

From Menorca, Mallorca, Eivissa and even Formentera, five *colles* —troupes specialising in dances typical of the Balearics— will be on the island this Saturday, March 10 for the inaugural edition of Formentera's Festival Folklòric, part of the activities programme for this year's Dia de les Illes Balears.

The event begins at noon in Sant Francesc's plaça de la Constitució with a lineup that includes the Ciutadella, Menorca dancers of Tramuntana; Majorcan troupe S'Estol des Gerricó from Felanitx; Eivissa's own Colla de Sant Rafel; and two Formentera groups, es Xacoters and es Pastorells.

CiF culture secretary Susana Labrador called it "a fabulous chance to enjoy the region's best dancers and get a first-hand look at a deeply rich folkloric culture which has evolved in many ways".

The Festival Folklòric will conclude with a 2.00pm paella hosted by Associació Es Forn in the sa Senieta festival tent. To make reservations, please call 669 828 915 / 651 188 537.