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Don't forget to ask for a doggy bag...the restaurant owner could be fined

Palma.—Don't feel ashamed about asking for a doggy bag in Spain, the restaurant owner will welcome it! Under new legislation aimed at cracking down on food waste, restaurant owners can be fined 2,000 euros if they do not offer their clients a doggy bag.

"If you do not eat everything that is on your plate, you will have the option to take it home and eat it later," a government spokes-

person said. The government is also looking at ways of combating the amount of food which goes to waste in bars and restaurants. "All food items which are not needed by bars and restaurants should be offered to charities."

The Spanish government states that a sizeable percentage of food in restaurants goes to waste.

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RAFA NADAL PUTS MALLORCA ON THE MAP

● U.S. tourists are heading to the island on the direct flights from New York helped by the French Open champion.

● More direct flights to the U.S. could be added if new New York link is a success, according to airline bosses.

Palma.—He is rapidly going down in the history books as one of the greatest tennis players ever and his success is putting Mallorca on the map across the globe. United Airlines, which is now flying to Mallorca three times a week from New York, said that Americans were discovering the island thanks to Rafa. "Everyone knows Rafa Nadal and he is helping to promote the island in the U.S.," an official from United Airlines said as their first flight touched down in Palma last week.

Nadal, who won his 14th French Open title on Sunday, is one of the best known sportspeople in the world. The Council of Mallorca are looking on the start of the new direct service between New York and the island as the dawn of a new era.



It is hoped that more direct flights with cities in the U.S. could follow. United Airlines said that they would be making a decision on more routes if the New York link was successful. An official from the Council of Mallorca said that the direct link was a game-changer. Already, even before the introduction of the flights, more U.S. tourists are coming to the island especially on cruise ships. At a reception for staff from United Airlines at the Valparaiso Hotel, Andreu Serra, head of the Council of Mallorca's tourism department said he hoped that thousands of U.S. tourists would soon be heading to Mallorca.

Mallorca and Rafa Nadal are a winning combination and it is opening up new markets.

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