



Felanitx



Felanitx, history and culture

Living heritage,
present identity

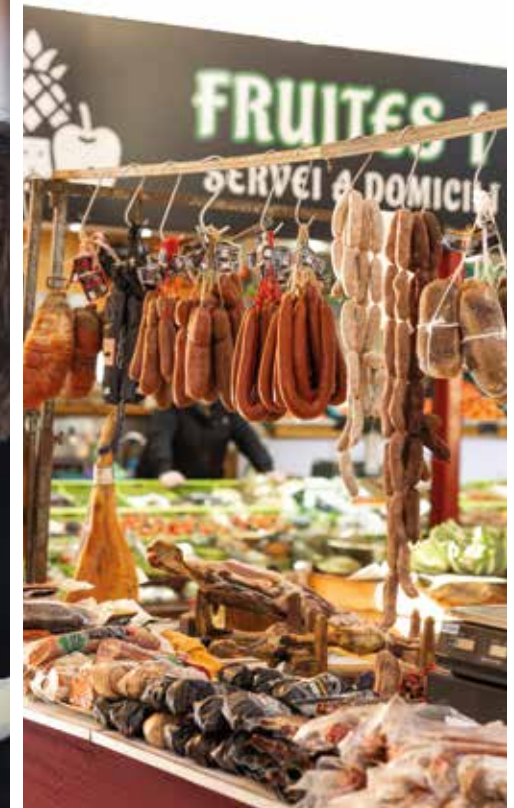


Culture and heritage of Felanitx

Felanitx is a municipality where history, festivities and everyday life always go hand in hand. From the prehistoric remains of Closos de Can Gaià or the mysterious Cova des Moro cave, to major architectural landmarks such as Castell de Santueri, Santuari de Sant Salvador, Parroquia de Sant Miquel and Convent de Sant Agustí, every corner of the municipality preserves a part of this stone memory that has shaped the character of the town.

But Felanitx is also living culture: a calendar full of festivals and celebrations that fill the streets and squares with music, theatre, dance and tradition. Celebrations such as Sant Joan Pelós, Els Salers, Els Cavallets, the Fira Marinerà de Portocolom, the Fira del Pebre Bord or the bonfires and '*beneïdes*' des Carritxó show the community spirit and strength of Felanitx folklore.

At the same time, the weekly markets, specialised fairs for wine, almonds or local products, and the work of artisans—ceramics, *Gerreta* felanitxera, woodwork, glass or ironwork—offer visitors an authentic experience, allowing them to enjoy the heritage, savour the cuisine and take home a little piece of the municipality's culture. This brochure will accompany you as you discover the wealth of heritage and culture that makes Felanitx a unique place in Mallorca.



↙ Sant Joan Pelós



↗ Closos de Can Gaià

The heritage of Felanitx: living history

Heritage

Felanitx preserves a rich archaeological, religious and monumental heritage that allows visitors to take a real journey back in time. From prehistoric settlements to modern temples and squares, every corner tells a part of the municipality's history.

Monuments and religious temples

Felanitx's deep religious tradition is reflected in places such as the Santuari de Sant Salvador, a viewpoint and place of pilgrimage; the Calvari, a path of faith that rises above the village; the Parish Church of Sant Miquel, one of the great landmarks of local religious architecture; and the Convent of Sant Agustí, with centuries of history. Throughout the municipality, small rural chapels complete this landscape of devotion and memory.

Archaeology

Archaeology enthusiasts will find a key site in Felanitx: the Closos de Can Gaià settlement, near the coast, which dates back to the Bronze Age and consists of spectacular *navetas* (ancient tombs) shaped like inverted boats, declared a Site of Cultural Interest. Recent excavations have provided a better understanding of how those communities lived and how this settlement was organised, which is key to understanding the municipality's most distant past.

↙ Parroquia de Sant Miquel



↗ Closos de Can Gaià



Cultural routes in Felanitx

Felanitx offers a series of cultural routes that allow you to discover its historical and religious heritage at your own pace. Itineraries such as the cultural and heritage route, the mill route and the urban *Via Crucis* link charming villages, historic squares, temples, viewpoints and agricultural landscapes, offering a comprehensive overview of the municipality's identity. Scan the QR code to access details of all the cultural routes on the Felanitx tourist website.

Casa de Cultura of Felanitx

The Casa de Cultura, located in Sa Font de Santa Margalida square, is one of the municipality's major cultural centres. Concerts, theatre performances, films, book presentations, workshops and conferences for all audiences are held in this stately building, built in traditional Mallorcan style. Inside, it houses exhibition rooms, an auditorium, reading areas and the tourist information office, making it an essential meeting point for cultural life in Felanitx.



Cosme Bauçà Museum Foundation

The Cosme Bauçà Museum Foundation occupies the historic Es Molí d'en Bo mill house in the centre of Felanitx. Created out of historian Cosme Bauçà's desire to bequeath his home and collections to the town, it brings together ethnographic objects, agricultural tools, documents, photographs and pieces from all over the world. The collection is complemented by a valuable library on Felanitx and Mallorca, recognised as a Museum Collection by the Council of Mallorca.



Festivals and celebrations: a lively calendar throughout the year

Felanitx and its surrounding villages celebrate intensely throughout the year: masses and processions, devils and bonfires, concerts, street parties, fairs and traditional markets. Each district celebrates its patron saint and keeps traditions alive, such as Sant Joan Pelós, *Els Salers*, *Els Cavallets*, the Portocolom Maritime Fair, the Fira del Pebre Bord and the bonfires and 'beneïdes' of Carritxó, offering visitors an authentic experience of the popular culture of Felanitx.

January – February · Sant Antoni Festivities

Son Negre, Es Carritxó and Son Proenç

In January, Sant Antoni lights the first bonfires of the year. In Son Negre, each resident brings firewood and food to share around the fire, with the singing of the *Completes* and the dancing of the devils. In Es Carritxó, the devils, bonfires and blessing of the animals evoke the area's agricultural past. The cycle ends in Son Proenç on the first weekend of February, with religious celebrations, communal meals, blessings and more bonfires.



May · Sant Isidre Festival

Sant Isidre in s'Horta

Around 15 May each year, the village of s'Horta celebrates Sant Isidre, patron saint of farmers. The village comes alive with a solemn mass and procession, cultural activities, tastings of local products, concerts, children's shows and sports competitions, highlighting the community's strong agricultural roots.

July · Mare de Déu del Carme

Portocolom

On 16 July, Portocolom honours Mare de Déu del Carme with celebrations closely linked to the sea: dinners with live music, the night-time Maritime Fair with crafts and gastronomy, and, as the main event, the solemn mass and the traditional procession of boats through the harbour.

Mare de Déu del Carme

July · Santa Margalida Festivities

Felanitx – Els Cavallets

On 20 July, Felanitx celebrates its patron saint's day, Santa Margalida. The festival commemorates the miracle of the water of Sa Font in 1490 and includes the offering of the first grapes. Els Cavallets, a group of boys and girls dancing with cardboard horses tied to their waists, parade through the streets, accompanied by *xeremiers*, devils, *capgrossos* and street processions, before the big night-time party.



August · Sant Agustí Festival

Felanitx – Nitx de l'Art

The Sant Agustí festivities fill Felanitx with people during the weeks around 28 August. The large open-air dances in the Torre Municipal Park, the street clubs and the popular El Coso troupe, with its *quica* on a stick and the procession of the authorities under a canopy, mark these days. The starting signal is given by the *Nitx de l'Art*, a night when galleries, streets, shops and unique venues become the setting for exhibitions, live music and cultural activities, turning Felanitx into a cultural reference point for the Llevant region.



Autumn and end of the year · Festivals in their centres

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Son Mesquida

At the end of the year, Son Mesquida celebrates the Immaculate Conception with traditional dances, bonfires, a community meal and the traditional sheepdog competition, "Ca de Pastor", which brings together locals and visitors alike.

Sant Agustí

Sant Nicolau Festival – Cas Concos

In Cas Concos, the Sant Nicolau festivities combine religious ceremonies with concerts, folk dances and a traditional fair on the following Sunday, showcasing local products, crafts and Mallorcan cuisine.



Sant Nicolau

Feast of Crist Rei – Son Valls

In Son Valls, the feast of Crist Rei is celebrated on the last Sunday before Advent. Centred around the chapel and its community, the day is marked by liturgy and a neighbourhood gathering, which brings the municipality's festive calendar to a close.

Folklore: dances that tell stories

The folklore of Felanitx is one of the most vivid expressions of its identity. Dancing, music and symbolic characters fill the streets during the festivities, keeping alive a tradition that is passed down from generation to generation. Among all these manifestations, two much-loved figures stand out: the *Cavallets* and Sant Joan Pelós, true emblems of the town.



Els Cavallets

Created by Augustinian friars over 200 years ago, the *Cavallets* are a group of boys and girls who dance for Santa Margalida and Sant Agustí, accompanied by *xeremiers*. The group consists of six *cavallets* and one lady, usually children between the ages of 10 and 14. The *Cavallets* wear a cardboard horse around their waists, a red doublet, a green cap and white breeches with bells; the lady is dressed in green with a red cap. Their repertoire includes nine traditional dances, which are performed in the parish church of Sant Miquel and the Convent of Sant Agustí, and have become one of the most recognisable symbols of Felanitx.



Sant Joan Pelós

Every 24th of June, Felanitx celebrates the festival of Sant Joan Pelós in honour of Saint John the Baptist. A young man plays the role of this character and dances through the streets to the sound of guitars, flutes, mandolins and double basses. He wears a skirt, red cape and mask, and carries a cross-shaped sign with the inscription *Ecce Agnus Dei qui tollis*, 'the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world'. When the dance ends, carnations are distributed among the audience, in one of the most emotional and eagerly awaited moments of the Felanitx festival calendar.



Fairs and markets: the commercial heart of Felanitx

Felanitx offers an authentic Mallorcan market experience, where local produce, crafts and village life mingle among stalls, aromas and conversations. Throughout the year, traditional fairs and weekly markets are essential meeting points for getting to know the culture and gastronomy of the municipality up close.



Weekly markets

Felanitx – Sunday

One of the largest and best-known markets in the area. Every Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., except Easter, Christmas and New Year's Day, the town centre is filled with stalls selling fruit and vegetables, cheese, cold meats, clothing, footwear, plants and handicrafts.

Portocolom – Tuesday

The weekly market in Portocolom is held on Tuesday mornings (approx. 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.). From May to October it takes place in Plaça Corso and the rest of the year in Plaça del Comerç, with stalls selling fresh produce, flowers, clothing and other items. On Saturdays, throughout

the year, there is a fresh produce market in Plaça del Comerç.

Cas Concos – Wednesday

Every Wednesday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., a market is held in Sa Plaça de Cas Concos selling food, plants, flowers, clothing and footwear, except on 10 September and on Christmas or New Year's Eve if they fall on a Wednesday.

S'Horta – Saturday

The traditional market in s'Horta takes place every Saturday morning. Among the stalls, you can find local food products, crafts, clothing and footwear, in a peaceful atmosphere that is very welcoming to visitors.

Annual fairs

Fira de S'Horta

It is held on Sunday, seven weeks after Easter. It fills the village with stalls selling local produce, crafts and traditional food, in a very friendly and family-oriented atmosphere.

Fira de Maig of Felanitx

The first of four fairs held in the municipality, dating back to the 19th century. It has an agricultural, industrial and artisanal character and offers exhibitions, concerts and the *Frits i Vi* Route, in which bars serve Mallorcan '*fregits*' in the form of tapas accompanied by local wines.

Fira de Sant Miquel in Felanitx

It is held in September and traditionally marked the start of work in the fields. You will find artisan and agricultural products, live music, children's activities, raffles and local food tastings.

Fira Nocturna de Sant Agustí

The Sant Agustí night fair is held on 27 August, the eve of the patron saint's day. It forms part of the popular Felanitx

festivities, which are the legacy of the ancient celebrations held by the convent in honour of Saint Augustine.

Fira del Pebre Bord – Darrera Fira

The last of the Felanitx fairs, held at the end of August, is dedicated to *pebre bord*, a key ingredient in the traditional slaughter. The streets are filled with stalls selling paprika and other products related to this deeply rooted tradition.

Fira Nocturna de Cas Concos

The first Saturday in September marks the start of the Sant Nicolau festivities, and Cas Concos dresses up for its fair, a colourful market full of local products, crafts and Mallorcan cuisine, ideal for experiencing the atmosphere of this town.

Fira Marinera Nocturna de Portocolom

The night-time Fira Marinera fills the port of Portocolom with crafts and cuisine linked to the sea, often as part of the Mare de Déu del Carme festivities. An evening to enjoy the stalls, local produce and the unique charm of the illuminated port.



Fira del Pebre Bord ↙

↘ Fira marinera nocturna





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