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## Palma set for big tapas fair: Inside

# BAY WATCH

- The Royal Navy aircraft carrier, *Queen Elizabeth*, is expected to moor-up in the Bay of Palma because she is too big for the Port.
- The carrier has three tenders which will operate a ferry service between the ship and the shore when she visits Palma later this month.



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*Palma.*—The Royal Navy has joined the Palma big ship club. When *HMS Queen Elizabeth* visits the port of Palma later this month she will moor in the Bay of Palma because she is simply too big to fit in the port. She will be the first non-U.S. warship to do so and her

crew will be ferried to the port by three tenders which can carry up to 36 people. Each tender is 13 metres long. It is unclear how many of the 3,000 people on the *Queen Elizabeth* will go ashore.

The Royal Navy flagship will be accompanied on her

visit to Palma by a Dutch frigate, which has acted as an escort for the carrier for the last six months. She will be mooring in the Naval base. The six other Royal Navy vessels in the group will not be coming to Palma.

## Peppa Pig saves PM Boris Johnson when lost for words

*London.*—British Prime Minister Boris Johnson was briefly left lost for words yesterday when he lost his place in notes during a speech before regaling business leaders with an anecdote about his recent visit to a Peppa Pig theme park.

Searching through his notes, Johnson sighed, said “blast it” and repeatedly muttered “forgive me” as he briefly interrupted his

speech to the Confederation of British Industry in Port of Tyne, northern England.

He recovered, talking about technology “unicorns” and then a visit to Peppa Pig World, a park based on the children’s animated TV show about an exuberant pink pig and her friends and family.

“Yesterday I went, as we all must, to Peppa Pig World,” Johnson told the

business executives. “I loved it. Peppa Pig World is very much my kind of place: it has very safe streets, discipline in schools.”

Johnson asked the audience of business executives who had been to the theme park in Hampshire, southern England, which says it is the world’s largest Peppa Pig World and “perfect for toddlers”.

“I am surprised you ha-

ven’t been there,” Johnson said to those executives who had not visited the park, which includes various rides for young fans of Peppa.

“Who would have believed that a pig that looks like a hairdryer or possibly a Picasso-like hairdryer, a pig that was rejected by the BBC, would now be exported to 180 countries with theme parks both in America and China?”

## Atlantic travel back on course

*London.*—The boss of the British Airways owner, IAG, said yesterday its transatlantic bookings had already reached nearly 100% of 2019 levels after the United States dropped restrictions earlier this month.

Airlines such as BA and Virgin Atlantic had pinned their hopes on the reopening of the Europe to United States routes as vital to rebuilding their finances, after more than 18 months of restrictions left them nursing billions of dollars of debt.

Luis Gallego told the Airlines UK conference that the group was recovering, and he expected a return to pre-pandemic flying levels by 2023.

“Now as the world opens up, we are growing our capacity,” he said.