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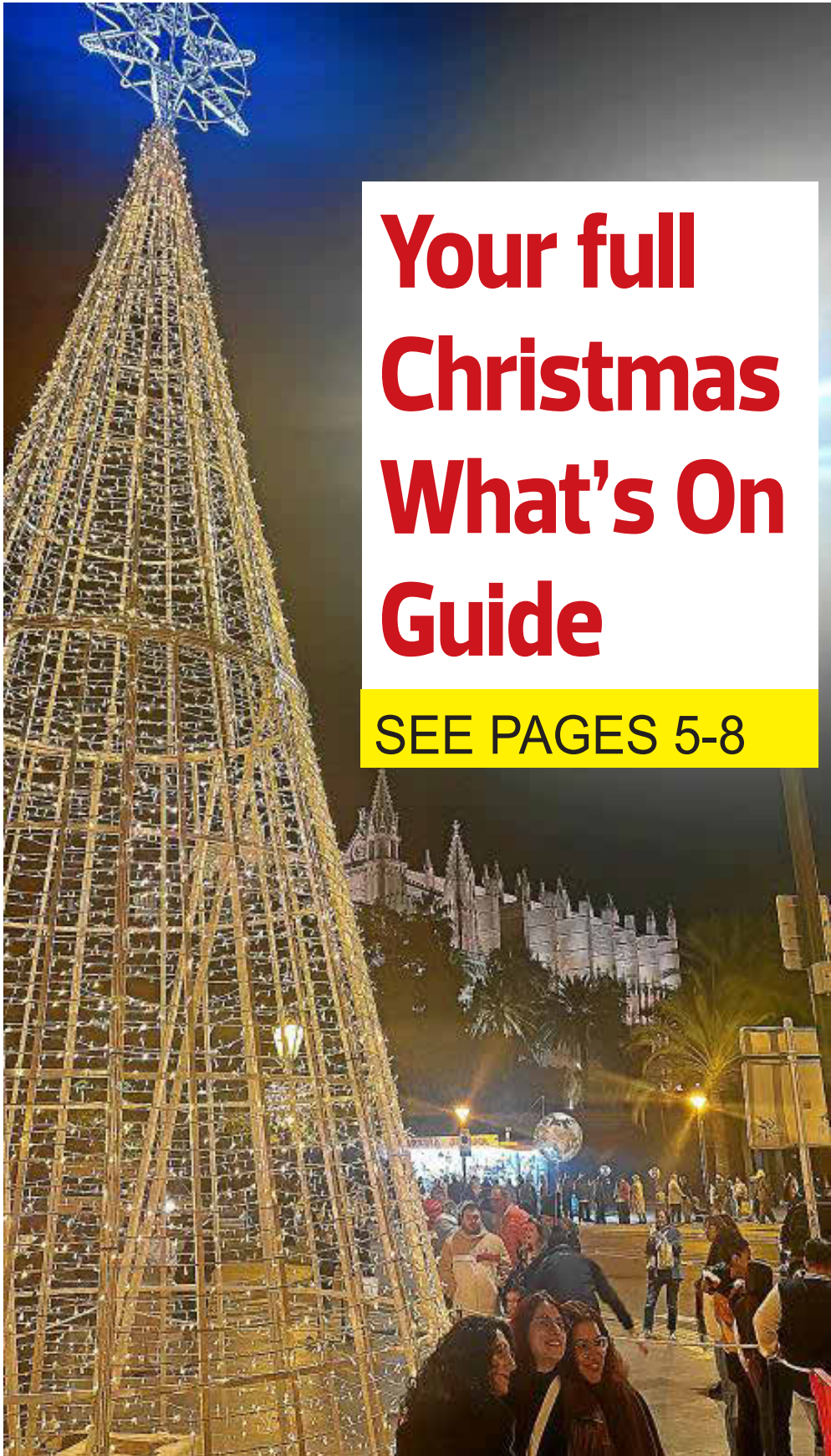
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RESTAURANT REVIEW**

End of the paper trail

● Spain is planning a major overhaul of the paperwork system for foreigners which should make the whole system more efficient.

Palma.—The days of expats having to take an endless number of documents and photocopies to the Foreigners' Office in Palma could be numbered thanks to an overhaul of the whole process, which should be completed by the New Year.

Spain plans to introduce a single nationwide digital platform where foreigners can complete all their paperwork applications and inquiries.

According to government sources applicants

will simply upload their documents straight to the digital platform. Although British residents will still have to go to the Foreigners' Office for their TIE residence cards, it is expected to reduce the number of visits substantially and make the whole process much easier.

Spain wants to reduce the delays and problems which it has experienced with its Foreigners' Offices across the country.

In Palma there is still a long waiting time for appointments for the TIE residence card, with

the whole process taking up to six months.

If you apply for residence documents, visas or working permits from outside Spain, the various Spanish Consulates will send all relevant documents digitally to the authorities.

This should make the whole system much faster.

The Spanish authorities point out that there will be for further details on the new system and its consequences and these will become available in the coming weeks.