



Port d'Andratx

Fact Sheet



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Residential Almar, Port Andratx Mallorca

A very warm welcome to Residential Almar in Port Andratx. Almar is a quiet community where people live permanently. Please respect the area, surrounds and the pool rules. Have an amazing time and if you need any help or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Port Andratx is in the South West Corner of Mallorca. A beautiful spot overlooking the port with numerous restaurants and bars and a good location to explore the south and west of the island and if more adventurous (!) the rest of the island. I have always said: "Don't base your opinion of Mallorca on one resort – each resort is so different.

My history

As a young boy I was luckily taken here to Mallorca in 'the January's' of quite a few years. The staff of the Hotel Villamil in Paguera were always bemused as my siblings and I asked them to take the cover off the pool to let us swim! My Mum and Dad then wanted to venture north to Port de Pollenca where they found small hotels (no kids clubs to my annoyance but beach and sea access on our doorstep!). We then got to go in July!

In my early twenties I overheard someone talking in a library about working as a holiday rep. After interviews and team building exercises in London my wish was granted and I was flown out to Mallorca. My first resort was El Arenal on the south coast. My parents actually had their honeymoon here and asked what it was like now, over the phone. I was standing on a dusty road at a telephone box and I blurted out 'Beirut!' I grew to like the resort and its beach and the location to nearby Magaluf. Quite nice to leave Magaluf at the end of the night and leave 'those' guests to the reps of that resort! Second year I was on the east coast in Calas de Mallorca. As mentioned below about coves - a resort with steps to the beach, which always seemed to bug me but with some great hotels and a nice family resort.

I did three weeks or so at the start of the winter season and it was lovely and quiet and beautiful and I could see why reps wanted to stay. But a ski season was calling and I went off. But in those three weeks we used to take bus loads to Andratx market and stop off at the port to give them an hour to have a coffee. 'Here's what you could have had!'

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A few years later in the UK, upon seeing an advert in the paper about buying abroad, I flew out to Mallorca and as much as I did a wide search along the south coast, a good steak with my Dad and *that* view sold Port Andratx to me and I knew this is where I had to buy.

I spent quite a few trips with friends here and when I met Suzanne, I told her to come with us. She turned up with her friend and.... luckily loved the place! In 2012, we married in the church just up the road from the apartment and now spend many holidays here with our three children.

Enjoy this special place.

There are two entrances to the property.

Side entrance: Note that halfway down this road is one way! We use this entrance to drop off our suitcases and 'partner and kids' and then reverse back up and try and park on the road at the top. If no parking space, head to the end of the road, turn left. At roundabout, head straight over and then turn right into the car park. Mind other cars coming up the slope. Head down the hill of the car park to park.

Front entrance: Use this if arriving in a taxi. Ask to be dropped off at the Eroski supermarket in Port Andratx. As you come into Port Andratx you will bend to the left at the water's edge. The supermarket will be on your left and the taxi rank. Turn left here and the front entry is the white gates on your right. You may be lucky to find a parking spot opposite on the left hand side. Very rare! You can pull over for a quick period of time to unload anything and then to park: head straight on, turn left at roundabout and turn right into car park.

The Residential Almar Community / complex: You will find the pool rules in the lift and on the back of the front door. Whilst they seem a bit of a kill joy, with no inflatables, it does make it a nice atmosphere for everyone. Sun loungers can be brought out from the garage area and placed back after use. There is no need to reserve them and no need to hog them and then not use them throughout the day!

Restaurants and bars

Restaurants have changed ownerships overtime and things change. Also, people's idea of a nice restaurant may be different to another! Prices have shot up over recent years and you may find a cheaper meal in other resorts. In Andratx, I'm afraid, it is what it is but you do have the views and when people go back to other resorts - you get to stay! Some restaurants may be a good idea to book beforehand.

Water's edge:

Can Pep: lovely setting right on the water's edge. Chateaubriand for me here!

Savantry: have only recently tried this and I thought the food was great. Tables a bit close together!

Copolla: pizza, chicken and chips. Can sit here or can order take away and sit back on the terrace at the apartment. Next to.....

Gi Wine: drinks - sun downer cocktail or beer?! Or whilst you wait for your chicken and chips: "Just popping to get the dinner at Copolla!"

Tim's Bar: good for views: good menu for kids

Mitji & Mitji: drinks and watch people go by. Live music at times.

Bakery: breakfast, lunch and pastries

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Central Bar: quick bites to eat with a good menu.

Cappuccino: a bit pricey for lunch but with good service. Can be nice to finish or start the evening here with a cocktail.

Round the back: Can walk out of side entry: turn right, then left. You will come to the church where Suzanne and I got married! Alternatively, walk out the front entrance. Get to the pastry café and turn left. You walk up past a small square of restaurants and then at the top you will see the church. Turn right here and you have some lovely restaurants here: with some lovely fish. Also: Pizza and pasta restaurant: (red and white tablecloths): Ciao Bello and Rustico's.

On the other side of the port: a 10–15-minute walk along the water's edge is a few restaurants and two in the Club de Vela: One with tablecloths and bit more a fine dining restaurant. The other: I would say for lunch or early dinner. Omelette and chips kind of place and lots of other dishes. Or just come for a drink and look at the boats.

Beaches

These are just a few of the nearest beaches:

In the port: small beach along the front. We tend to get some ice cream at Capri and sit on the bench looking over the port.

Right on the other side: see map: is Cala Fonell beach.

Restaurant / beach bar on the beach, Chairs dug into the sand! Note: no shade and sharp sand beach. Lovely swim in the sea. Very secluded and people have got to know this now! Open for lunch and dinner and can just have a drink.

Camp de Mar: 15 mins from Port Andratx. Snack bar on the beach (chips, drinks etc). Restaurant that is at the end of a jetty out onto the sea.

Paguera: 15 mins from port. Promenade that stretches round the beach with restaurants. If getting a taxi: head to Hotel Villamil and then walk down one of the alley ways to the beach. Note there are three beaches in Paguera. If driving yourself, head along through the shops and you will see a P for parking. It goes underground and you pay when you leave. This takes you to one of the beaches. This has restaurant's on the beach. The other beach next to Villamil - Playa Palmira, has a restaurant called Domin. We tend to spend the day by the pool and head here about 3pm (if in peak season heat!). We then shower on the beach and head to Domin which looks over the beach. Nothing too fancy but good menu and great view!

Magaluf: Magaluf of course has its stories but great beach and promenade and if you want a cheap kids meal on the beach then this is it! Night time, the crowd does change and well - it is what it is!

Sant Elm: The other direction from the others. A quieter resort with restaurants overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

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Days out

Boat hire: Head towards Club de Vela. Walk into the gate just near the children's play park. There is a jetty on the left. You can hire a boat without a licence. Try Smart Boats: smartboatsmallorca.com

If you do this, I recommend heading to the right once you have gone out of the port. There is a small bay to drop anchor and go for a swim. Further round you can head into Sant Elm. Again, drop anchor, swim. Take some goggles to see the fish and if you're the one on the boat throw some crisps or bread in for the fish - right next to the swimmer!

Palma: Cathedral and its lanes. Explore, wonder, get lost!

Restaurants: along the front from the Cathedral try Pesquero.

A great bar for the evening time is Bar Abaco. Around this area you will find lots of bars and restaurants.

West Coast – Puerto Soller. 45 mins from Port Andratx

Tram from Soller to the beach. This is a lovely ride and good fun for the kids. You can catch a train from Palma up to Soller too.

East Coast: Cala d'Or. One hour. This has changed so much over the years, with a new marina too. The east coast is all about the coves and each resort you must go in and then out and go round to the next. So, from Andratx, you would just head to one and Cala d'Or being the main one.

Just north from here are the **Caves of Drach in Porto Cristo**. Lake Martel is regarded as the biggest underground lake in the world. Sit on boats and listen to music in candlelight.

North: Alcudia. One hour. 7 kilometres of beach. Plenty of restaurants and bars. The main thing here is the beach and its shallow waters.

North: Port de Pollenca: one hour. A stunning bay. Once you have arrived head to the Pine Walk. Lovely little spots to sit and swim and if you have the energy walk to hotel Illa d'Or for a drink or lunch.

Water parks: Magaluf: Western Park. El Arenal: Aqualand. Alcudia: Hidropark Alcudia

Marineland Mallorca

Palma **Aquarium**

Go Karts: Magaluf

Shows: Pirates, Magaluf. Early sitting for kids. Acrobatics and great fun for all. There is a late show for adults only.

Son Amar: On the road towards Valldemossa, West coast. I have not been since I worked on the island, but this used to be a great show and I am sure it still is: Dinner and show, and not really for young children.

Shopping

Market Day: Wednesday morning in Andratx Town: 10 minutes from the port by car.

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