

# *Discover Galatzó*



AJUNTAMENT DE CALVIÀ  
MALLORCA

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The Galatzó estate has been in municipal ownership – that is, it has belonged to all the citizens of Calvià – since May 2006. In this way, an old aspiration was achieved, something which, for one reason or another, has not been managed under previous administrations. But now, at last, the Galatzó estate is public – it belongs to everyone and it is for everyone.

That means any citizen can enjoy it, the landscapes contained in its more than 14 million m<sup>2</sup>, its diversity, its flora and fauna, its architectural and historical heritage, its mysteries and its legends. But, as well as the natural gifts the estate offers us, at the council we are working to increase opportunities for the use and enjoyment of this municipal heritage. We want to turn Galatzó and its surroundings into a landmark in the municipality; into a place all the people of Calvià can feel proud of.

But it is not only residents of Calvià who have something to celebrate. All tourists coming to the municipality have a new attraction to enjoy during their stay with us. Many countryside lovers visit us, and the Galatzó estate offers them the best conditions for practising their favourite activities (walking and hiking, mountain biking, horse riding, etc.). Because of this, they will also gain from this action.

Finally, I invite all of you to visit the Galatzó estate and enjoy its possibilities, on the basis of respect for the natural environment but with a desire to explore every bit of a hitherto unknown corner of Calvià.

**Carlos Delgado**  
Mayor of Calvià

## *Location and access*

The Galatzó estate is in the north of the Municipality of Calvià, near es Capdellà, bounded by the municipalities of Puigpunyent, Estellencs and Andratx. With its 14,013,500m<sup>2</sup> (1972.9 “cuarteradas”), it is one of the largest estates on the Balearic Islands. Its area corresponds to approximately 10% of the whole municipality. Access is from the road linking es Capdellà with Galilea, via a turn-off to the left just two kilometres after leaving the former. The entrance to the publicly-owned estate is marked by a great arch.

## *Natural environment*

The Galatzó estate is structured on the geological unit known as the Serra de Tramuntana. The relief of the Galatzó estate is developed around an impressive valley, crossed by a torrent flanked on either side by mountains, with Puig de Galatzó (1025m) and Mola de S'Esclop (925m) outstanding. The majority presence of limestone substrate gives rise to a special landscape marked by limestone pavements, canyons, abysses, caves, natural springs and “rossegueres” or erosion slopes. The impressive landscape value of the estate has been completed with the intervention of man as protector and cultivator of the land, so on the estate we find “marges” or stone terraces, stone paths, threshing platforms, drinking fountains, charcoal and lime kilns, etc.





## *Flora and fauna*

All over the estate, holm oak and pine woods can be found, although it is mostly garriga scrub (wild olive, mastic tree, dwarf palm, wild reed, steppe, etc). Very interesting specifically mountain plant formations can also be found, especially the steppe species Joana and sowthistles. The action of man has also incorporated olive groves, carob, almond trees and market garden areas into the list. Concerning fauna, we can see: Mallorcan goats, genets, pine martens, weasels, game species, (rabbits, partridges, wood pigeons, thrushes), field mice, hedgehogs, tortoises or birds of prey, without forgetting the many reptiles and invertebrates characteristic of the Serra de Tramuntana.

## *History*

On the land of the Galatzó Estate, we can find evidence of all historical periods. The “*possessió*” has impressive archaeological sites (more than 15 listed) mainly from the pre-Talayotic and Talayotic periods. Remains of Roman and Arab pottery have been found, and it was possibly an Arab farmstead that gave rise to the estate as such. During the Middle Ages, and the Modern and Contemporary periods, the estate was in the hands of various noble families, especially the Vivot and Formiguera families, who maintained ownership until the 19th century. Throughout history, the estate formed an agricultural/stock farming unit typical of the Serra de Tramuntana (vital for the subsistence of the inhabitants of the village of es Capdellà) and it was a witness to the history of those turbulent years (feudalism, epidemics, popular risings, destruction of woodland to build galleys, revolutions, decadence of the nobility...).

## *Architectural and ethnographic heritage*

The Galatzó estate has more than 9,000 m<sup>2</sup> of buildings, including the main houses and auxiliary and service buildings spread all over the “*possessió*”. The Main House is outstanding because of its monumental proportions. It is made up of a horizontal rectangular body with three levels, developed around a typical Mallorcan “*clastra*” courtyard, where, on the ground floor, the foreman (“*l’amo*”) and his employees lived and carried out their tasks. The first or noble floor was given over to the owners’ living quarters and the third floor to granaries and storerooms. In the “*clastra*”, the existence of a very interesting “*tafona*” olive oil mill is the outstanding feature. The house also has a restored chapel from the last century and a beautiful traditional garden opposite the main façade.

Its outstanding ethnographic heritage includes the estate’s hydraulic system and two water mills. The irrigation and water energy use system is based on bringing water from the neighbouring Ratxo estate via an irrigation ditch to a large tank that feeds two water-powered flour mills and, at the same time, making use of the water to irrigate a series of “*marjades*” or terraces, forming the estate’s market garden. The existence on the estate of a multitude of very important ethnographic elements should also be highlighted - farmers’ cabins, stone paths, water boreholes, threshing platforms, charcoal burners’ cabins, lime and charcoal kilns, drinking fountains and wells, etc.





## *Legends*

Like other places on Mallorca - Lluc or Randa, for example - Galatzó has always maintained a magical aura, as its height and shape have always brought together heaven and earth. Galatzó mountain has always been a landmark and a symbol in the Calvià area. Its height and characteristic shape have generated the creation of legends, sometimes with a certain historical basis and in other cases less so. Outstanding among them is that of the “Comte Mal” (Evil Count) who, according to the legend, terrorised the inhabitants of es Capdellà, Calvià and Andratx with his misdeeds, first in life and then after his death.

## Route 1

### SES CASES - SA VINYA

Length: 8,586m  
Approximate time: 3h  
Difficulty: Low

This route in the south-eastern part of the estate, runs through an old farm outstanding for its landscape, ethnographic and archaeological value.

## Route 2

### SES CASES - SES SÍNIES

Length: 9,402m  
Approximate time: 3h 15min  
Difficulty: Low

Route in the north of the estate running beside the Galatzó torrent. It is important for its ethnographical, archaeological and landscape value.

## Route 3

### SES CASES - SES PLANES

Length: 6,020m  
Approximate time: 2h  
Difficulty: Low/medium

Very interesting route leading to the old mountain farmland of Ses Planes. From this area you can enjoy an impressive view of the north of the estate and Puig de Galatzó (1,025m).

## Route 4

### SES CASES - S'ESCLOP

Length: 11,150m  
Approximate time: 4h 30min  
Difficulty: Medium/high

Route in the north of the estate, initially running parallel to the Galatzó torrent and then climbing Mola de S'Esclop. It is outstanding for its impressive views and landscapes, as well as for its ethnographic and archaeological value.





## INFORMATION

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## FINCA GALATZÓ

### PERMITTED TIMES

- From 7am to 7pm  
(1 April to 30 September)
- From 8am to 5pm  
(1 October to 31 March)

### RULES

- Walking and cycling around the finca are permitted.
- Horse riding is permitted with prior permission <sup>(1)</sup>
- Only permitted vehicles are allowed  
entry to the finca <sup>(1)</sup>

### RESTRICTIONS

- No motor vehicles, motor bikes, quad bikes or  
dogs. Do not throw rubbish or pick plants or fruit.  
Do not light fires. No camping or caravanning.

<sup>(1)</sup> Information and authorizations: Galatzó Municipal Office