

Gvirm

Classical sources indicate that in 123 BC Quintus Caecilius Metellus conquered the island of Mallorca, which supposed its annexation to the Hispania Citerior.

According to Strabo (III, 5, 1) “the biggest of the Gymnesians has two towns: Palma, located in the west of the island, and Pollentia, in the east. Due to the fertility of the land, the inhabitants are peaceful, but when some of the wicked among them joined the pirates of the sea, they all took a name, and Metellus the Balearus, founded in Mallorca the aforementioned towns. He even brought three thousand Iberian Romans.

The geographer Pomponius Mela (II, 124), circa 40 AD, affirms that “in the biggest of the Balearic Islands, there are the colonies of Palma and Pollentia (II, 124-125). Plinius (III, 5, 77) in the 1st century AD, is the first to speak of the Guirm when he indicates the legal status of the Roman settlements of Mallorca: “Among their oppidum, Palma and Pollentia lie under the Roman law: latin Guirm and Tucis; Bocchorum, which no longer exists, enjoyed the right to be federated”.

Nowadays, it can be confirmed that the Roman Palma lies under the current Palma, Pollentia next to Alcudia, Bocchoris in Port de Pollença, in the land of the manor house of Bóquer. The locations of Guirm and Tucis have not been found yet.

