



Son Julia Guide



History

The history of the island

Since the first established settlements in 4000 BC, the island of Mallorca has suffered a turbulent history. Throughout the first millennium before Christ, the island was ruled by the Phoenicians, who dominated Mediterranean trade until 800 BC, when they were defeated by the Greeks. A period of Roman rule followed. Under Roman control, Mallorca and Menorca were named Balears Major and Balears Minor respectively, until they were overthrown by Vandals, who in turn were eventually pushed out by the Byzantines. At the beginning of the 10th century, the Moors arrived, bringing mixed blessing to the island, as well as to the Iberian Peninsula. Agricultural and architecture bloomed, whereas the citizens suffered, due to horrifying cruelty and forced conversions to Islam.

Unfortunately the Reconquista destroyed the majority of the remaining Arab architecture in the mid-thirtieth century, with the intent of wiping out the Moors' influence. However, the stunning Palma Cathedral, notably erected on the remains of a mosque, was built during this period. The construction began in 1229 and ended almost 400 years later in 1601.

In 1716, Mallorca became part of the Spanish province of Baleares, which led to the rise of an autonomous culture that is found on the island today. Palma was named the capital of the Balearic Islands in 1833, as a testament to its growing importance. The 19th century brought economic hardship to Mallorca. However, Palma began to flourish once more in the early 20th century when a rise in agriculture brought renewed wealth to the island.

After World War II, Mallorca's economy thrived due to the introduction of mass tourism. In addition, due to its independence, the island was able to control government expenditures, and thereby could preserve its ancient districts whilst developing into the thriving, modern day port that we know today. Mallorquin, the primary language spoken by residents on the island, is considered to be a variation of Catalan. Most inhabitants however, have some knowledge of English or German.

The history of Lluçmajor

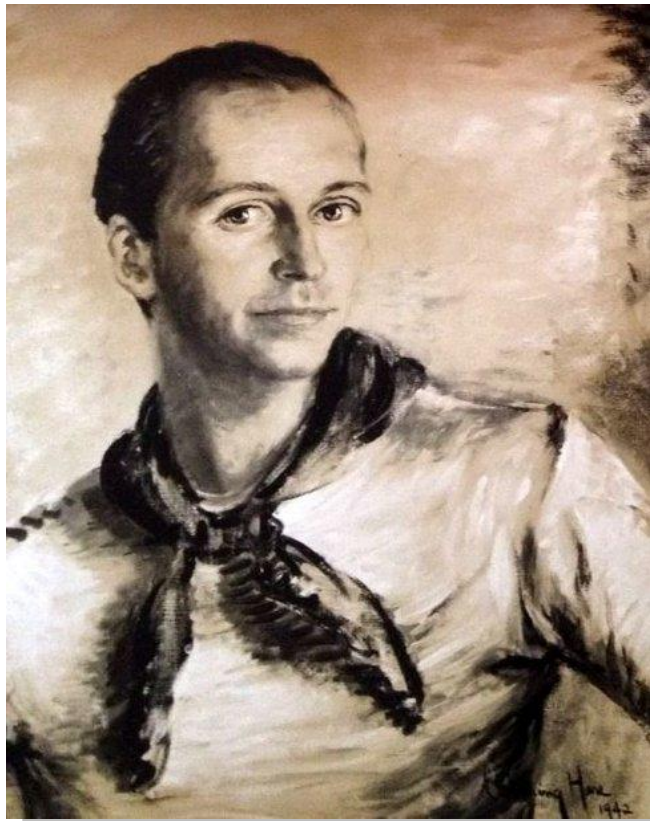
Lluçmajor played a significant role in the history of Mallorca. It was here, at the Battle of Lluçmajor, that Pedro IV defeated his cousin Jaime III, the King of Mallorca. Under Pedro's rule, Mallorca lost its independence and was annexed by the Spanish crown. Jaime IV, the son of Jaime III, was wounded and captured in the battle, but was allowed to keep the title until it was eventually abandoned. A statue, that still stands today, was built in Lluçmajor to honour Jaime III, in addition to a cross that was erected where he is believed to have lost his life. Furthermore, Lluçmajor contains one of the most unique archaeological sites in Spain at Capocorb Vell. Four Talayots (Monuments from the Bronze Age), as well as the remains of 25 houses that were inhabited from 1000 BC until the Roman Era, can be seen here.

The history of the Son Julia Country House

The Son Julia Country House has always been an integral part of the local history, beginning in the 15th century, when the Julia family not only owned Son Julia, but also possessed a significant amount of land in the surrounding area. The noble and well respected Julia family used Son Julia as their primary residence. It was passed down within the family for many generations. The family was extremely wealthy and in 1523 the property was valued at more than seven thousand pounds. Bartolomé Julia, one of the descendants of the Son Julia family, added the name 'Ca S'Hereu' to the property. Both names, Son Julia and 'Ca S'Hereu', appear at the entrance of the property. Another ancestor, Pascual de Togores, the tenth Count of Ayamans, played a significant role in Lluçmajor. During times of hardship and famine, he helped out the residents by offering them jobs on the fertile land of Son Julia. In 1891 the lush property of Son Julia contained almost 7,563 almond trees, 10,990 fig trees, 272 carob trees, 28 olive trees, and a wide variety of fruit trees.

Archaeological remains from the Cyclopic era were found on Son Julia's grounds, but were unfortunately destroyed. During the Civil War, a tunnel was constructed between what is now the Spa of the hotel and the centre of Lluçmajor. In the 1950's, the owners of Son Julia tried to reconstruct this tunnel, but regrettably sections of the tunnel had completely collapsed.

For many years the property was owned by a renowned North American artist Channing Hare, seen below, until he in turn sold it to the current owner before his death.



The mansion was bought by an Arabian family from Dubai with strong connections to the island and the house was used as private residence until 2005 after which they decided to turn it into a hotel.

So therefore today, the hotel has been completely restored, keeping intact as many original elements as possible such as the well in the patio, façade, family chapel, wine cellar and the typical sandstone arches in the restaurant, spa and some of the rooms, an architectural feature which kept the house cool in the heat of the summer. The Son Julia Country House has now 32 hotel rooms and suites, some with private balconies or terraces and spacious bathrooms, where we hope you will enjoy the experience of being in a country manor house.



Your Room A-Z

Air conditioning & heating depending on the time of year, the hotel will activate one or the other. The thermostat can be found on the wall in each of the rooms.

Next to the entrance of the rooms, you can find the main light switch, into which you must place your key card in order to control these various functions. The other switches including the air conditioning and heating will only work when the key card is placed into this.

Animals are not permitted in the hotel.

Babysitting service please contact reception to book this service. We work with an external company so we need to know at least one day in advance in order to organise the service.

Check out time is 12pm/midday. If you would like to extend your stay at the hotel, please contact the reception. Please understand that a later check out is always depending on availability and booking situation of the rooms.

Coffee There is a Nespresso coffee machine in every room, with a free box of 4 capsules. If you want to order a re-fill please ask our Housekeeping staff.

Contact Reception dial “9” on your room phone.

Cots for babies are free of charge, please let us know if you require one.

Dry cleaning The hotel offers daily dry cleaning services. Please note that this service takes up to 2-3 days.

Electric current is 220V throughout the hotel.

Extra bed please contact reception. There is an extra charge for this service of 75 euros/bed/night if it is for an additional person not included in the original reservation.

First Aid The reception contains a small amount of basic equipment for emergencies but cannot distribute any medicine according to Spanish law. Lluçmajor, the closest local town (approximately a four minute drive from the hotel), has pharmacies with normal opening hours. In case of an emergency or urgent medical requirement, please contact the reception and they will inform you of the closest opened pharmacy or will do their best to assist you by calling a doctor or ambulance.

Hairdryer is in every bathroom.

Ironing and Laundry is available at an extra charge. Please see in your wardrobe a form with prices which you can fill out with the items of laundry you wish cleaned/ironed. Place them in the plastic bag also provided and leave in your room for our housekeeping team to collect. Your clothes will be returned to you 2 days later.

Lost & Found If you should lose anything during your stay please contact reception.

Luggage Our reception will help you with your luggage upon arrival and departure. In addition, we offer a storage and left luggage service if needed. Please dial "9" for pick-up service.

Maintenance We are always concerned with maintaining the standard of our rooms. If you find any imperfections or anything that requires attention, please don't hesitate to call the reception. If you encounter problems with the lights in the room, please double-check that the key card is correctly placed in the switch next to your door.

Minibar In the minibar, which is located underneath the television in your room, you can find a pricelist for the available products which are replaced daily. We are happy to cater to your needs and will restock the minibar accordingly. If you have any requests concerning the minibar, please contact reception.

For your own convenience, please inform the reception if you consumed anything from the minibar during your last night or day of departure, to avoid any later charges to your credit card.

Newspapers Daily you can download the newspapers free of charge through our Wi-Fi Son Julia or copy this link in the browser of your device: <https://box.media-carrier.de/?b=23229>

Privacy You will find a 'Please do not disturb' sign in all of the rooms. If a room has a 'Please do not disturb' sign on display, then the minibar will not be restocked and the normal cleaning services will not take place.

Post The reception will gladly assist with any post you need to send or receive during your stay here. Should you wish to send or receive any kind of correspondence-fax/email/etc- then please inform the reception and they will assist you. Stamps are available to be bought at reception.

Safe All of the rooms are equipped with safes, which are located in the wardrobe. Please note that the hotel does not take responsibility for items not placed in the safe.

Taxi Please contact the reception dial "9" if you would like to order a taxi.

Tea There is a tray with an electric kettle and tea bags in every room. If you need more tea please contact us at reception or ask the housekeeping team.

Transport We offer a wide range of transport services: transfers to and from the airport, guided visits of tourist sights, renting a car, and chauffeur services. The reception will gladly assist you with any enquiries regarding transportation.

Valuables The hotel is not responsible for valuables that are lost in the rooms or public areas of the hotel. We recommend that our guests use the safes provided in the room, located in the wardrobe.

Wakeup calls Please feel free to call the reception if you need a wakeup call.

WIFI is free, there is no password needed except at the big pool "sonjulia2022"



Art

As the home of an artist, art plays an important role in the decoration of the hotel's communal areas and the rooms. The hotel houses a number of handmade pieces of furniture and valuable carpets and tapestries, as well as paintings unique to the hotel.

In particular, works by the local painter, Miquel Mesquida Sansó, hang in the entrance hall of the hotel as part of a permanent exhibition. All paintings are available for purchase. The Mallorquin artist Gordiola has embellished the communal areas with his exquisite handcrafted lamps.



Events

Our events department can provide you with information about meetings, weddings, celebrations or business events. It is also possible to book the hotel exclusively giving you the whole venue to host your event. Please contact reception for more information. Or check out or pdf available on our web site under “Events”.



Activities

Bicycles Lluçmajor is an ideal place for an enthusiastic cyclist, since there are many bike paths. You are able to rent bicycles at the hotel. If you would like more information about routes or equipment, the receptionists will gladly assist you.

Excursion & guides Please do not hesitate to contact the reception if you require information about guided group excursions or private tours.

Golf lovers have a wide variety of courses available across the island, which are predominantly opened year round. The Son Antem Golf Club is only a five minute drive from the hotel and has two courses; the East Course and the West Course, which both have 18 holes. You can easily purchase or hire equipment at the club. Our receptionists will gladly help you make a reservation at a variety of the courses with special green fees.

Gym The gym is located in the Orange Tree Patio to keep you in shape. Enjoy the natural light that floods in through the translucent windows and a view of the terrace as you work out.

If you require any information about how the machines work, please ask at the reception. The door to the gym is open from 08:00-20:00h, If you would like to use it after this time, please contact reception.

Tennis The tennis court is located next to the guest parking. At reception we will lend you racquets & balls. Please let us know in advance if you want to book the court. We can organise a private coach for lessons.



Spa & Treatments

Massage The hotel offers an excellent massage service with a wide range of different massages and treatments. The Spa area is located on the ground floor, and open from 9:00-19:00 daily. We advise you to book in advance so that we can more easily meet your needs. You can make your reservation at the reception. A booklet of the treatments can be found in your room or on our website under "Wellness".

Spa Situated in the basement level of the Hotel, the indoor pool, Jacuzzi and Finnish sauna offers a calm and relaxing atmosphere. You can get to the Spa by pressing the '-1' button in the elevator or via the stairs which are situated next to the hallway. It is open from 08:00am to 20:00pm. Children under the age of 14 have to be accompanied by their parents. Children under 16 should not use the sauna.



Pools

Agapanto Pool is our big pool located in the gardens, it's 25 meters in length and private cabañas gives you a wonderful place to relax. Our Pool bar is open from 11:00-18:00 and serves you drinks, cocktails & ice creams. Children should always be accompanied by an adult at all times. There is no lifeguard.

Mandarina Pool is our small *adult's only pool* located on the top terrace going up the white stairs on exiting reception. If you wish to be served drinks here please contact reception

Spa Pool is located in the basement of the house in one of the most historic rooms and preserves the original sandstone arches. This heated pool is open daily from 8:00-20:00. Children under 14 should be accompanied by an adult at all times.



Gastronomy

Sa Magrana Restaurant & terrace

In the Restaurant you can enjoy the best selection of fresh products and ingredients typical of the Mediterranean cuisine. Traditional recipes have been revised by our Chef and his team to create a wide variety of delicious and imaginative dishes.

The times below may vary slightly depending on the season:

Breakfast	08.00 - 11.00	Lunch	13.00 - 17.00	Dinner	19.30 - 22.00
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In order to make a reservation in one of our restaurants, please come to reception or dial "9" on your room phone.

Agapanto Pool Bar is open from 11:00-18:00 daily serving drinks, cocktails & ice creams.

Bar Sa Capella is open from 10:00-22:00 located in the original estate chapel in the hallway opposite reception.

Dietary requirements Please contact our reception team, if you have any special food requirements or dietary needs (gluten/lactose free products etc). We do have a vegetarian menu available and the kitchen can make dishes for guests with certain allergies or restrictions.



Our Vineyard & Son Julia wine

Son Julia wine Our estate vineyard produces a white fruity wine made from a mixture of local Prensai grapes and Chardonnay grapes. It is produced by a winery in the nearby village of Felanitx and can be bought exclusively at our restaurant. Every end of August/beginning of September we harvest the grapes and take them to be pressed and stored in vats for the following year for you to enjoy!



Concierge

Beaches our reception is happy to recommend the following beaches; Es Trenc, Cala Pi, Illetas, Es Carbó, El Caragol, S´Amarador, Cala Mondragó.

Bike rental If you would like to rent a bike please come to reception for more information.

Car rental If you would like to rent a car please come to reception for more information.

Flowers If you would like to gift some flowers or bouquets that you would like to have in your room please contact reception we will arrange it for you

Golf we offer our guests special green fee rates at many golf courses on the island. Please ask at reception for more information.

Markets we recommend the following village markets to visit;

Tuesday = Alcúdia & Artá,

Wednesday = Llucmajor & Santanyí,

Thursday = Campos & Deià,

Friday = Llucmajor & Santa María,

Saturday = Santanyí & Sóller,

Sunday = Alcúdia, Pollensa & Valldemosa.

Restaurant recommendations If you would like to book a table at a restaurant please come to reception.

Sightseeing we recommend visiting the following areas during your stay on the island;

Llucmajor village = just 4 minutes drive from Son Julia, this is our nearest village and has a market on Wednesday & Fridays where you can purchase local items.

Randa village = 10 minutes drive from Son Julia, this small village has a beautiful Monastery called "Santuari de Cura" with stunning almost 360 degree views of the island on a clear day.

Palma city = the bustling hub of the island, here you can visit the "La Seu" cathedral with stunning views over the bay, the adjoining Almudaina Palace, and the Plaza Cort where the town hall is located. The streets of Santa Catalina are always busy especially at night when many locals frequent the restaurants and bars. The old part of La Lonja was the fishing area of the city and it worth exploring.

Museums = Try to visit "Es Baluard" the contemporary museum of Palma, Joan Miró museum or Casal Solleric.

Shopping you can find most fashion and gift shops located in Palma, on the Passeig del Born, Avenida Jaime II, and in the streets near Plaza Cort. The main department store "El Corte Inglés" is on Avenida Jaime II and also Avinguda de Alexandre Roselló. There is also a discount outlet shopping centre "Mallorca Fashion Outlet" near Marratxi. Near the hotel on the way into Palma there is a large shopping centre called "Fan".

Excursions

From Palma to Soller

To visit the picturesque town of Sóller, you can choose between two different paths: the fastest is to go through the recently built tunnel, but without a doubt, the most beautiful is to take the train from the Plaza de España station in Palma. The trip lasts approximately one hour. There are different departures from Palma, starting at eight in the morning. Find out about the schedules at our reception.

The Gardens of Alfabia

Its gardens and fountains are reminiscent of the times of the thousand and one nights. The romantic staircases, the exotic vegetation and the manor house with its Mudejar-style roofs,

testimony to the Arab influence, will impress you in such a way that you can imagine yourself in a true oasis. The entrance to the gardens is located on the road from Palma to Sóller, just before entering the tunnel. Check the visiting hours at reception

Sa Calobra

The road that leads to Sa Calobra, despite its numerous curves (it is popularly known as the tie knot), introduces you to the most spectacular road on the island; in a distance of less than 12 km it descends from 800 meters to 0 meters above sea level. The only consolation is to tell them that the ascent is easier than the descent. Also warn them that it is one of the places most frequented by tourists; however, it is worth it. How to get there: take the Sóller road and turn off towards Pollença; they will pass next to the Cuber and Gorg Blau reservoirs; after the latter, turn left. The path is perfectly signposted.