



★ *Destination* GUIDE ★

Balearic Islands

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MEDITERRANEAN ISLES OF SPAIN

Spectacular anchorages, historic villages, sweeping beaches, fashionable towns with seductive shops and wild nightlife set these Spanish islands apart. Navigate dramatic coastlines with storied anchorages accessible only by boat. Explore a terrain of undulating hills, forests, fruit orchards, and fertile plains. Nearly half of Menorca is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Palma's cobbled streets are crowded with upscale shops, cafés and bars. From the high-rise canyons of San Antonio to the beach resort of Playa d'en Bossa, clubbing in Ibiza is legendary. Dock in port for the urban glamour, then cruise past the cape to secluded coves, serene beaches and unhurried villages bedecked in wildflowers. Escape on a yachting adventure to the Balearic Islands, where sophistication chimes with Old World charm.



Mallorca

Deia is the most exclusive town in Mallorca. The King and Queen of Spain, Harrison Ford, Michael Palin, Pierce Brosnan, Stephen Fry, Kate Moss, Sting, The Corrs, Jamie Oliver, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Heston Blumenthal are a few familiar faces out on the quaint streets and pretty pebbled beach.

“Everything that the poet and the painter can dream of has been created by nature in this place.”

— George Sand

300 miles of coastline, 300 days of sunshine and 360 degrees of breathtaking views from your sundeck. This sun-sea-and-sangria island is universally adored. The picturesque countryside has inspired composer Frédéric Chopin, writer George Sand, painter Joan Miró and others. Ancient river flood waters reduced cliff walls to deeply indented, crystal clear anchorages. Dive and snorkel coral walls with exotic fish, octopi, and schools of barracuda. Mountainous terrain surrenders at the remarkable port and town that share the name Sóller. Mallorca's capital Palma, a mecca for superyachts, is one of Europe's most beguiling and trendiest small cities. Wander the maze of streets behind the cathedral on a quest for trinkets, treasures and tiny bars serving local wines with tapas of cured meats, pungent cheeses, anchovies and olives.

Ca'n Prunera Museum of Modernism, Sóller — www.sollernet.com/canprunera/indexen.html

Belmond La Residencia Resort & Spa, Deia — www.hotellaresidencia.com/web/olar/la_residencia.jsp

Simply Fosh Restaurant (reservation required), Palma — www.simplyfosh.com/en

Hotel & Spa Cap Rocat — www.caprocat.com

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Menorca

Quietly sophisticated and serene, Menorca's population includes celebrated expat writers, painters and poets, attracted by the exquisite landscape and discreet lifestyle. In the capital, Maó-Mahón, stately neo-classical architecture surrounds a labyrinth of medieval passageways at the historic core. The many deep calas (coves) around the island lure luxury yachts seeking privacy and peace. Menorca is a family-friendly island with safe, sandy beaches and dozens of superb underwater sites. In fact, the entire south coast is a string of narrow inlets with tiny beaches and little or no development. Choose a spot, drop anchor, sun and splash about on the yacht toys while your chef prepares a Menorcan picnic. Cloudy lemon and Mahón Gin cocktails (a legacy of British rule), perfectly compliment Sobrasada sausage and fresh Queso de Mahón-Menorca.

Pan Y Vino Restaurant — www.panyvinomenorca.com

Cova d'en Xoroi, Cavern Restaurant & Nightclub — www.covadenxoroi.com

“There are lots of beginner dive sites that are amazing. Swiss Cheese, Cathedral Cavern, the Spike, Tom's Belfry, Moon Pool, Pont D'en Gil, and S'Algar Reef have swim-throughs, overhangs, caverns, caves, vertical drop offs and coral encrusted reefs with 100-foot visibility. My favorite spot is Cala Rafalet by S'Algar Reef, a tiny, emerald gem.”

— Captain Dan Peters

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Cabrera Archipelago & Dragonera Natural Park

“On Cabrera diving is allowed by permit and only in the bays Cala Galiota and Es Dimoni, however they are true paradises for scuba divers. Obviously throughout the natural preserve, it is forbidden to fish, or collect shells, plants or minerals.”

— Captain Ramon Alomar

The Cabrera Archipelago Maritime-Terrestrial National Park and the Sa Dragonera Natural Park are a short cruise from Mallorca. Each is an intriguing yacht destination, especially for wildlife enthusiasts, history buffs and divers. The remote, isolated island of Cabrera has always been considered strategic, resulting in a dramatic history of prisoners and executions, sunken submarines and seaplanes. Both islands protect abundant species of plants, birds and marine life, especially dolphins and sea snails. Hiking trails on Cabrera lead to the lighthouse, the medieval castle and other historic ruins. Dragonera, a notorious hideout for pirates and smugglers, has the ruins of a Roman necropolis. Spend the evening on deck anchored off either island to witness colonies of seabirds return to roost and be amazed by the starry night sky.

Cabrera National Park — www.magrama.gob.es/es/red-parques-nacionales/nuestros-parques/cabrera

Sa Dragonera Natural Park — www.conselldemallorca.net/dragonera/?lang=EN

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Formentera

Navigate 4 miles south of frenzied Ibiza to reach laid-back Formentera. Bikes or scooters are ideal for sightseeing along trails that circumnavigate an island where the incline is slight, the climate is perfect, and no one is ever in a hurry. Formentera is a landscape of pretty farms and fishing villages, secluded anchorages and brilliant white powder beaches where most people sunbathe nude. The most beautiful beach is Iletas, which lacks showers, sunbeds, and swimsuits, but has magnificent sand, water and the ultra fashionable Restaurante Juan y Andrea. La Savina, the island's main port, is an exciting hub of activity with a constant stream of sailboats and a dazzling array of superyachts floating in and out.

Claro Formentera Restaurant — www.claroformentera.es

Restaurante Juan y Andrea, Playa Iletas — www.juanyandrea.com/esp

Las Banderas Hotel, Playa Mitjorn — www.hotelresidenceformentera.com

“ In the north, Sa Pedrera, Punta Prima and Sa Gavina are dive sites that descend close to 100-feet with vertical walls, coral and sponges. To the south is Bajo Espardell, an underwater mountain, and La Catedral cave. Es Vedrà offers an advanced dive to depths of 200-feet. ”

— Captain Dan Peters



Ibiza

Historic by day, hedonistic by night, party-hard Ibiza is captivating. When night falls in Ibiza Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the clubbing is ignited by the best DJs on the planet in a fierce competition for patrons. Elsewhere, the island is a pastoral vista of villages, orchards, dense pine woods and vineyards. Romantic anchorages in pretty coves with pocket beaches nestle along the east and south coasts. Dive or snorkel at Las Salinas National Marine Park, another World Heritage Site. Drop anchor just outside Ibiza's main port, or dock at Ibiza Magna marina, at the foot of historic Dalt Vila. It's a short walk to the medieval citadel, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999. Sa Penya, a long labyrinth of stone-paved alleyways, is an eclectic adventure for browsers, collectors and connoisseurs.

Hacienda Na Xamena Hotel & Spa — www.hotelhacienda-ibiza.com/en

Ibiza Magna Marina — www.ibizamagna.com

Lio Club, Restaurant — www.lioibiza.com/en

“We always take guests to Es Vedrà for great snorkeling and sunset cocktails on deck. It's a famous rock; Sirens tried to lure Odysseus, Phoenicians sacrificed to the moon goddess, it's the tip of Atlantis, a friar had visions, hippies see Buddha, the waters have healing powers, it's highly magnetic, and many people have reported UFOs. It's really special, that's the reason we go.”

— Captain Ramon Alomar

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Islands use 220V 50Hz. Europlug 2-pin and Schuko plugs. Yachts operate according to builder or retrofit. Check with your crew to determine what type of plugs and power converters you may need.

TIME ZONE: UTC + 1:00, Central European
Summer Time: UTC + 2:00

ECONOMY: Tourism, Agriculture, Industry

DRESS CODE: Dress is casual. At upscale establishments, men wear pants and may need a jacket and tie; women wear dresses. In religious buildings cover legs and shoulders.

DRIVING: Motorists drive on the right side of the road as in the U.S. and Canada.

GOVERNMENT: Balearic Islands is one of 17 Autonomous Communities in Spain.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: Castilian Spanish, Basque, Catalan and Galician

OFFICIAL CURRENCY: Euro

TIPPING: Restaurants include service charges by law, although a small tip will be expected and appreciated. Taxi drivers and service providers get a cash gratuity of 5–10%.

FLIGHT INFO: There are no direct flights from the U.S. to the Balearic Islands. The largest international carriers are British Airways, Air Berlin, and Lufthansa. Air Europa and Spanair link Spain to the islands. Iberia Airline flies inter-island.

When to visit:

Mediterranean summer conditions from April through the end of October are perfect for yachting. Even at the height of the season in July and August maximum temperatures are not excessive, but anchorages tend to get uncomfortably crowded. Yachting in the winter is the way to truly experience the culture. The winter climate is mild, but water temperatures are cold, many facilities close except in the principle towns, and strong winds accompanied by high swells can occur.

CLIMATE DATA FOR THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Average High °F	59	60	62	65	70	78	84	85	81	74	66	61	70
Average Low °F	47	48	49	52	57	64	70	71	68	61	54	50	58
Average Rainfall (in)	2	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.2	0.8	0.4	0.4	1.6	2.4	1.6	1.6	1.4

Climate:

The NW Tramontana and the NE Mistral are strong winds that can briefly disrupt the generally calm, summer conditions, especially in Minorca. Mallorca summer sea breezes increase in the afternoon and make certain anchorages untenable. Mistral and Tramontana winds are more common in winter when conditions can range from uncomfortable to dangerous and may last for days at a time.



Passports are required, except EU nationals holding a national ID card that is valid for the duration of stay.

VISA INFORMATION

www.projectvisa.com



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