

# PLAYING FOR KEEPS

Founder of the Mallorca Polo Club, Daniel Crasemann, explains why the island could become an increasingly attractive polo destination for players and their families



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I started playing polo almost 30 years ago, and I just managed to get to a 1-goal handicap. I have always had great fun and polo has become an important part of my life, in which I have built two clubs; one in Hamburg with three fields and one in Mallorca with two full-size Tifton fields. Both pursue the same goal: light-hearted, competitive polo.

We started building our first field in Mallorca in 2005, and we also have three

exercise tracks, surrounded by a number of pastures and forest. Mallorca is not an official club, but a private initiative, we organise a number of weekends of polo between 8 and 12 goals among friends.

Copa de Pascua is held in April and May, Copa Mallorca is in July and August and Copa Otoño takes place in October. I've always been convinced that Mallorca could be a great location for polo in the centre of Europe. The two main reasons

being the perfect year-round climate and the large airport, but we also have an extremely high quality of life, security, a wonderful capital and many opportunities to keep non-playing members of the family happy, too.

Mallorca airport is served by every major city in Europe several times a day, almost all year round. Therefore, it's even possible to fly from Paris or London for a game and fly back in the evening.