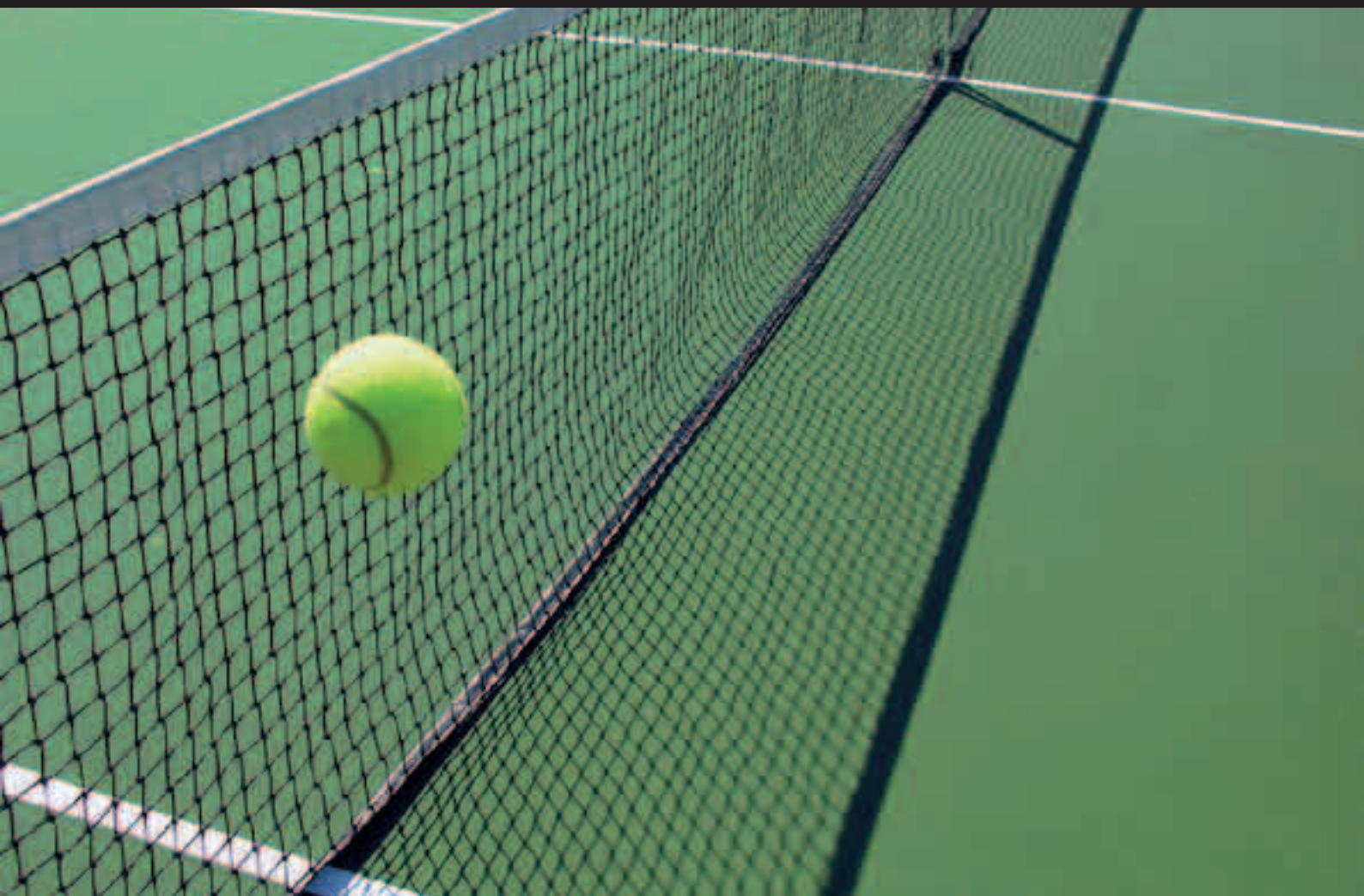


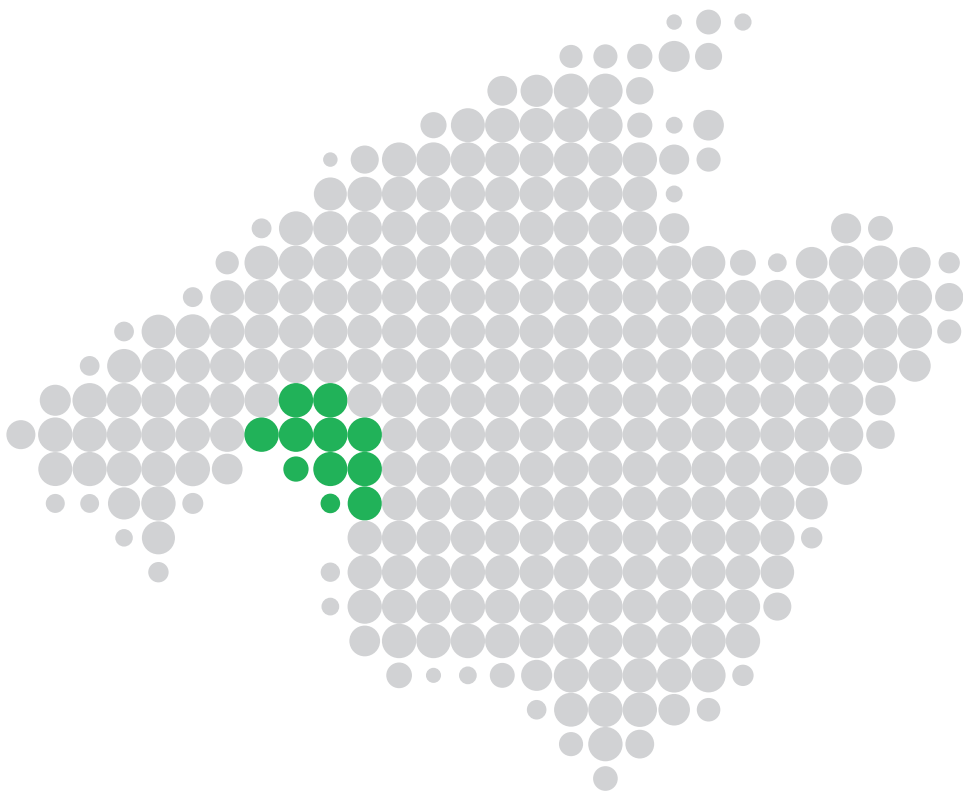


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# Sport

*Palma is a city that lives sport intensely. Amateurs and professionals of sports such as football, basketball, athletics, golf, cycling, motorised sports, horse riding, tennis, paddle tennis, swimming, sailing and other water sports such as surfing and windsurfing can enjoy an infinity of sporting modalities 365 days a year.*

The Municipal Sports Institute of Palma runs facilities where one can practice all types of sports, from swimming, skating, paddle tennis, tennis, rugby and rhythmic gymnastics to karate, tai-chi, fencing, water polo, canoeing, yoga, etc. You can choose from the any of the installations of the Germans Escalas sports centre, the Son Hugo swimming pools, the Son Moix, the S'Estel, the Toni Servera, Rudy Fernández (Génova-Sant Agustín), Xavi Torres (Sant Jordi) and Son Roca sports centres.

A large number of sports clubs, perfectly equipped with the best materials and quality installations, round off the city's sporting scene. The Real Club Náutico de Palma and Club de Mar yacht clubs, the Aquatic and underwater activities club of Mallorca, Palma de Mallorca swimming club, Portitxol yacht club, Calanova national sailing school, Playa de Palma tennis club, Palma athletics club, La Salle Palma basketball club, Palma de Mallorca cycling club, Real Club Deportivo Mallorca sports club and Palma de Mallorca swimming club.

The Balearic Sports Federation for Persons with disabilities (FEBED) ([www.febed.es](http://www.febed.es)) also organises activities and events adapted for persons with physical disabilities, in all the disciplines, levels or grades, promoting physical and sports activity of any kind. The most outstanding of these actions are athletics, basketball, cycling, swimming, motorboat racing, motoring, etc. The Palma de Mallorca and RCD Mallorca cycling clubs take part

every year in all kinds of trials that are organised on the islands, as well as trips to the mainland or abroad to participate in trials on the international calendar.

([www.rcdmallorca.es](http://www.rcdmallorca.es))

## 23. SPORTS ACTIVITIES

### NAUTICAL

Mallorca is famous the world over for the nautical competitions held off its coast year after year. The famous “embat” wind makes the Bay of Palma a privileged place for enthusiasts of sports related to the sea. The arrival of spring and the good weather brings the first regattas on the annual calendar, and during the summer months some of the most important sailing competitions take place here. Palma becomes a meeting point for yachting fans. It is worthwhile visiting the Real Club Náutico de Palma and the Dique del Oeste at this time of year, to enjoy the nautical spectacle of the regattas.

Palma's Real Club Náutico organises over thirty regattas throughout the year, divided amongst professional, amateur and children's events. Perhaps the most outstanding are the club's four big regattas, the Copa del Rey, Hublot PalmaVela, the Princesa Sofía and the Ciutat de Palma trophy.

Spain's most international regatta, and the one with the highest level of participation, the SAR Princesa Sofia-MAPFRE trophy, takes place at the end of March in the waters of the Bay of Palma.

More than twenty years endorse the huge amount of support Breitling has given the exciting world of competitive top-of-the-range sailing vessel racing. Now a beacon on the international



*Princesa Sofía.Regatta*

yachting calendar, the Breitling regatta opens up the regatta season in the Balearics at the end of June in Puerto Portals.

Without a shadow of a doubt, the most eagerly-awaited regatta by both competitors themselves and fans - as every year it brings together the Royal Family - is the Copa del Rey Audi-Mapfre, which takes place from the end of July to the beginning of August.

Discovering the enthralling world of replica boats, such as vintage boats (launched before 31st December 1949) and classics (launched between 1st January 1950 and 31st December 1975) is also possible thanks to the international show of vintage boats that gather in the Bay of Palma, in what is by now a traditional



*Real Club Náutico de Palma.*

and famous event, the Copa S.A.R. Don Juan de Borbón, which is held in the second half of the month of August.

The yachting clubs and marinas of the Balearic capital can boast the highest levels of world certification. Moreover, they can accommodate boats of over sixty metres in length, for maintenance and repair in the docks. Because Palma has a thriving nautical industry, with highly-qualified professionals who offer excellent service. To be specific, the capital of the Balearics has over 103,000 square metres of dry dock surface, making it one of the most important vessel repair centres of the Mediterranean. The city has nearly 3,600 berths, 1,200 of which are directly run by the Balearic Port Authority, whilst 2,400 are managed indirectly.

In total, Palma has nine yacht clubs and marinas: the Escuela Nacional de Vela de Calanova, the Club de Mar, Pantalán del Mediterráneo, Marina Port de Mallorca, Real Club Náutico de Palma, Club Náutico Portixol, Club Marítimo Molinar de Levante, Club Náutico Cala Gamba and Club Marítimo San Antonio de la Playa. In addition to this there is the Port of Palma and the yacht clubs and marinas in the metropolitan area.

Nautical tourism is attracting an increasing number of people to the Balearic capital. As a result, there are numerous companies offering vessel hire and sale, excursions and water sports. There is also an increasing number of nautical schools where one can obtain official qualifications and where courses are imparted.

One sign of the importance of the nautical sector in Palma is the International Boat Show that is held every year in Palma. This highly-prestigious international event is seen as the most important yacht fair in the Mediterranean.





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The waters of Palma are also ideal for other water sports such as kitesurfing, windsurfing or those related to personal watercraft.

The Balearic Islands, and in particular Palma, are at the forefront of the national nautical sector and a form reference point in the Mediterranean. All this is possible thanks to the nautical and hotel infrastructures, the numerous restaurants and catering services, and the beauty of the surroundings and meteorological conditions, which enable one to practise water sports practically all year round. Without forgetting that Palma lies just over two hours away from the main European cities.



## GOLF

A mild climate and extremely beautiful landscapes are the natural conditions which, in conjunction with incomparable hotel facilities, make Mallorca an ideal place in which to practise golf. The calm and tranquillity of the largest of the Balearic Islands are the best complement for anyone looking for the relaxation and pleasure of a few days break from their usual activity by playing golf.

Mallorca has over twenty golf courses, most of which have 18 holes, scattered all over the island, but in particular close to the main residential and tourist areas of Palma and Artá. The golf clubs of Mallorca stay open all year round, without interruption, and offer reasonable prices all year, too.

Palma is one of the areas of the island with the largest variety of golf courses - Golf Son Vida, Golf Son Muntaner, Son Gual Golf, Son Quint, Es Puntiró.

In the adjoining municipalities of Lluçmajor, Bunyola and Calvià, we can find a qualified range of golf services. Golf Son Antem, Golf Maioris, Golf Son Termens and Real Golf de Bendinat are located here, respectively.

Golf Son Vida can boast of being one of the most beautiful courses of all Mallorca. Designed with large open spaces, each fairway affords impressive views of nature and the Bay of Palma. It is located on the Son Vida urbanisation, where golf fans can enjoy this sport all along its 18 holes. Golf Son Vida has a club House with restaurant, pro shop and lounges for meetings, putting green and pitching area.



For its part, Golf Son Muntaner, also located on the Son Vida urbanisation, has 18 holes, too, and the installations it offers are a club house with restaurant, pro shop, putting green and pitching area, driving range and 3 practice holes.

Son Quint is the third of the courses belonging to Arabella Golf & Spa Resort, Mallorca, which, along with Son Vida and Son Muntaner, completes the group's range on the island. Ramón Espinosa, architect of the layout, designed this spectacular, sporty, varied 18-hole course.

The Club de Golf de Son Gual, with its 18 holes, lies on the Palma-Manacor road at the kilometre 11.5 milestone. This is one of the newest golf courses on the island, inaugurated in the year 2008.

Golf Park Puntiró is located in a privileged area of the island of Mallorca, just 9 km away from Palma in one of the quietest places on the island. The 66-hectare estate lies in "S'Estanyol" de Puntiró. It is a par 71 course, with 18 holes.

Golf Son Antem, on the Manacor road at kilometre 19, also has 18 holes and is divided into two parts, east and west.

Golf Maioris lies on the Cabo Blanco road, at kilometre 7, in Lluçmajor. Its course has 18 holes.

Golf Son Termes is on the S'Esglaieta road, kilometre 10, in the municipality of Bunyola, and like the rest of the golf courses that are close to Palma, it has 18 holes.



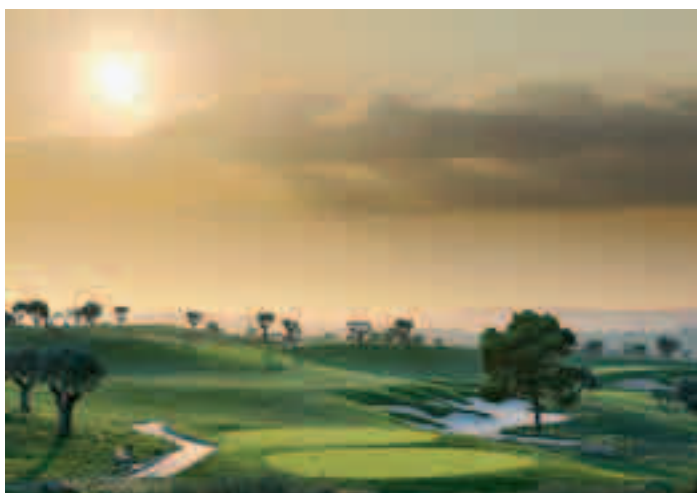
*Golf Son Vida.*



*Golf Puntiró.*



*Golf Son Termens.*



*Golf Son Gual.*



*Golf Son Antem.*

Another of the golf courses near to the Balearic capital is the Real Golf de Bendinat, the address of which is Campoamor s/n. It belongs to the municipality of Calviá, and places a total of 18 holes at the disposal of enthusiasts.

Over recent years, the good climatic and economic conditions on the island have led to a proliferation of golf championships, both official and company and club tournaments.

The tourism products offered by Regional Ministry for Tourism and Employment in conjunction with the Hoteliers' Association of Palma include the 'Palma Urban Golf' project, in which different hotels offer people the chance to play golf. The aim of the City-Golf combination is to position the island amongst the select destinations where players of this sport attend tournaments and sporting events.





### FOOTBALL

One of Palma's top sports is football. The largest town of the Balearics has numerous sports facilities containing seven-a-side football pitches, the most popular form of football with people who do not compete professionally. There are many "Fútbol 7" leagues that compete every year in Palma. Unlike in other cities, all of those in the Balearic capital are artificial grass, a key factor for increasing the level of enjoyment of players.

### TENNIS

Tennis is extremely popular in Palma. Many people wish to emulate the fabulous strokes of the Mallorcan 'cracks' of this sport, Rafa Nadal and Carlos Moyá. Palma has many tennis courts for hire at extremely reasonable rates.

### PADDLE TENNIS

Paddle tennis is one of the most popular games of the moment, gaining enthusiasts by the week. Classified a few years ago as a sport for the rich, time has broken down this myth and paddle tennis has become a hobby for the masses. Palma has several different centres devoted exclusively to hiring out paddle tennis courts.

### BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, FIVE-A-SIDE-FOOTBALL AND HANDBALL

Basketball is another sport that has a significant presence in Palma's sports installations. Numerous indoor courts allow players to compete in basketball matches on the typical parquet basketball flooring, and there are also open-air courts. Many of these courts are multi-sports and can be used for playing volleyball, another sport with a big following in Palma. No wonder this city has two teams, a women's and a men's one, ranked amongst the first in the table of the top categories. They are Oxidoc Palma and Palma Volei, respectively. But as well as becoming volleyball courts, these multi-sports courts can also be used for two other popular sports – five-a-side football and handball. The former has a large number of fans and the latter, in spite of not being a sport of the masses, is notorious in facilities such as the Rudy Fernández pavilion, located in Sant Agustí.

### SWIMMING, ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Mallorca's capital city has one of the best swimming facilities to be had, the Son Hugo pools. The facility has been the venue for numerous top-level national and international competitions (the Winter Children's Swimming Championship of Spain, in April of 2008, and the III CMAS Finswimming World Cup in May of 2008,



among others).

And we jump from the water to the asphalt because another activity with a deep-rooted tradition in Palma is athletics, which can be practised both in facilities such as the Príncipes de España or in outdoor areas like the track designed for this purpose in the Bay of Palma. And finally, cycling also has a great many followers in Palma. Cycling is a sports modality with a long tradition on the island. The cycle paths that are being inaugurated in the Balearic capital mean cycling enthusiasts can ride around the city and enjoy their pedalling.

### BICYCLE TOURING

Bicycle touring is another of the alternatives Palma offers for getting to know the city and showing a different vision of itself to its visitors. The city's climate and good infrastructures have turned it into a particularly good destination for bicycle touring enthusiasts. They can ride along the Passeig Marítim and around the city centre, or travel along some of the bicycle touring routes that leave from Palma. One of the most highly-recommended routes is the one from Palma-Ciudad Jardín-Can Pastilla-el Arenal-Bahía Grande-Campos. This is a linear route, of medium difficulty, with an estimated completion time of two hours. All along its 53 kilometres, one can enjoy incomparable scenery.



*Son Moix Stadium.*

## 24. SPORTS INSTALLATIONS

The Municipal Sports Institute of Palma (IME) has top-notch installations, enabling citizens to practise sports in good conditions and the city to host elite sporting events. With regard to large facilities, the IME has the Son Moix, the Germans Escalas and the Antoni Servera, S'Estel and Rudy Fernández sport centres.

Son Moix sports centre has an indoor multi-sports track, which was inaugurated in 1976; it has a capacity for 5,892 people. The track dimensions are 40x20 metres and it has parquet flooring, and artificial lighting. The centre has six changing rooms, each with a capacity for 30 users and a surface area of around 60 square metres. The grandstands have a capacity for 4,500 spectators. The sports played on this indoor multi-sports track are basketball, volleyball, handball, five-a-side football, roller hockey skating, figure skating, artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics and martial arts.

The indoor tracks were inaugurated in 1976; the lighting is artificial. Specifically, it has two multi-purpose halls for physical/recreational and sports activities, four ballet rooms, a training room for clubs and sports entities, a psychomotor activity room, and a hall prepared for learning and coaching artistic and rhythmic gymnastics. The sports one can play on the indoor tracks are aerobics, ballet, keep-fit gym, rhythmic and artistic gymnastics, muscle-building and psychomotor activities. The two indoor pools were inaugurated in 1976. Their dimensions are 50 x 21 metres and 24 x 21 metres. The second pool measures 21 x 10 metres. Access to all the pools is adapted for people with physical disabilities. The sports one can practise in the indoor pools are swimming, water polo, synchronized swimming and aquabac. The centre has an emergency sick bay and ten changing rooms with a surface area of 30 square metres, whilst the referees' changing room has a surface area of 15 square metres.

The stadium where the RCD Mallorca has played its matches since 1999 is the Ono Estadi (formerly Son Moix), located in Camí dels Reis, on Palma's Can Valero industrial estate. The stadium has a capacity for 23,142 spectators and dimensions of 105 x 68 metres, as well as an extensive parking area.

The Antonio Asensio Sports City, a sports complex belonging to the Real Club Deportivo Mallorca, lies in the grounds of Son Bibiloni, an estate located in the municipality of Palma, at kilometre



*Antonio Asensio Sports City.*

tre 8 on the road to Sóller. Teams like Inter Milan, Sevilla FC or the German national football team have all used its installations for pre-season training.

Palma's velodrome (athletics track) was inaugurated in 1987 and renovated in 1999. This facility has a surface area of 200 square metres, with eight straight lanes measuring 60 metres. The grandstand has a capacity for 1,600 spectators. The sports one can play here are athletics and track cycling. The velodrome is also equipped with a sick bay for emergencies and a bowling pitch measuring 13.75 x 3.50 metres, with natural turf.

The sports centre has two open-air multi-sports tracks, six tennis courts, a football pitch, four bowling courts, six basketball courts, a skating park and two handball or five-a-side football courts.

The Germans Escalas sports centre has an indoor multi-sports track, with dimensions of 46 x 28 metres, divisible into 3 spaces measuring 27 x 15 metres each; it has a Taraflex synthetic floor. Its capacity is for 11,383 people, and it has a total of three volleyball courts, four basketball and three badminton courts. The sports one can play here are volleyball, basketball, badminton



*Germans Escalas sports centre.*

ton and indoor sports. This centre is equipped with six changing rooms plus two for referees. The indoor pools measure 25 x 16.66 (the larger of the two), whilst the smaller one is 16.66 x 50 metres. The large pool offers the possibility of forming eight long lanes and six competition lanes, whilst five lanes can be formed in the smaller one. There is a total of six changing rooms.





Top and bottom, Germans Escalas sports centre.

The Germans Escalas municipal sports centre has six indoor halls: members' gymnasium I, members' gymnasium II, orange (multi-sports and spinning) hall, blue (tatami) hall, green (multi-sports and keep-fit) hall, and four fencing courts. The football-11 pitch was inaugurated in 1977; the lighting is artificial (four towers and six spotlights). Its dimensions are 98.90 x 64.55 metres and it is floored with artificial grass. The centre also has a grandstand, electronic scoreboard, sports equipment, 1 football-11 and 2 football-7 pitches. The football-7 pitch was inaugurated in 1997, and it measures 65x43 metres. It has artificial lighting and an artificial watering system.

The Antoni Servera sports centre has an indoor pool, inaugurated in 2008; measuring 25x12.5 metres, with a minimum depth of 1.10 metres and a maximum depth of 2 metres. The pool has a total of six lanes. It is adapted for the disabled, has external showers, three changing rooms and two more for instructors.

The members' gymnasium, inaugurated in 1994, has an indoor multi-sports track and dimensions of 45x27 metres, and can be divided into three spaces. It also has a multi-sports space. The grandstand has a capacity for 400 spectators. The centre has 6 changing rooms for users and 6 more for referees. The Antoni Servera sports centre has 7,478 users. It runs children's swimming courses, adults' swimming courses, corrective swimming, childbirth preparation and recovery, aqua-gym, handball, basketball, rhythmic gymnastics and physical activities for schools.

The S'Estel sports centre has an indoor pool measuring 25 x 12.5 metres, with a minimum depth of 1.50 and a maximum depth of 2.20 metres, and six lanes. The grandstand has a ca-



Top and bottom, Antoni Servera sports centre.

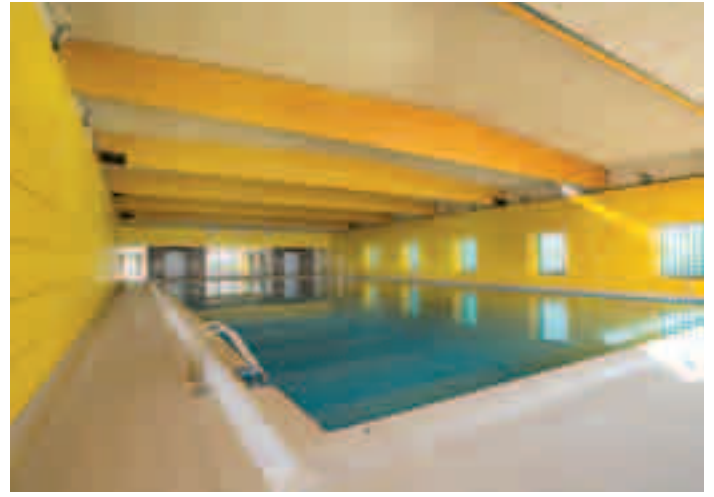
capacity for 116 people on the ground floor and 181 on the first floor. There are three exterior showers, three changing rooms for users and one for instructors. The indoor multi-sports court measures 27x15 metres, and can be divided into two spaces. The grandstand has a capacity for 300. It also has two changing rooms plus one for referees. In total, the S'Estel sports centre has a capacity for 3,777 people. Here one can take part in swimming courses, yoga, Pilates, corrective swimming, childbirth preparation and recovery, a free programme of directed activities, aqua-gym, GAP (toning of buttocks, abs and legs), keep-fit, AFG (general physical training), spinning, stretching, basketball, swimming and volleyball.

The Sant Agustí or Rudy Fernández sports centre has an indoor pool measuring 25x12.5 metres, a minimum depth of 1.50 metres and a maximum depth of 2.20 metres, and 7 lanes. It is adapted for the disabled, has two exterior showers and three changing rooms plus one for instructors.

The indoor multi-sports court measures 40x20 metres. The sports equipment is comprised of volleyball posts, three basketball basket sets and handball and five-a-side football goalposts. There are also 4 changing rooms plus 4 more for referees and instructors. This centre has two halls, one for directed activities measuring 180 metres and one gymnasium with machines, also measuring 180 square metres. It also has two changing rooms. The football pitch measures 88x44 metres, has artificial grass and an artificial watering system. It is equipped for football-11 and football-7, and has 4 changing rooms plus 1 for referees.



*Sant Agustí sports centre.*



*Son Roca pool.*



*Son Hugo facilities.*



*Son Hugo facilities.*

The Sant Agustí sports centre has a capacity for around 4,241 users. It can offer handball, basketball, volleyball, badminton, five-a-side football, aquatic activities, football and football-7.

Swimming enthusiasts have a choice between the facilities of the Son Hugo municipal pools, the Son Roca pool and the Sant Jordi pool.

The Municipal Sports Institute (IME) also has pavilions, multi-sports centres, open-air tracks, football fields and sports facilities that have conventions with the institute.

Other municipal facilities in the city are those of the Government of the Balearic Islands, such as the Príncipes de sports centre, located in the Son Castelló industrial estate, and the Calanova sailing school, located in Avinguda de Joan Miró.

For its part the Mallorca Island Council has the Sant Ferran sports centre, in Camí de Ca l'Ardiaca, and the Son Pardo race track, on the road to Sóller, at km. 3.5.

Tennis, paddle tennis, aerobics, fitness, swimming, water polo, football... these are just some of the activities one can engage in on the sports campus of the University of the Balearic Islands (Palma-Valldemossa road, km 7).

Another facility the city can offer is the Palma Arena velodrome, designed by Dutch architect Sander Douma. This 90,000-square-metre arena has a capacity for 4,500 spectators and a track with a surface area of 250 metres, which was the venue for the

World Track Cycling Championship in 2007; the “Battle of Surfaces”, that same year, between the two best tennis players in the world, Rafa Nadal and Roger Federer; and Eurobasket 2007.

The official contests of the Balearic athletics team take place in the Estadi Balear stadium, located in the eastern district of the city.

We should point out that there is also a host of private installations with tennis and paddle tennis courts, ranging from sports centres to hotels.

## 25. ICONS OF SPORT

Mallorca is one of the regions of Spain with the most top sportsmen and women per square metre. For many years now, cyclists like Guillem Timoner have taken sport on the island to the highest possible level. This cyclist from Felanitx was world track cycling champion six times in the 1950s and '60s. Timoner won three Spanish middle distance championships. When Timoner won these titles it was a rare thing for a Mallorcan to be a top sports figure. However, today Mallorca is a synonym of a cradle of champions. Without leaving the terrain of cycling, Joan Llaneras is the Spanish Olympic sportsman with most medals to his name, alongside the tennis player Arantxa Sánchez Vicario and the canoeist David Cal. Llaneras is also the best Spanish track cyclist of all time, as he has won seven world titles. Other award-winning Mallorcan cyclists are Miquel Alzamora and Toni Tauler. In the women's category there have been many success stories too, and all of them belong to the cyclist from Sant Llorenç, Marga Fullana, who has won five mountain bike world championships.





Rafa Nadal.



Rudy Fernández.



Xavi Torres. Photo: Teresa Ayuga.

In tennis, Rafa Nadal is the greatest exponent of Spanish tennis. Number one seed for nearly a year, the Manacor-born player parades the name of Mallorca in every tournament. Carlos Moyà did the same before him, and in 1999 was the first Spaniard to reach ATP seed number 1. In the women's category, the Cala Millor player Nuria Llagostera is an outstanding figure. In 2009 she became the first woman tennis player from the island to raise a Masters Cup, in this case for doubles.

In football, the natives of Palma "Chichi" Soler and Gabi Vidal made history in 1992 by winning the gold medal in the Barcelona Olympic Games. Currently there are many Mallorcan football players in the first division. Players like Miquel Àngel Moyà, Víctor Casadesús, Iván Ramis, Tuni, Rafel Sastre and Pep Lluís Martí represent Mallorca in the first division. This latter player is the active Mallorcan player with most titles to his name, as he was part of the best Sevilla team in history and has helped

win two UEFA cups, one European Super Cup and one Copa del Rey. Even so, he still remains a certain distance from the numerous titles won by the best Mallorcan football player in history - Miguel Àngel Nadal.

Other sports with Mallorcan champions are motorcycling and basketball. The greatest exponent of the former is Jorge Lorenzo. Born in Palma, he was proclaimed runner-up in 2009 in Moto GP, the top category of world motorcycling. Before this, Jorge Lorenzo won two 250 cc titles, in 2006 and 2007. In the case of basketball, Palma's Rudy Fernández is a member of the golden generation of national basketball. In 2009 Fernández won in the European Championship in Poland, in 2008 he won the silver medal in the Beijing Olympic Games and in 2006 he was victorious in the World Championship in Japan. Three great exploits that have served him to triumph in the best world basketball league, the NBA, where he defends the interests of the Portland Trail Blazers. Rudy has exceeded the



Jorge Lorenzo.



Joan Llaneras. Photo: Teresa Ayuga.

standard set by Rafael Rullán, who won 14 Spanish leagues in the '70s and '80s with the Real Madrid basketball section. Rullán also won three European cups.

But the list of top Mallorcan sports figures does not end here. In taekwondo, we cannot fail to mention Brigitte Yagüe, the Spaniard who has won most awards in this discipline, with three world championships and four European ones under her belt. Another woman whose name is a synonym of triumph is Elena Gómez, who became the first Mallorcan gymnast to receive a gold medal in a world championship in 2002.

Mallorca has many champions related to water sports. The national and international success of Rafael Escalas in the 1970s and '80s paved the way for Xavi Torres, the winner of fifteen gold medals for swimming, including world championships and Paralympics; Blanca Gil, one of the best water polo players on the international scene, or Margalida Crespí, a gold medal winner in 2009 with the Spanish synchronized swimming team. Underwater fishing is another facet of water sports, in which the Mallorcan Jaime Amengual stands out. He has been world's number one in this discipline for the last ten years.

As a city open to the sea, sailing has also given Balearic sports several champions. This is the case of Pepote Ballester, who won the gold medal in the Tornado class in the Atlanta Olympic Games in 1996. Another Olympic champion yacht racer is Jordi Calafat, who also won a gold medal in Barcelona 92. Calafat still sails in competitions and his latest successes include that of being the strategist for Alinghi, a vessel that has won the last two Americas Cups.

## 26. SPORTS EVENTS

Over recent years Palma has been the venue for different events that have placed it at the forefront of international sports. One of the top competitions that took place in the Balearic capital was the Universiade World Student Games of 1999. Son Moix stadium was the setting for this great event, which started to make Palma's relationship with sports more consistent. As well as this event, another competition that lends distinction to Palma year after year is the Sailing Copa del Rey, or King's Cup. In the year 2009, the Bay of Palma hosted the 28th year of the competition. Every year King Juan Carlos has played the part of host, and at the same time of competitor, with the vessel Bribón. As well as the monarch, his whole family also takes part in an event that endorsed Palma as the sailing venue for the Madrid candidature for the Olympic Games in 2012.

Another top competition was the World Track Cycling Championship in 2007, which was held from 29th March to 1st April. An event that brought together the best track cyclists of the international scene. The event was held in Palma Arena, an installation constructed especially to host this competition. Being a multi-sport facility, Palma Arena was also the setting for the Battle of Surfaces, which brought the two best international tennis players in the world – Rafa Nadal and Roger Federer – face to face on 5th March 2007. The two tennis stars played a match on a spectacular court that combined lawn with clay. Another important event that took place in Palma Arena was the 2007 European basketball championship. This installation was the seat of one of the groups that played in this competition in Spain, from 3rd to 16th September.





*The Battle of Surfaces.*



*Trotting at the Son Pardo racetrack.*



*Mallorca Surf Action.*



*TUI Marathon.*

Other sports have also chosen Palma as the venue for their final stages. This is the case of volleyball. In March of 2005, the Son Moix pavilion hosted the final of the Final Four of the Top Teams Cup. With regard to football, the installations of the Son Moix stadium, where Real Mallorca plays its matches, enabled Palma to become the venue for the pre-Olympic football event as part of Madrid's bid to host the Olympic Games in 2016. In March of 2008 the Son Hugo pools were the setting for the XIV Mallorca Open Masters, with the participation of 260 swimmers from 45 clubs from Germany, Sweden, England, Scotland, Poland, the United States, Ireland and Spain. Without a doubt, over the last few years Palma has acquired a great deal of experience, and is now in a position to continue hosting top sports events.

The Son Pardo racetrack is the Spanish trotting race capital. Proof of this is the fact that the Grand National Trotting Prize held here carries big awards and features the best trotting horses and drivers of the world.

Enthusiasts and spectators of water sports have an appointment in Playa de Palma in June, with one of the largest beach culture concentrations, 'Mallorca Surf Action'. The city has become the epicentre of nautical and extreme sports, where the most outstanding world figures all come together in the same setting. 'Mallorca Surf Action' is very important indeed, something fans simply cannot miss, a special event, full of life, and one that fosters beach culture, which presents a healthy atmosphere, where sports action mingles with numerous activities and shows, filling Playa de Palma with rhythm and colour.

In the month of October a route is prepared on the streets of Palma for three athletics disciplines: marathon, half-marathon and Intersport Kids Run. The TUI International Palma de Mallorca Marathon is organised in accordance with the rules and under the control of the Royal Spanish Athletics Federation, which officially measures the route for the marathon and half-marathon trials. The TUI Marathon offers runners and those watching an extremely varied, attractive programme of activities for the enjoyment of all ([www.tui-marathon.com](http://www.tui-marathon.com)). For its part the 'Intersport Kids Run' race is a trail for children aged between 4 and 12.

Perhaps the most significant of the numerous national and international sports competitions that took place over the year 2009 were the XVII cycling Tour of Mallorca (February), the XVII Ciudad de Palma International Half-Marathon (March), the XL S.A.R. Princesa Sofia Trophy (April), the XV Regatta Breitling Illes Balears (July), the XXVIII Copa S.M. El Rey IMS Regatta (August), the XXV Almirante Conde de Barcelona Trophy, Vintage and classic boats (August), and the LIX Ciudad de Palma Trophy (December), among others.



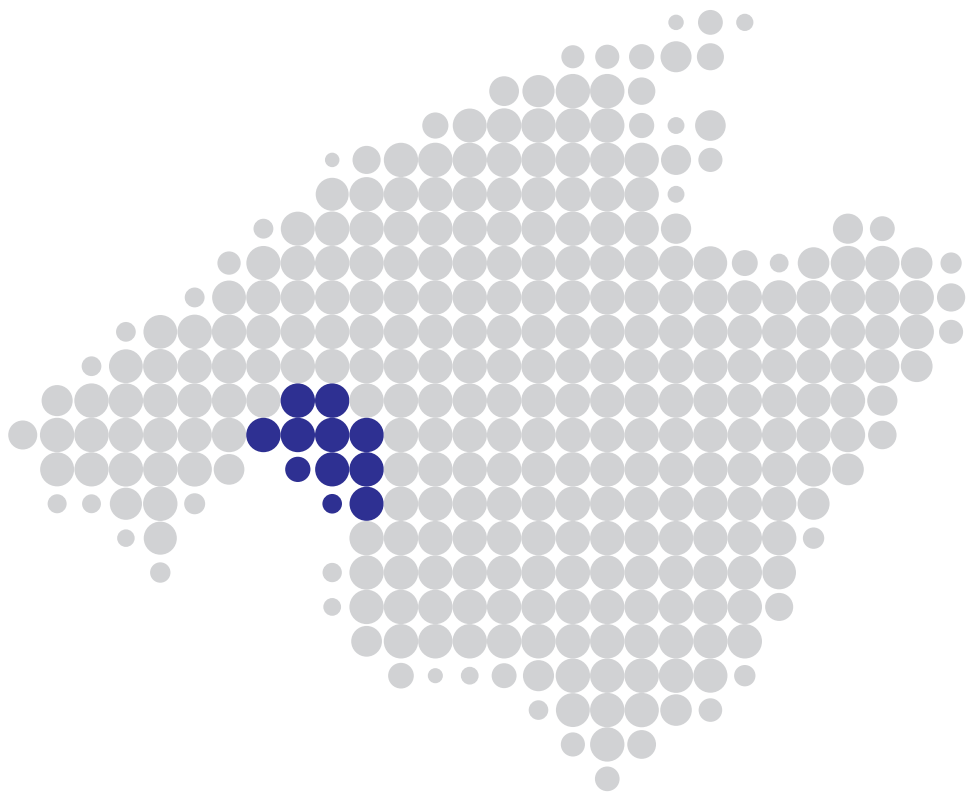
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Palma City Hall.

## 27. PALMA CITY COUNCIL AND MUNICIPAL ORGANISATION

The façade of Palma's City Hall, located in the historic centre of the city, was declared a historical-artistic monument on 3rd June 1931.

The municipal organisation manages the city in a participative fashion, satisfying the needs and expectations of citizens, residents and visitors, through continuous improvement and by offering quality services. Palma's municipal organisational structure is comprised of the City Hall, Ceremonial and Citizen Activation department; Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Culture, Education and Sports; Treasury; Mobility and Local Police; Health and Environment; General Services and Town Planning.

Until December of 2009 Palma's City Council has been acknowledged with the following distinctions of quality: ISO 9001 quality certification and UNE 93200 certification of charters for commitments regarding: assistance for victims of domestic violence, local police, telephone attention service -010, municipal claim services -DMS and attention for victims of gender equality violence service. ([www.palmademallorca.es](http://www.palmademallorca.es))

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## 28. ENVIRONMENT

### WATER, CLEANING AND WASTE

The municipal company in charge of management of everything related to the municipality's integral water cycle (collection, purification and supply of drinking water, and maintenance of the drain systems, drainage and sewage treatment), and also of management of rubbish collection and street cleaning in Palma, is EMAYA - Empresa Municipal d'Aigües i Clavegueram S.A. The realisation of these tasks is possible thanks to the company's workforce of over 700 employees and a large fleet of vehicles. ([www.emaya.es](http://www.emaya.es))

### CLEANING

The municipal cleaning department works every day, 365 days a year, to keep the city in optimum environmental conditions. Street cleaning is carried out by means of manual sweeping, mechanical sweeping (small, medium-sized and heavy-duty street



sweeping machines) and the mixed method. Street furniture are also cleaned by means of sluicing with water, tanker lorries, vehicles with pressure equipment, mini-tankers, etc. Other than these services, which are the most representative, special cleaning is carried out over festive periods and for municipal events. There are different brigades to keep the city clean: herbicides, waste paper bin maintenance, “sanecanes” – waste bins that dispense bags for picking up excrements -, cleaning of bathing areas, etc.

#### WASTE COLLECTION

EMAYA has a network of recycling containers distributed all over the city so that citizens can recycle and help to preserve the environment. In Carrer Gremi Sucrers i Candelers, at the end of Via Asima (Polígono Son Castelló industrial estate), there is a Pilot Recycling Centre (Centro Piloto de Recogida Selectiva).

##### *Pilot Recycling Centre*

The aim of the centre is to make it easier for citizens to rid themselves of certain belongings in an orderly, clean fashion. The following materials and items can be left in this centre: paper, cardboard, oil, non-metallic objects, metallic objects, batteries, clothes, glass, bottles, flat glass and button cells.

##### *Pneumatic waste collection*

With the aim of offering a more streamlined and convenient waste collection service for citizens and shopkeepers in certain areas and in the more singular districts of the city, the Pneumatic Waste Collection system has been introduced. This system transports the waste from the pillar boxes installed on the public road to a Collection Centre, by means of a network of underground tubes. Once in the centre they are placed in large containers for subsequent transportation to the Treatment Centre. Pneumatic Waste Collection functions successfully in the centre of Palma, and as a result around 24,600 citizens benefit from this modern system.



*Pneumatic waste collection.*

#### ENERGY

A historic landmark in the energy model of the Balearic Islands was the arrival of natural gas in Mallorca, through the island of Ibiza. Natural gas is one of the cleanest fossil fuels and is highly efficient, making it an ideal energy source for using electrical infrastructures such as combined cycle centres.

#### GREEN SPACES

The city is endowed with an extensive green surface; numerous urban districts have parks with all kinds of quality elements and infrastructures, perfectly adapted to the surroundings.

Large gardens, squares with fountains, green areas, cycling lanes, children’s playgrounds and rest areas all make up the green scenery of Palma. The most visited green areas are Bellver Castle, the Parc de la Mar, the gardens of S’Hort del Rei, the garden of the Misericordia, the Parc de sa Riera, the Parc de Sa Feixina and the Ses Estacions park.



*Hort del Rei.*

Currently there are 2.2 million square metres of green areas in the city, including basically Bellver Castle, the Parc de sa Riera, the Parc de la Mar, the Ses Estacions park and the Parc Krekovic. In the future this figure is due to increase to 4.6 million square metres.



*Bellver Castle. Photo: Manuela Muñoz.*



*Ses Estacions Park.*

#### ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The public entity in charge of ensuring the environmental quality of the waters of Palma is the Agencia Balear del Agua y la Calidad Ambiental (Balearic Water and Environmental Quality Agency), which is attached to the Regional Ministry for the Environment

and Mobility, the institutional aims of which are the promotion, construction, running and maintenance of the hydraulic infrastructures for water collection, conduction, purification and distribution, treatment of sewage, and acquisition and improvement of the hydraulic heritage of the Balearic Islands.

The Balearic network of air quality control and surveillance consists of the following stations belonging to the Regional Ministry for the Environment and Mobility, installed in Palma: Parc de Bellver station and Carrer Forners station. The data from the most recent air quality study of Palma, published in the year 2008, reveal that the permitted annual contamination limits were not exceeded. Added to this positive information is the fact that, according to the provisional data registered by the Regional Ministry for the Environment's station in the year 2009, the quality of the air in Palma is "good" and, in terms of the whole autonomous community, the quality of the air of the Balearic Islands is "very good", and the region is amongst the best in Spain in this sphere.

The actions included in the current Plan for the Improvement of Air Quality in Palma are grouped into measures for restriction and regulation of traffic, promotion of public transport, management of the fleet of vehicles, etc. Some of the projects or lines of action this plan is designed to develop are: increase in pavements, removal of architectural barriers, installation of routes for pedestrians, connecting the city centre with peripheral areas by means of civic axes, studying the optimization of the urban and interurban bus routes, intensifying the interurban transport service, increasing the number of EMT (municipal transport company) buses... amongst others.

For more information, visit the following websites:

<http://www.caib.es/sacmicrofront/contenido.do?idsite=145&cont=3188&lang=ca&camp=yes> (section on Air Quality of the Environmental Quality Agency)

<http://www.caib.es/sacmicrofront/contenido.do?idsite=145&cont=3184> (air quality data).



*Son Dureta Hospital.*

## 29. HEALTH

Palma has excellent health installations, with qualified personnel who are properly prepared to attend to patients in several different languages, thanks to the cosmopolitan nature of the city. The range of services is modern and capable of dealing with all kinds of requirements; not to forget the possibility of receiving health treatment at home.

The different centres and their health services also offer a series of activities divided into several different thematic areas, ranging from research, food safety, mental health and environmental health, pharmacy and drug-dependency to training of health professionals. The hospitals and health centres of Palma guarantee you are in good hands.

If, during your stay in the capital, you should require medical attention, both public and private assistance is available.

The public hospitals that depend on the Health Service of the Balearic Islands (Servicio de Salud de las Islas Baleares - IB Salut) are Son Dureta University Hospital and Son Llätzer Hospital. Those belonging to Gestió Sanitaria de Mallorca (Gesma - Health Sanitation of Mallorca), part of the Balearic Government, are the General Hospital and the Psychiatric Hospital. There is also a total of 18 health centres and 9 basic health units (outpatients' departments), which make up Palma's network of Primary Care Centres.

With regard to the private network, Palma has five centres belonging to the Asociación Sanitaria de las Islas Baleares (ASIB - Health Association of the Balearic Islands) and twelve from the Unión Balear de Entidades Sanitarias (Balearic Union of Health Entities).





*University of the Balearic Islands.*

### 30. EDUCATION

Over recent years, the creation of new public and private education centres has extended the range of education on offer in the city, and also the teaching workforce for training children, teenagers and adults. State nursery and / or primary schools, secondary schools, state centres for adult education and the educational website of the Balearic Islands are at the service of all.

The Conservatorio Profesional de Música y Danza de Mallorca, or conservatory of music and dance, the Escuela Oficial de Idiomas, or official language school, the 'Joan Lluís Vives' network of Catalan-speaking university, the University of the Balearic Islands (UIB), the Universidad de Educación a Distancia, or distance-learning university (UNED - Illes Balears), the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, or open university of Catalonia (UOC), the Espacio Europeo de Educación Superior, or European space for advanced education (EEES) and the Conferencia de Rectores de las Universidades Españolas, or conference of vice-chancellors of Spanish universities (CRUE) complete the wide range of educational centres in the city. And in addition to all this, we should not forget the students' grants, the Argo Programme, the CIVI - Francia MAEC - AECID programme and the stages in the European Commission.

Rooted in the culture, language and identity of the islands, with a deep commitment to serving society, the UIB is a modern university that is open to the world. Over recent years it has become part of solid international university networks, which have attracted a large number of students from other cities and regions. The UIB is an institution with a commitment to quality of teaching, research and cultural action.

At present the university offers a wide range of qualifications covering both humanities and scientific or technical courses. The campus in Palma contains the Escuela de Hostelería, or hotel and catering school, created in 1995, a clear exponent of specialisation in the leading sector of the Balearic economy - tourism.



## Education centres in Palma – Year 2009-2010

TYPE OF CENTRES	LEVELS	Semi-private	Foreign	Municipal	Private	State	Total
Semi-private centre (CC)	EI, EP, ESO, BAT, FP	45					45
Semi-private special education centre (CCEE)	EE (Special education)	2					2
Special education centre (CEE)	EE					1	1
Nursery education centre (CEI)	EI	7			17		24
Nursery and primary education centre (CEIP)	EI, EP					47	47
Adult education centre (CEPA)	EA (Adult education)					5	5
Conservatory of music and dance (CMD)	MUSIC AND DANCE			1		1	2
Conservatory of music and dance (CSMD)	MUSIC AND DANCE					1	1
Nursery school (EI)	EI					5	5
Official language school (EOI)	LANGUAGES					1	1
School of dramatic arts (ESADIB)						1	1
School of design (ESCRBC)						1	1
Secondary school (IES)	ESO, BAT, FP					20	20
Nursery school age 0-3 (EI 0-3)	EI						7
Private centre (CPRIV)	EI, EP, ESO, BAT, FP						14
Foreign centre (ESTRANG)			6				6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>182</b>

Source: Conselleria d'Educació i Cultura (Regional Ministry for Education and Culture).



