

## A cinematic island

Following the traces of films shot in Mallorca is an incredible experience. It sees us trek through the Serra de Tramuntana mountain range, along cliffs and coves exposed to the blue sea, or around the palaces of Palma... Exploring these spots around the island that became a part of cinematic storylines that touched the hearts of viewers.

### "Mallorca is a paradise - if you can stand it"

#### Errol Flynn

Barring Michael Douglas, the celebrity face of the island since his purchase of s'Estaca, if ever there had been a name associated with Mallorca, it would have been Errol Flynn. He became captivated with Palma and docked at the island with his yacht, the *Zaca*, which had its moment of glory in *The Lady of Shanghai* by Orson Welles, another famous name who stayed on the island exploring his passion for bullfighting.

#### Rita Hayworth

The lead actress in *The Lady of Shanghai* also stayed on the island to receive treatment for her alcohol addiction. She stayed at Hotel Bahía Palace, which welcomed other famous guests including Mary Pickford and Brigitte Bardot.

#### Zsa Zsa Gabor

Another of Welles' muses especially remembered for having stayed at Castillo Hotel Son Vida and getting arrested for refusing to pay the bill. Other guests in the same hotel included Marlene Dietrich, Brigitte Bardot and Grace Kelly.

#### Robert Graves

The host of Deia. He welcomed stars including Alec Guinness, before he became Obi-Wan Kenobi, or Ava Gardner, who inspired the poem "Not to Sleep" and the story set on the island, "A Toast to Ava Gardner". Other famous names to have visited Deia include George Lucas, Pierce Brosnan, Francis Ford Coppola, Gwyneth Paltrow, Harrison Ford, Kirsten Dunst, Leonardo DiCaprio, Roman Polanski, Tom Hanks...

Hotel Formentor was another legendary retreat: John Wayne, Charles Chaplin, Audrey Hepburn, Grace Kelly or Gary Cooper, who word has it was offered the rooms of other guests when the hotel was fully booked.

#### Famed locals

In Puerto de Andratx: Peter Ustinov, Guy Hamilton (13) and Jean Seberg (12).

John Barry set up ship in Santa Margalida where he composed several Oscar-winning soundtracks. The island was also the place where he met his future wife, Jane Birkin.

Söllér is currently home to Colm Meaney and Andrew Lloyd-Webber.

And we mustn't forget about some of the greats who were born in Mallorca, such as an Almodóvar girl, Rosy de Palma, and Fortunio Bonanova, the piano maestro in *Citizen Kane*.

## Films and Tours



### Tour 1. Palma

#### 1. Bahía de Palma. Juan Bosch. 1962

This love story set against the touristic backdrop of Mallorca was a box office hit. Why? Because it was the first time a woman in a bikini was shown on Spanish cinema screens. Elke Sommer was the actress flaunting it. At the time, censorship under the Franco regime was becoming more lax with frequent sightings of skimpy-clad foreign women on the beaches of Mallorca.

**Tour 1.** Can Oleza, Can Morell, Cathedral, Port, Plaza de la Reina, Seafont Promenade, La Sirena Hotel, Hotel Gran Meliá Victoria, Hotel Fénix, Playa de Can Pastilla.

**Tour 2.** Valldemossa Charterhouse, Alfabiá Gardens, Formentor, Port de Pollença, Costa Nord.

#### 2. Brevi amori a Palma di Majorena (Vacations in Mallorca). Giorgio Bianchi. 1959

This Italian comedy starring Alberto Sordi, one of the leading actors of this genre; the handsome Spanish actor, Vicente Parra; and English actress, Belinda Lee; centres around the adventures of a group of Italians spending their summer holidays in Mallorca.

**Tour 1.** Hotel Mediterráneo, Hotel Fénix, Plaza de Toros.

**Tour 2.** Playa de Formentor.

#### 3. Jappeloup. Christian Duguay. 2013

Guillaume Canet plays the lead in this story based on real-life events. In the 1980s, French jockey Pierre Durand defied the odds stacked against him by winning gold with his horse Jappeloup, an unlikely show-jumping competitor given its background and temperament. In the film, the Hipódrom Son Pardo racecourse was transformed into the venue for the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

**Tour 1.** Hipódrom Son Pardo Racecourse, Plaza de Toros.

#### 4. En man som heter Ove (A Man Called Ove). Hannes Holm. 2015

This drama by Swedish director Hannes Holm was nominated for an Oscar in the "Best Foreign Language Film" category in 2017. Throughout the film, the lead character gradually lets the audience in on the reasons behind his ill temper. A dramatic experience during a trip to Mallorca in his youth was a turning point.

**Tour 1.** Hotel Araxa.

**Tour 2.** Valldemossa, Carretera de Sa Calobra.

#### 5. Jack and Jill. Dennis Dugan. 2011

Despite the dubious honour of receiving ten Razzie awards (the Anti-Oscar awards), this comedy has a star-studded cast: Adam Sandler, Katie Holmes and the one and only Al Pacino. Bellver Castle was used as Pacino's grand residence in the film.

**Tour 1.** Bellver Castle.



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### Tour 2. Serra de Tramuntana mountain range

#### 6. The Damned United. Tom Hooper. 2009

Before making *The King's Speech* (2010) and *The Danish Girl* (2015), Tom Hooper directed this film adaptation of the novel *The Damned Utd* by David Peace. It centres around the tenure as football manager of the controversial Brian Clough (played by Michael Sheen) and his tense relationship with other legendary names from the British football world: Don Revie (Colm Meaney) and Peter Taylor (Timothy Spall).

**Tour 2.** Playa de Palmanova.

#### 7. The Inbetweeners. Ben Palmer. 2011

The film seeks to offer closure to the storyline of the successful British sitcom that it is based on. It follows the adventures of four teenage friends who go on holiday to celebrate their last year of school. Although the story is set in Greece, some of the scenes were filmed in Mallorca.

**Tour 2.** Magaluf, Port de Sóller.

#### 8. The Pelayos (Winning Streak). Eduard Cortés. 2012

The real-life García Pelayo family spent most of the 1990s trying to win big at casinos all over the world. In 2011, Eduardo Cortés brought this exciting story to the big screen with performances by major actors including Miguel Ángel Silvestre, Blanca Suárez, Lluís Homar and Daniel Brühl.

**Tour 1.** Palma.

**Tour 2.** Gran Casino de Mallorca, Formentor.

#### 9. The Magus. Guy Green. 1968

Although the plot takes place on the island of Greece, this film starring Michael Caine, Anthony Quinn, Anna Karina and Candice Bergen was shot in Mallorca. The film made such a lasting impression on locals from one of its locations, the Cala Portals Vells II, that they now call it Playa El Mago. Unlike the original book written by John Fowles, the film was a flop in terms of ratings and amongst critics. In reference to the screen adaptation, Woody Allen was quoted as saying: "If I had to live my life over again, I would want everything exactly the same with the exception of seeing the film version of *The Magus*".

**Tour 1.** Llar de la Infancia of Mallorca Island Council.

**Tour 2.** Playa el Mago.

#### 10. Evil Under the Sun. Guy Hamilton. 1983

Following the success of his four James Bond films, Guy Hamilton brought the Agatha Christie novel *Evil Under the Sun* to the big screen. With an all-star cast including Peter Ustinov, Jane Birkin and Maggie Smith, the film adaptation made some changes to the original book, including the decision to centre the storyline on an island in the Adriatic Sea, and not in Devon. That said, Mallorca was the location chosen to shoot the adventures of Detective Hercule Poirot.

**Tour 2.** Raixa, Cala Fornells, Formentor.



Jutrenka. Un invierno en Mallorca (1969)

#### 11. A Long Way Down. Pascal Chaumeil. 2014

This comedy starring Pierce Brosnan, Toni Collette and Aaron Paul begins with the chance encounter of four strangers with the intent of committing suicide. They decide to call off their plan and organise a trip to Tenerife (which is actually Camp de Mar) to reflect on their troubles.

**Tour 1.** Camp de Mar.

#### 14. Jutrenka. Un invierno en Mallorca. Jaime Camino. 1969

Jaime Camino offers a unique perspective on the trip taken by Chopin and George Sand to Valldemossa, bringing it to the big screen. The filmmaker took inspiration from claims by the writer and, just like in the original novel, Mallorcan society is depicted in a negative light and the more conservative sectors labelled it anti-Spanish.

**Tour 2.** Valldemossa, Valldemossa Charterhouse, Ermita de la Santísima Trinidad.

#### 16. Laughter in the Dark. Tony Richardson. 1969

Tony Richardson (known for films including *The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner*, 1962, or *Tom Jones*, 1963) chose Mallorca to shoot some outdoor scenes of this screen adaptation of the Vladimir Nadokov novel with the same name and starring Anna Karina.

**Tour 1.** Hotel Son Vida.

**Tour 2.** Port d'Andratx, Camp de Mar, s'Estaca.

#### 17. Hotel Paradises. 1990

In this well-known series, Hotel Es Molí in Deia is transformed into Hotel Paradises, a popular tourist establishment run by a German family.

**Tour 2.** Deia.

## Advertising

Major adverts shot on the island include the "Mediterráneamente" campaign for Estrella Damm, with the first segment (2012) showcasing the Serra de Tramuntana mountain range. Without overshadowing the beautiful northern landscape, the second (2016) was filmed in the southern region (Caló de Marmòls in Santanyi) and starred two major actors: Jean Reno and Laia Costa (38).

In 2014, Stella Artois commissioned the German filmmaker Wim Wenders to shoot an advert at the exclusive Hotel Maricel in Cas Català, Calvià. Two years later, F1 driver Lewis Hamilton took a Mercedes Benz for a spin along the winding Carretera de Sa Calobra road. Scenes were filmed on Sa Calobra beach for a Vodafone advert in 2014, which also featured shots of Palma. The capital stars as a youthful and modern city in 2014 McDonald's ad that was aired in Italy. Captain Morgan went on a journey through time in 2013, transforming the Bellver Castle and walls into Port Royal (Jamaica) to tell a story of 17th century pirates.

Pla de Mallorca has also been used as an advertising location: the square of Sineu became a Tuscan town in the campaign launched by Coca-Cola and Martini to promote their "Chispazo" in 2010.

#### 18. Four Last Songs. Francesca Joseph. 2007

The picturesque town of Deia is visited by the lead character, a down-in-the-dumps American pianist in search of inspiration to rekindle his passion.

**Tour 1.** Can Vivot.

**Tour 2.** Deia, Cala Deià.

#### 19. Bearn. Jaime Chávarri. 1983

The gardens of Raixa feature as the main scene of *Bearn o la sala de las muñecas* (Bearn or the Doll's Room) by Jaime Chávarri, based on the novel by Mallorca-born Llorenç Villalonga. With Fernando Rey, Ángela Molina, Imanol Arias and Amparo Soler Leal in lead roles, the film explores the lives of the decadent Mallorcan aristocracy struggling to hold on to their fading nobility.

**Tour 1.** Can Vivot, Cercle Mallorquí, Palau March, Cathedral.

**Tour 2.** Orient, Raixa.

#### 20. Cloud Atlas. Tom Tykwer, hermanas Wachowski. 2012

After revolutionising the world of cinema with *The Matrix*, the Wachowskis continued waging on science fiction with this screen adaptation of the David Mitchell novel. The film, co-directed with Tom Tykwer, stars Tom Hanks and Halle Berry. Mallorca was chosen as one of the film locations; its landscapes are the ideal setting for one of six plots set across six different eras and places around the world.

**Tour 2.** Torrent de Pareis, Puig Major, Formentor.

#### 21. Krakatoa, East of Java. Bernard L. Kowalski. 1969

The film is based on the natural disaster that occurred in 1883 with the volcanic eruption on the Indonesian island of Krakatoa, leading to its absolute devastation. Although the plot takes place in Indonesia, it was the impressive coastlines of Sóller and the towering Torre de Pareis that were used as the backdrop of the film.

**Tour 2.** Costa de Sóller, Torrent de Pareis.

#### 23. Die Schmugglerbraut von Mallorca (The Smuggler's Bride of Mallorca). Hans Behrendt. 1929

The presence of German film crews in Mallorca during the 1920s and 30s was prominent. This includes the crew shooting *Die Schmugglerbraut von Mallorca* (*The Smuggler's Bride of Mallorca*), a UFA production starring the in-demand Jenny Jugo, where Cala San Vicente was chosen as the ideal spot to film this story entwining love with smuggling.

**Tour 2.** Cala Sant Vicenç.

#### 24. Me Before You. Thea Sharrock. 2016

Emilia Clarke (*Game of Thrones*) and Sam Chafin (*The Hunger Games*) star in one of the most romantic films of 2016. The pair organise a trip to reignite Chaffin's love for life after becoming paralyzed. The scene shot at Hotel Formentor is used to recreate a holiday retreat on the island of Mauritius.

**Tour 2.** Hotel Formentor.

#### 25. Das Muss Man Durch. Thomas Lee. 2015

The film shows the luxurious side of German tourism in Mallorca. The grand fort of Pollensa stands in as the villa where a wealthy German family stay on their holidays.

**Tour 1.** Palma.

**Tour 2.** Sa Fortalesa de Pollença.

#### 26. The Night Manager. 2016

The BBC commissioned the production of this successful spy miniseries based on the novel with the same name by John le Carré. The film locations show the most exclusive side to Mallorca. It gained three Golden Globes in 2017, with awards going to the three main actors: Hugh Laurie, Tom Hiddleston and Olivia Colman.

**Tour 1.** Palau March, Plaza Drassana (Restaurant Sa Drassana), Plaza de Sant Eulàlia.

**Tour 2.** Sa Fortalesa, Cala Deià, Port de Sóller, Hotel Maricel in Cas Català.

### Tour 3. Pla and Raiguer

#### 27. Ein Thron für Christine (A Throne for Christine). Luis César Amadori. 1960

Similar to *Where Are You Going, Alfonso XII* (1959), Luis César Amadori explores the theme of monarchy. This time around, however, the film is set in Mallorca at the end of the 1950s. Cristine Kaufmann is unknowingly the heiress to the throne of a Principality in Europe. Before discovering her fate, she leads a blissfully happy life on the island.

**Tour 1.** Hotel Mediterráneo, Porto Pi.

**Tour 2.** Valldemossa Charterhouse, Hotel Maricel, Santa Ponsa.

**Tour 3.** Celler Can Amer in Inca.



## Mallorcan filmmakers

There is a new wave of filmmakers offering a unique perspective of the island. The Serra de Tramuntana mountain range is one of their most-visited destinations: Bert (Lluís Casasayas, 1999), Yo (Rafa Cortés, 2000), in Estellens, *The Perfect Stranger* (Toni Bestard, 2012), in Bunyola o *Presence of Mind* (Antoni Aloy, 1999) with two powerhouses, Harvey Keitel and Lauren Bacall, in Raixa (15). Agustí Villaronga shot *The Sea* (2000), based on the novel by Blai Bonet, on the Pla de Mallorca (Santa Eugènia, Biniali and the Cementerio de Petra) (29); meanwhile, Daniel Monzón took advantage of multiple locations for *The Kovak Box* (2006); Magaluf, Costa Nord and the Caves of Drach (22); similar to the intent of Marga Melià in *Bittersweet Days* (2016) with scenes recorded at: Caló des Moro, Ses Covetes, Campos, Colonia San Jordi, Valldemossa and Palma.

Within the field of animation, LADAT produced *Ella*, which gained a nomination at the 2012 Goya Awards. *Woody & Woody* (Laura Gost and Jaume Carrió, 2017), is a CEF and Tomavistes production selected at various international film festivals and also nominated at the Goya Awards.



The Kovak Box (2006)

#### 28. Mad Dogs. 2011

Five friends get together in Mallorca for a holiday, staying at the villa belonging to one of them. The events that unwind see them caught up in a world of crime and corruption. The first season, filmed on the island, was a huge hit and gained a BAFTA nomination in 2011.

**Tour 1.** Palma.

**Tour 2.** Can Melcion Villa in Pollensa, Sóller.

**Tour 3.** Ruberts.

#### 30. Woman of Straw. Basil Dearden. 1964

Gina Lollobrigida and Sean Connery star in this torrid tale of love and betrayal. While sailing along the Mediterranean, the characters are forced to make a stop in Mallorca where they engineer a plan to take control of a hefty fortune.

**Tour 4.** Artà, Cala Rajada.

**Tour 5.** Porto Colom.

**Tour 3.** Can Picafort.

#### 31. Deadfall. Bryan Forbes. 1968

Bryan Forbes admitted that the script was originally written with Madrid and Malaga in mind. After discovering Mallorca, the director was blown away and decided to use the island instead of the Andalusian city to shoot a scene in this story about a jewel thief (Michael Caine) orchestrating his next heist. Another two British names had input in the film: writer Robert Graves makes a cameo appearance, and composer John Barry penned the soundtrack.

**Tour 1.** Marivent, Municipal Cemetery of Palma.

**Tour 2.** Bendinat Castle, Alfabiá.

**Tour 4.** Sa Torre Cega in Cala Rajada.

#### 32. The 7th Voyage of Sinbad. Nathan Juran. 1958

This cinematic classic has the trademark of Ray Harryhausen, who took charge of the special effects. It is the first in a trilogy that centres around Sinbad, a character from *One Thousand and One Nights*. It was shot in several Spanish locations including Mallorca, which transforms into the fantastical island of Colossa.

**Tour 2.** Torrent de Pareis.

**Tour 4.** Cuevas de Artà.

#### 33. The Golden Voyage of Sinbad. Gordon Hessler. 1973

This is the second film in the trilogy inspired by the character of *One Thousand and One Nights* and the follow-up to *The 7th Voyage of Sinbad* (Nathan Juran, 1958). Following in the footsteps of the first,

Mallorca is used as the backdrop for this Middle-Eastern tale. The special effects were once again added by the distinctive trademark of Ray Harryhausen.

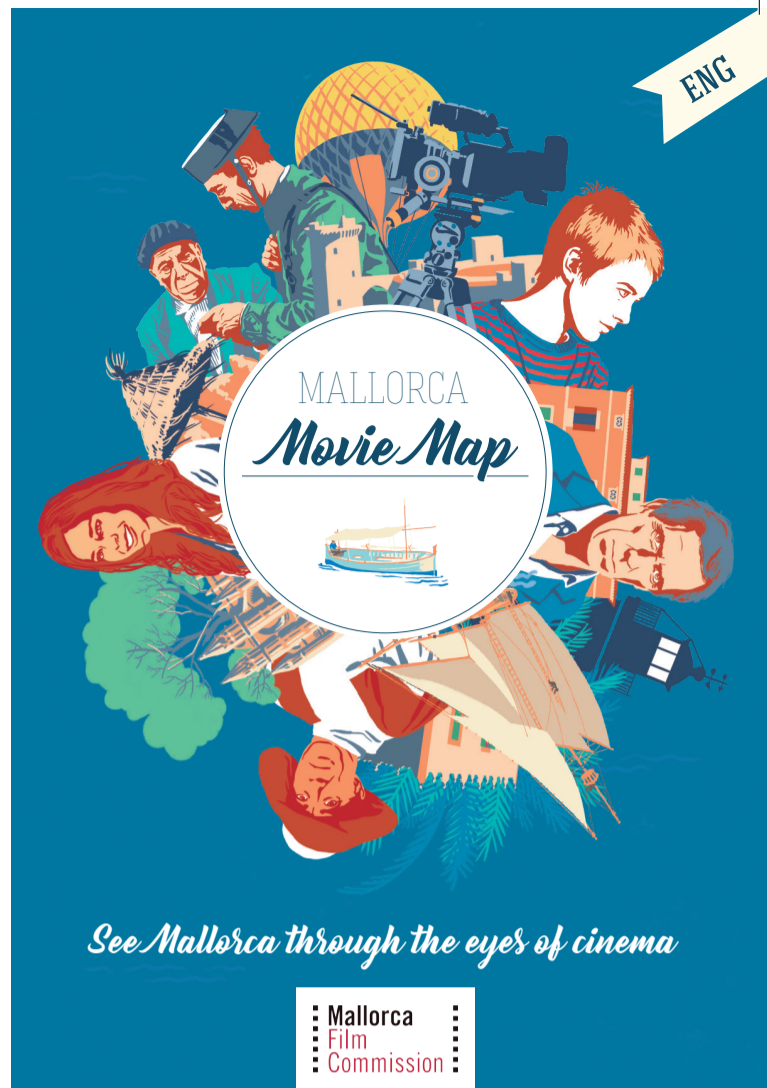
**Tour 1.** Pueblo Español.

**Tour 2.** Torrent de Pareis.

**Tour 4.** Cuevas de Artà.



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#### 34. El verdugo (The Executioner). Luis García Berlanga. 1963

It has been hailed as the best film of Spanish cinema. Through humour Berlanga explores the juxtaposition of two sides of Spain at the time: on the one hand, the lingering presence of practices including the death penalty and, on the other, the desire to portray the country as a forward-thinking nation to the outside world. Mallorca works well to highlight the contrast: while the lead character is waiting to sentence a convict to death, he enjoys the touristic and care-free atmosphere of the island.



**Tour 1.** Seafont promenade.

**Tour 4.** Portocristo, Caves of Drach.

### Tour 5. Migjorn

#### 35. Verbotene Liebe (Forbidden Love). 2012

One of the plots in this long-running German series (1995-2015) is set in Mallorca, and Santanyi was used as the main location.

**Tour 5.** Santanyi.

#### 36. The Stranger Within. Adam Neutsky-Wulff. 2013

The still landscapes of the Serra de Tramuntana mountain range and the coastline of Santanyi are a stark contrast to the psychological undertones of this thriller. After a traumatic ordeal, a married couple (played by William Baldwin and Estella Warren) escape on

holiday to a picture-perfect Mediterranean island. Their hopes for a peaceful break come to a halt when another woman completely disturbs their stay.

**Tour 1.** Palma.

**Tour 2.** Serra de Tramuntana mountain range.

**Tour 5.** Cala S'Almunia, Caló des Moro. Santanyi

#### 37. Sword of Honour. Bill Anderson. 2001

It is based on the trilogy of books written by Evelyn Waugh in which he recounts his own experiences of the Second World War. Before stepping into the shoes of Agent 007, Daniel Craig played the lead in this screen adaptation. Mallorca proves how versatile it is when it comes to depicting other places, transforming into Crete, Egypt, Yugoslavia, North Africa and France in this fictional story.

**Tour 1.** Bellver Castle.

**Tour 5.** S'Almonia in Santanyi.

#### 38. Black Jack. Julien Duvivier. 1950

*Black Jack* is the first Hispanic-North American co-production. The admiration of its stars (George Sanders, Patricia Roc, Agnes Moorehead and a young Lola Flores) created high expectations

that eventually made shooting this film about drug smugglers a challenging task.

**Tour 1.** Port, el Jonquet, hotel Mediterráneo.

**Tour 2.** Formentor, Cala Sant Vicenç.

**Tour 4.** Cuevas de Artà.

**Tour 5.** Cap Blanc.



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