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## Queen Elizabeth to spend 96th birthday at Sandringham

● Queen Elizabeth is expected to spend her 96th birthday today at Sandringham.

The monarch - who has been struggling with poor mobility in recent months - is said to have chosen to spend the occasion at the royal family's Norfolk estate to feel closer to her late husband, Prince Philip.

A source said: "The Queen decided very recently that on her birthday she wanted to be as close as possible to her late husband and



in an environment that was very close to both of their hearts. Sandringham holds so many special memories for the Queen and Prince Philip as well as the rest of the royal family."

The queen will be staying at Wood Farm, where Philip - who died last April, aged 99 - lived following his retirement in 2017.

Members of the family will spend time with the Queen during her stay.

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Customers were more than happy not to have to wear their masks in a Palma bar yesterday.  
Photo: Jaume Morey

# MAJORCA SMILING AGAIN...

● It was all smiles across Majorca yesterday as Spain took another step toward a sense of normality amid the pandemic by partially ending the near two-year-long obligatory use of masks indoors.

The government decree, passed Tuesday, keeps masks mandatory for visitors and staff in medical centres and nursing homes, although patients won't always be obliged to wear them.

Masks will also be mandatory on all forms of public transportation, but not in stations or airports.

It remained unclear what impact the decree will have on workplaces such as public and private company offices, banks, factories and stores as the government is letting employers decide to keep them in use if they deem there is a health risk.

In turn, they are recommended, but not obligatory, in multitudinous gatherings, in packed areas or in the presence of vulnerable people. Schools are also exempted from having to use them. Masks became obligatory indoors and outdoors shortly after the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in Spain early 2020.

The restriction for outdoor use was lifted in mid-2021, but reimposed between December and February amid a major surge of infections of the highly contagious omicron variant.