone”, an airy chocolate cream under a delicate triangular coating of chocolate – a very interesting variation on a theme.

7 GARAGE REX

Pablo Iglesias, 12
Tel. +34 871 948 947
www.rexrestaurant.com



Definitely one of the island's hot spots. Where cars were once repaired and washed in the sixties, today trendsetters come to dine, while insiders meet up in the bar. The lounge-restaurant is one of the most fashionable eating places in downtown Palma. The minimalistic interior underscores to perfection the industrial stylishness, which together create an intriguing blend of coolness and chill-out atmosphere. The slate floors are black, the walls are white. It's only the red spotlights providing indirect lighting from behind the facing of the walls that add a touch of colour. Owner Cesar Marti looks like an American jeans model and Enrique Erazo serves up sexy food from the kitchen. The arrangement of food on the plates matches the smart décor and the portions are very generous.

CAFES / LOUNGES / BARS

8 EL PESQUERO

Calle Moll de la Llotja
Tel. +34 971 715 220
www.cafeportpesquer.com

An attractive location on the mole of the old fishing harbour. Chic yachts bob up and down in the water; the fishermen lay out their blue and green nets to dry along the promenade. The maritime theme is continued inside the bar with its vast sun



terrace. It is a meeting spot for young and old, from early morning till midnight – for a cortado, to eat (tapas, fish platter, menu of the day) or for a cocktail.

9 CA'N JOAN DE S'AIGO

Calle de Ca'n Sanç, 10
Tel. +34 971 710 759

Playfully shaped chandeliers in coloured glass, ornate birdcages and display cases. The atmosphere in what is probably Palma's most traditional café has lost none of its old-world charm since it



was first opened in 1700. Guests spoon up the home-made almond and strawberry ice cream just as they did in the past and dunk Mallorcan ensaimades (coils of yeasty pastry) fresh from the oven into thick drinking chocolate. Mallorca's oldest chocolate parlour is hidden away in a narrow Old Town street near the church of Santa Eulalia. And it's not only people with a sweet tooth who will always find a warm welcome here.

10 ALLA SCALA

Pas d'en Quint, 2
Tel. +34 971 227 264
www.purohotel.com



An attractive modern rest stop when you're feeling exhausted after touring the city, right by the steps on the way from Plaça Weyler towards the beckoning shops of Sant Miquel. It's fun to chill in the snug wide armchairs woven from water hyacinths and to watch the ceaseless throng of passers-by to the accompaniment of

muted classical music while having a cappuccino, latte macchiato or warm snack.

11 PURO OASIS URBANO

Calle Montenegro, 12
Tel. +34 971 425 450
www.purohotel.com



Architect Alvaro Planchuelo and interior designers Erik and Katharina von Brabandt have created a little monument to themselves with the hotel of the same name. The lounge bar on the ground floor is an ultra-stylish chill-out oasis. Everything is in dazzling white with the sole exception of the (black) bar. By candlelight, laid-back and trendy guests lounge on leather stools or cushions in comfy niches listening to the lounge sounds and house music churned out by the DJ. The favourite drink here appears to be champagne and that fact is advertised, albeit with a certain understatement. You can eat next door at the Opio restaurant for a fair price.

12 FORN DES TEATRE

Plaça Weyler, 9
Tel. +34 971 715 254

A treat you can't deny yourself: after or during your stroll through the city, stop off at this historic café with its striking art nouveau features. Watch the lively bustle outside while sampling the sweet delights of the café's own pastry shop – for instance, a slice of gató d'ametla, the tasty local almond cake. Opposite is the fantastic art nouveau façade of the former Gran Hotel – architecture at its very finest.



13 CAPPUCCINO PALAU MARCH

Conquistador, 13
Tel. +34 971 717 272
www.grupocappuccino.com

Very popular meeting place in Palau March at the foot of the gothic La Seu cathedral, Palma's famous landmark, and near Plaça de la Reina. Palmeros set out from here, fortified by one of the wonderful selection of breakfasts, for some serious shopping in the nearby fashion stores on Passeig des Born (Zara, Hugo Boss, Carolina Herrera), Avenue Jaime III (Mango, El Corte Inglés) and La Unió (fashion designer Adolfo Domínguez). Other branches of Cappuccino can be found on Passeig Marítim and Carrer Sant Miquel.



14 KING KAMEHAMEHA

Paseo Marítim, 29
Tel. +34 971 282 797
www.king-kamehameha.com



King Kamehameha? That's right. That was the name of the nightclub in the US TV series "Magnum", which everyone used to watch in the 1980s. Palma's incarnation houses a gastronomic bouquet that includes café, restaurant, lounge and nightclub. But before the night owls start to gather, it's well worth finding a seat on the sunny terrace overlooking the lively square on the promenade and soaking in the view of the smartest yachts and motor boats in Mallorca's largest marina.