

What's On in Mallorca during January & February

- **16. / 17. January: Vigil and St Antoni Abat Day**
- **20. January: Sant Sebastià Day in Palma**
- **30th January until 30th March: Classical Music Winter Festival**
- **February: Carnival**

Although New Year has just past there is still plenty of fiestas to celebrate during the months of January and February. One example, that we at Engel & Völkers especially recommend, is St Antoni Abat Day. Throughout the island on January 16th, the eve of “**Sant Antoni**”, the celebrations start and on many streets and around town squares large bonfires “foguerons” are lit and communal grills and barbecues are set up so that everyone can join in and grill their own sausages “butifarons” and keep warm around the fires. Locals dress up as “dimonis” devils and parade through the streets with fireworks to ward off evil spirits.



On the following day, January 17th, elaborate processions are held in many places to commemorate Sant Antoni who is known as the patron saint of farmyard animals. Locals bring their animals to be blessed during the processions, at local churches and at Palma's town hall.

Sant Sebastià is Palma's Patron Saint who is said to have protected the city from the plague. This fiesta is one of the main events in Palma and during the week prior to the eve of Sant Sebastià various musical and cultural events are held around the city. On the night of January 19th, the eve of Sant Sebastià Day, the city is completely devoted to music with various concerts being held in all the main squares around the capital. Large bonfires and open grills are lit so that people can grill their own sausages and the celebrations continue until the early hours of the morning.

On January 20th, the official celebrations of Sant Sebastià take place with a solemn mass held in Palma Cathedral. A fun biking tour is organized for locals and visitors around the city and in the evening an impressive fireworks display takes place along the Bay of Palma. Please note that in Palma shops and offices remain closed on January 20th.



At the end of January the “**Classic Music Winter Festival**” starts featuring various concerts of known artists in Palma's Auditorium. Last year, audiences were inspired by performances of the American violinist Barry Sargent and Mozart's “Magic Flute”. In 2010 the festival will feature concerts of different types of music from jazz as well as scores for cinema and folk music.

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The beginning of February marks the start of Carnival when people take to Palma's streets and enjoy a lively party during the Carnival Parade called **"Sa Rua"** culminating in the main parade on Carnival Sunday, February 14th. The fabulous, colourful costumes become more elaborate each year and last year around 75,000 people took part as well as many themed decorated vehicles. The parade begins at 17.00 on the Paseo Mallorca finishing at the Paseo del Born. Children can also participate in their own parade called **"Sa Rueta"**. Carnival is celebrated throughout Mallorca in all villages and towns with parades, fiestas and children's processions.



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