

# MALLORCA 9-16 OCTOBER 2019

*For our Autumn 2019 foreign holiday the Club proposes to return to Mallorca, - after a break of almost 16 years since our last, very successful trip there !!*

*Details of the trip are as follows:-*

## Location

Mallorca is the largest of the Balearic Islands and has long been well known as a paradise not only for sun worshippers, but also for walkers who enjoy the varied and attractive scenery and the opportunities for walking in quiet places where other people rarely go. The north west corner of the island, with Puerto Pollenca at its heart, is ideally placed for walking; situated as it is between the heights of the Sierra de Tramontana region on one side, and the coastal attractions of beaches, orchards, vineyards and flora and fauna on the fertile plains of Alcudia on the other.

The recommended "season" for walkers is from mid-September to the end of May, so our proposed trip departing on 9th October aims to optimise the opportunity for fine walking weather. This, together with cheap and easy access to the start and end points (usually by public bus or taxi), should contribute to a rewarding walking experience. Those interested in joining the holiday should note that, while there are ample opportunities for challenging hikes in the Tramontana Mountains, our proposed

walks programme will focus on the scenic, rather than the very strenuous or vertiginous, and will be self-guided by Club members who have some experience of walking in the area.

## ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

Our research indicates that an online-booked Easyjet Holidays package of flight plus hotel offers attractive, well priced options of 7 nights duration.

We propose to stay in Puerto Pollensa, which, as indicated above, is situated on the north west coast and about 1 hour transfer distance from the island's airport, Palma, on the south coast. Our hotel will be the 3\* Hotel Eolo (Google it), which is very centrally located at the end of the pedestrianised Pine Walk Promenade. It is "a short stride" from bus and taxi transport, the beach and marina, and a range of shops, bars and restaurants. Some Club members have stayed in this hotel recently and can vouch for the good value-for-money provided by its accommodation, food and facilities. Please note that we might not all be able to stay in the same hotel, as accommodation there is limited. If there is no availability in the Eolo with Easyjet Holidays, there are a number of nearby suitable hotels/apartments, -also with Easyjet Holidays. Some of these alternatives are set out in the footnote below\* - it will be for you to decide which one works best for you. Do try to book one of these, as they are all reasonably close to the Hotel Eolo.

A further alternative, should you wish to stay in the Hotel Eolo and Easyjet Holidays are unable to accommodate you within their room quota, is to book your **flight only** with Easy Jet, arrange your own transfers from the airport to the hotel, and book your room directly with the hotel.

The **Easyjet Holidays package** includes:-

- return flights from Belfast International to Palma de Mallorca; and
- 7 nights accommodation in the Hotel Eolo on a B&B basis.

The cost is **£330** per person in shared accommodation, but to this must be added the airport/hotel coach transfer charge of **£17.50** (return) per person and the cost of hold baggage (either **£35** for a 15kg bag or **£40** for 23kg -both return cost). Note that there is a discount of £40 for bookings exceeding £800 so don't forget to insert the discount code **HOL40**, if this applies to your booking. At this stage only a £60 per person deposit is required to secure a booking, with the balance payable 45 days before departure (about 25 August 2019). It is possible for individuals to extend their holiday for a few days, if they wish, and the Easyjet Holidays website will give details of the costs.

Members are responsible for making their own bookings with Easyjet Holidays and should note that prices can vary as the departure date approaches. Room sharing arrangements should be agreed between individual Members; the Club will not become involved in this. Those members requiring single rooms, which are usually limited in number (particularly in a small hotel), will need to contact Easyjet Holidays via their website details to explore availability and cost.

Flight details **at this stage** are;

**Outward journey:**

Dep. 20.50 Wed 9 Oct 2019 - Belfast International

Arr. 00.45 Thurs 10 Oct 2019

**Return journey:**

Dep. 12.00 Wed 16 Oct 2019 - Palma, Mallorca

Arr. 13.55 Belfast Int.

## WHAT NOW

These holidays are being snapped up very quickly and it is essential that bookings are made without delay.

If you book please advise:-

Denis Hamill

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\*Accommodation quite close to the Hotel Eolo includes:

- **Mar Senses**
- **Puerto Azul Suite Hotel**
- **Bellamar**
- **Hoposa Pollensa (HB)**
- **Playa Mar & Spa (all-inclusive)**
- **Apartments Massol**
- **Hoposa Montelin**
- **Flora**
- **Hoposa Villaconcha Apts**