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A summary of today's activities



We began our day with a visit to the Council of Mallorca, with Queta Romaguera and Maria Marqués from the RC Mallorca. While we toured the exquisite halls and assembly rooms, the Vice President of Mallorca met with us. He discussed the structure of the local Mallorcan government and answered questions we had for him. What stuck with me was the beautiful stained glasses windows and lion carved furniture. In the entrance, the guide explained the history of the Mallorcan royalty and the significance of the massive models of the kings and queens.



Following our visit to the government headquarters, we stopped at a cafe for a bite to eat. We snacked on delicious prosciutto and cheese sandwiches while drinking coffee. Our next stop was the Joan Miro museum. With the RC Bellver, Miquel Masot and Luis Martínez-Almoyna. Originally planning on becoming a businessman, Miro switched to art after suffering a mental breakdown. Despite roots in Barcelona, Miro relocated to Palma with his Mallorcan wife to pursue art. The design of the museum itself was very striking in its simplicity and cohesive architectural elements. Miro's work was executed in a Modernist style that combined surreal and almost childlike components. As I was viewing the work I often thought that an inexperienced artist could reproduce the artwork, yet it would lack the depth and meaning behind the piece that Miro intended.

The next stop after the Joan Miro Museum was lunch with the rotary club Bellver in Palma.



In the photo below, we are discussed the meaning behind Joan Miro's work and our personal favorites in the museum.



We discussed politics and culture in our home countries of Mexico and the United States with our new rotary acquaintances. For lunch we ate scrumptious salads, delectable beef ravioli and fruit. As we ate, we looked out at the picturesque view of Palma's harbor full of boats.



After lunch we returned to the hostel where we rested and listening to music before heading out for dinner. Exploring Palma's many bars and restaurants is so exciting! We passed through historical squares and authentic Mallorcan architecture on our way home. Though it was a long day, we will be ready for whatever Saturday in Petra will bring!

