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Marc Fosh cooks up an Easter treat: Inside

# NO TURNING BACK

● Balearic minister for tourism, Iago Negueruela, says that curbs on excessive drinking and bad behaviour will go ahead this summer. See Full Report Inside.

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## A WHALE OF A TIME



Pollensa.—A humpback whale was spotted off the coast of Formentor.

In the video posted by geographer Albert Ambrós, the animal can be seen swimming off the north coast of the island. “From the movement it makes and the characteristics of the tail I don’t think it’s a fin whale, but rather a hump-

back whale. Could someone specialised help me?” he wrote on his Twitter account. Several people confirmed that it was a humpback. “The shape of the dorsal fin, the colour of the lower part of the caudal and the way it dives, sticking out its tail, give it away,” said environmentalist Álvaro Diaz.

## Airlines want action over French strikes

London.— European airline leaders called yesterday for measures to prevent chronic French air traffic control strikes penalising thousands of passengers using the country’s airspace for transit, as Paris warned of new protest.

Ryanair Chief Executive Michael O’Leary said it was a “scandal” that French strikes had blocked many flights over France’s airspace, disrupting services between different countries including the busy tourist market between Britain and Spain.

Airlines have to compensate passengers for long delays or cancellations under European passenger laws but are unable to recover penalties from air traffic authorities when airspace is blocked, he told the A4E Aviation Summit in Brussels.

Tension between airlines and French controllers has been a recurring issue but has escalated this year as the controllers joined strikes over planned changes to the retirement age.

France’s DGAC aviation authority said it was applying minimum service rules for some flights, but the airline industry wants this to apply to overflights, as well as domestic trips.