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ALL THE DAY'S SPORTS ACTION

UK HOLIDAY SURGE PUSHES PRICES UP

● UK holiday sales figures for the first week of this year show that the increase in **demand for Spanish and Balearic holidays is continuing.**

● Demand is so high as Britons turn away from “unsafe” destinations, that **holiday prices are starting to creep up** in price: **Page three**

Majorca celebrates



● Towns and villages will be celebrating Sant Antoni this weekend with fire runs, devils and demons and the blessing of the animals today: **See What's On page 25**

Tourism brought €124 billion to Spain's economy last year



PALMA. Sun, sea and sangria is still a bestseller, with tourism having poured €124 billion into the Spanish economy last year. And the largest contributor to Spain's GDP also created the most employment, representing one in seven jobs last year – a total of 73,343 posts – 5.5% up on the previous year.

Tourism grew by 3.7% in 2015 but transfer company

Exeltur forecasts only 2.7% growth in 2016 if the unstable political situation continues.

However companies are positive, with 84.7% of firms confirming their sales improved last year.

“2015 was a great year, with every single autonomous community and destination improving its figures,” said Exeltur's Vice-President, Jose Luis Zoreda.