

The Formentera Department of Culture reports that the Far de la Mola cultural centre will reopen its doors tomorrow, Friday 12 June. Visiting hours are 10.00am to 2.00pm, Tuesday to Saturday, and from this year residents of the Balearic Islands get in at no charge. Department chief Susana Labrador pointed out that this year islanders across the archipelago would see entry fees waived in a bid to broaden the reach of Formentera's maritime and cultural heritage amid the Covid-19 crisis. Formentera residents, visitors under 18 and the unemployed have enjoyed free admission to the lighthouse since last year; in 2020, the discount will extend to everyone in the Balearics. General admission is €4.50, and pensioners and students benefit from a €2 reduction.

Protocols in place at the newly reopened cultural centre aim to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Capacity has been set at 20, and visitors are required to observe a two-metre distance from one another. In an effort to ensure distancing measures are respected, visitors will be asked to queue outside until staff can clear them for entry, proceeding through the space on a one-way circuit and wearing a mask whenever maintaining the proper distance isn't possible. Hand sanitiser will be available as well, with crews instructed to double down on hygiene and cleaning efforts.

A monument to civil engineering, La Mola's lighthouse was designed by Emili Pou Bonet and completed in 1861. Today the building houses a space which is devoted to culture and to showcasing Formentera's maritime heritage. It is divided into two clearly distinct exhibition spaces. The permanent exhibition explores its main focus—the sea—from a variety of angles: the marine environment, natural resources management, navigation and light signals. A second space is dedicated to temporary art exhibits.

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