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SPRING STARTS TOMORROW AND IT IS GOING TO BE
WARMER THAN USUAL...

Britain tells its tourists to leave Spain



Troops on the streets of Palma yesterday.

● Britain yesterday advised all its tourists in Spain to leave after the country announced it was **closing hotels by next Tuesday** to deal with the spread of the coronavirus.

"We therefore advise British travellers in Spain to contact their tour operator or airline as soon as possible, to arrange their return journey home before this date," a spokesman for the foreign office said

● Spain's Foreign Minister Arancha Gonzalez Laya yesterday urged **Spaniards currently overseas to avoid travelling** unless absolutely necessary to help limit the spread of coronavirus. Laya asked the 2.7 million Spaniards living abroad to respect the health recommendations of their countries of residence, and reassured foreign visitors to Spain that the government would help them return home. **SEE PAGES 18 AND 19**

HEALTH CHECKS AT BALEARIC PORTS AND AIRPORTS

● Ministry of Health staff will be manning ports and airports in the Balearic Islands, to check why visitors are coming, what they're bringing and check temperatures if necessary.

The air and sea restrictions took effect from midnight last night, restricting the movement of airplanes and boats with a daily connection to Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia as well as between the islands.

Executive spokesperson, Pilar Costa, did not specify how many health staff will be deployed at airports and ports but she did confirm that there will be no widespread quarantine and temperature checks will be at the discretion of the health professionals.

Passengers travelling with just cause will still have to provide documentary evidence, and carriers will also have to prove that they are

fulfilling a function that is exempt from the general prohibition of movement.

Truckers coming to the Balearics will have to travel in individual, previously disinfected cabins, which they will not be able to leave during the crossing, but they will be provided with food.

They must also comply with the general rules of hygiene and distance with respect to other passengers when they embark and disembark.

According to Pilar Costa, airlines will give passengers a brochure detailing preventive information, collect personal information and contact details and question visitors about the reason for their trip.

She also emphasised that travellers on international flights are also prohibited from travelling without just cause.

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