

Imagine Ibiza

An amazing island paradise

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Grab your sun tanning lotions, flashy sandals, swimsuits and high spirits to embark on a journey to the magical Island of Ibiza. Trendsetters and celebrities visit this island yearly; some of them even spend their entire summer here. Tourists are flocking in groups to the island to experience what splendor is all about and most say that this island never disappoints its visitors. In summer, the world's best DJs arrive to Ibiza making it an ultimate destination for music lovers. Be ready for glamorous beaches, fabulous fusion restaurants and day to night events ahead!

Ibiza is one of the Balearic Islands, off the eastern coast of Spain in the Mediterranean Sea. It has had a party island image for years, but there is another way to experience its beauty without hitting the well-known, crowded night clubs and partying until the early morning.

Instead, you can step foot on a higher hill away from the crowds to revel in the panoramic view of the island, or wander the lovely bohemian market for a peaceful stroll. By evening, indulge in all types of cuisines, especially fresh seafood and the famous paella at stylish, tasteful restaurants. Ibiza town is not to be overlooked where beautiful historic buildings, stand upright as a witness to their respective eras. There are all kinds of cultural events, museums and galleries to explore. Recommended are the Dalt Vila UNESCO Site and the Ibiza Cathedral where history can be treasured.

During the day, the scene is already set with umbrellas and sun-beds lined down the beach front, where spirited tourists walk up and down the strip listening to music playing at differ-

ent hotels or nearby cafes. All types of affordable beach front hotels are positioned on the strip of Playa D'en Bossa, San Antonio bay, Portinatx and others. Some beaches like Talamanca are more child friendly for family vacations. Anticipate admiring clear blue water, light soft sand and a cool breeze while laying on one of the many white modish cabanas. Appreciate the outdoor ambience during a satisfying dinner with glares of the famous Ibiza sunset approaching.

A day trip to Formentera is a must for a visiting tourist of Ibiza. It's the smallest of the Balearic Islands reachable by daily boats or ferry services. 35 minutes away from Ibiza, this island is known for its clear waters and relaxing beaches. Many travelers refer to it as the chic and serene side to Ibiza. One thing that is definite about the island of Ibiza is that the people visiting are open-minded, and eager to meet fellow travelers to create lasting friendships with hopes to meet back on the Island the upcoming year.

