

Total solar eclipse on 12 August 2026

Frequently Asked Questions: Access, Restrictions and Transport

Restrictions will be in place on various roads between 3.00 pm and 9.00 pm on 12 August, although in some areas the restrictions may come into effect earlier. You can find further details under “Control, restriction and closures”.

Do the restrictions apply equally to residents and tourists?

Yes. The measures apply to everyone in the Balearic Islands during the eclipse, whether they are residents or visitors. The only exceptions arise from verifiable objective circumstances — such as residing in or owning a property within a restricted area, an employment relationship or an accommodation reservation — subject to the conditions set out below.

Who is allowed to enter areas with traffic restrictions?

Access to areas subject to traffic restrictions will be permitted exclusively to the following groups, provided that they can duly provide proof of eligibility. These criteria apply to all areas with traffic restrictions, regardless of whether or not they have an official observation zone:

Authorised group	Accreditation
Emergency vehicles and scheduled medical transport	—
Essential public services	—
Motorcycles, mopeds and bicycles	—
Residents of the affected areas	National Identification Card or residency certificate
People living in the affected areas	Property tax bill, a copy of the title deed, or electricity or water bills in your name
Workers at businesses in the affected area	Employment contract, company certificate or payslips
Public transport (taxis, ride-hailing services and TIB buses)	—
Private transport to public establishment	Accommodation reservation Drop-off or pick-up service only: parking is not permitted during your stay
Guests at hotels or other accommodation within the restricted area	Reservation document. We recommend using alternative transport to private cars (taxis, ride-hailing services or shuttle buses, with drop-off or pick-up service)
Catering customers	Confirmation of the reservation at the accommodation and guaranteed parking. Alternative transport to private cars is recommended
Any others deemed relevant	Authorisation of the competent authority:

Goods suppliers are not permitted access to roads subject to restrictions during periods when they are closed to traffic. Vehicles leaving the restricted area are not subject to the restrictions set out above.

I have a reservation (hotel, restaurant, beach bar) or I work within the restricted area. Will I be able to access it?

Yes. Whether you're on foot, on a motorbike, on a moped or on a bicycle, you'll be able to access the area without any restrictions, whatever your reason. If you are travelling by private car, however, access depends on the reason for your visit and whether you can provide proof of parking:

- **Accommodation (hotels and other tourist establishments):** You may gain access at any time upon presentation of your booking confirmation. Allow plenty of time, as the access points may be busy in the afternoon.
- **Work:** You may gain access by providing proof of your employment and shift working hours (contract, professional licence or a document issued by your employer).
- **Restaurants and bars with guaranteed parking:** you can access them at any time, provided the establishment supplies you with documentation confirming your booking and guaranteeing a parking space.
- **Restaurants and bars without guaranteed parking:** we recommend travelling by public transport or a ride-hailing service (which will drop you off and pick you up again, without leaving the vehicle parked on the premises). If travelling by private car, please travel in as few cars as possible and arrive before 3.00 pm. After this time, access cannot be guaranteed and will depend on traffic conditions and the availability of parking spaces.
- **Private events (parties, private celebrations):** access by private vehicle is not permitted. Attending a party is not one of the circumstances that could justify exceptional access.

Can I leave the area during the eclipse?

Yes. There are no restrictions on vehicles leaving the restricted area.

Where can I park?

Only in designated and authorised parking areas, while complying with the highway code and traffic regulations. Under no circumstances may you park in spaces reserved for people with disabilities, on pavements, on hard shoulders or in any other unauthorised places.

Public transport and mobility

Can I get there by public transport (TIB)?

Yes, but please bear in mind that in some areas extra services will be provided, while in others public transport may struggle to cope with demand, particularly for the return journey. Don't leave things to chance: plan alternative routes home.

Keep an eye on the websites and social media channels of the following organisations:

Mallorca Railway Services (SFM): www.trensfm.com

Balearic Islands Transport (TIB): www.tib.org

Palma Municipal Transport Company (EMT): www.emtpalma.cat

Are taxis and ride-hailing services allowed access?

Yes. Public transport — taxis, ride-hailing services and TIB buses — is among the categories of vehicles authorised to access areas with traffic restrictions.

Is it possible to stay overnight the night before or to access the site in a motorhome?

Only in designated and authorised areas.

I'll walk to watch the eclipse, or I'll walk back at night. What precautions should I take?

On the night of the eclipse, a significant increase in the number of people and vehicles on the move is expected, particularly on roads and country roads where visibility will be reduced. To enjoy the event safely, please remember the following recommendations:

- If you are walking along a motorway or main road, always walk on the left-hand side, facing the oncoming traffic.
- Walk on the hard shoulder whenever there is one and it is passable; if not, walk as close as possible to the left-hand edge of the carriageway.
- Wear light-coloured clothing or reflective items to make yourself more visible.
- Wear a high-visibility vest, particularly on roads or in poorly lit areas.
- Carry a torch or any other light source that makes you visible well in advance.
- If you're travelling in a group, walk in single file when visibility is poor or where there is heavy traffic.
- Only cross the road when it is safe to do so, with sufficient visibility and enough space for vehicles to stop.
- Avoid distractions, such as using your mobile phone while walking or crossing the road.
- If you have consumed alcohol or other substances, take extra care: they reduce your perception of risk and increase the likelihood of having an accident.

Make yourself visible, stay alert and enjoy the eclipse safely. These recommendations are in line with the General Traffic Regulations, approved by Royal Decree 1428/2003 of 21 November, establishing that pedestrians walking outside built-up areas must, as a general rule, walk on the left-hand side of the carriageway or hard shoulder, and that between sunset and sunrise, or in conditions of reduced visibility, they must wear an approved luminous or retro-reflective item that makes it possible for drivers to see them.