



INTRODUCTION

Hello sailors,

Welcome to the Balearic Islands! Ahead of you is a fantastic sailing week that will show you all the sun and sea attributes to write home about.

The four main Islands (Menorca, Mallorca, Ibiza & Formentera) offer a wide varierty of landscapes, activities and interesting places to discover.

As always, it's much better to cruise outside the high season (July and August), to get a chance to avoid the mass tourism.

In this document you'll find some extra information to help you on your way this sailing trip.

Addio!

- Barqo

GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to the Balearic Islands! Follow the suggestes route to see some of the most beautiful places that these Islands has to offer.

WEATHER

The Balearic Islands comes with a mediterranean climate, which means hot, dry summers. Daytime summer temperatures hover around the 26° C (79° F). The average sea temperature is 23° C (73° F), so prepare yourself for some quality time in the water.

TIME ZONE

Central European Summer Time (GMT+1.00).

CURRENCY

Euro - €

LANGUAGE

Spanish





SAILING ROUTE

DAY 1: PALMA - PORT D'ANDRATX
19 Nautical Miles

DAY 2: PORT D'ANDRATX - BENIRRÁS 51 Nautical Miles

DAY 3: BENIRRÁS - SAN ANTONIO
13 Nautical Miles

DAY 4: SAN ANTONIO - FORMENTERA 23 Nautical Miles

DAY 5: FORMENTERA - IBIZA
11 Nautical Miles

DAY 6: IBIZA - TAGOMAGO

13 Nautical Miles

DAY 7: TAGOMAGO - PALMA 55 Nautical Miles

TOTAL SAILING DISTANCE

185 Nautical Miles

PROVISIONS

As you sail and need more provisions, there are markets in all stopping points.

GENERAL TIPS

- Weather forecast: VHF Channel 10
- Emergencies: VHF Channel 16
- Sunrise will be approximately 7:00 AM and sunset will be approximately 21.00 PM.





PALMA

Nestled in the crook of the Badia de Palma, Mallorca's capital is the most agreeable of all Mediterranean towns. Shaped and defined by the sea and backed by not-so-distant mountains, it is a city of open horizons and oft-blue skies, with good looks and a festive nature.

Surveying it all from a gentle rise is the old quarter, crowned by its colossal Gothic cathedral. Slip away from the crowds that swarm around the trophy sights for just a minute and you will find yourself deep in a labyrinth of cobbled lanes, which call for serendipitous strolls.

Take your lead from the locals and wander here at ease, pausing for market banter, boutique finds, snapshots of baroque churches, palaces and patrician courtyards, and lunches that linger long into the afternoon.

RESTAURANT TIP

Restaurante Peix Vermell Calle Montenegro 1 Bis Bajos, La Llotja-Borne | 07012 Palma de Mallorca

PORT D'ANDRATX

Port d'Andratx is a wonderful fishing village that also manages to be one of Mallorca's classiest resorts. Popular with the yachting fraternity and with film stars whose Italian-style villas can be seen climbing up the hillsides, it also has a working fishing industry that supplies (amongst others), the port's restaurants.

The village itself is very small, and is set at the bottom of a funnel-shaped valley (Andratx town lies at the top of the valley about 5km away). Villas dot every conceivable space on the surrounding hillsides as development went a bit haywire in the 80's and 90's.

However, the harbour is one of the prettiest in Mallorca and a table at one of the many excellent waterside bars and restaurants is really the perfect place to watch the sunset.

RESTAURANT TIP

Trespais Calle Antonio Callafat 24 | 07157 Port d'Andratx





BENIRRÁS

Benirras is a pretty beach of partly pebbly sand with rocks either side that you can clamber over and a picturesque view across the water to an interesting rock formation known as Cap Bernat (or referred to locals as 'the hand of God'). The sea bed is rocky which makes it excellent for snorkellers but not so easy to walk into...but that's all part of the fun! The water is crystal clear.

This sheltered bay is a popular anchoring spot for private yachts and motor boats who gather in the late afternoon to enjoy the romantic sundown, accompanied on Sundays by the drummers who descend to the beach to 'drum down the sunset' in this iconic hippie ritual. This drumming is a unique Ibiza experience, established over many years. However the popularity of the event means an absolutely packed beach on Sundays, so be prepared! Parking is almost impossible at late afternoon, so we recommend you come early and spend the whole Sunday at the beach.

RESTAURANT TIP

Elements Ibiza Playa Benirras | 07810 San Miguel, Ibiza

SAN ANTONIO

Famous for its sunsets in Café del Mar and lively night-time vibe, San Antonio is a great holiday choice and increasingly popular with 'stag n hens'.

The pre-season months of May and June, and the later months of September and October are the times for couples to enjoy the new promenade, the safe, shallow waters of the bay and the fantastic beaches, just a short ferry ride away.

The high season months of July, August and the beginning of September are the best time to come if you are looking for buzzing nightlife.

RESTAURANT TIP

Rincon de Pepe Carrer de Sant Mateu 6 | 07820 Sant Antoni de Portmany, Ibiza





FORMENTERA

If Ibiza is the party queen, her little sister, Formentera (population 10,757), is the shy, natural beauty, who prefers barefoot beach strolls by starlight to all-night raving in superclubs.

Dangling off the south coast of Ibiza, a mere half an hour away by fast ferry, this 20km-long island is a place of lazy days spent lounging on some of Europe's (dare we say the world's?) most ravishing beaches.

Nowhere is the lure of the sea more powerful in the Balearics than here, where enticing, frost-white slithers of sand are smoothed by water in unbelievable shades of azure, turquoise and lapis lazuli that will have you itching to leap in the moment you step off the boat.

Ask people what they've done for the week here and watch them shrug their shoulders, shake the last sand out of their shoes, grin and reply: 'Nothing, it was awesome.'

RESTAURANT TIP

Gran Iberico Avda | Miramar, Formentera

IBIZA

biza Town, the largest city on the island, ticks the most outrageous number of boxes for those who really want to know and partake in some of the Worlds best – hotels, clubs, restaurants.

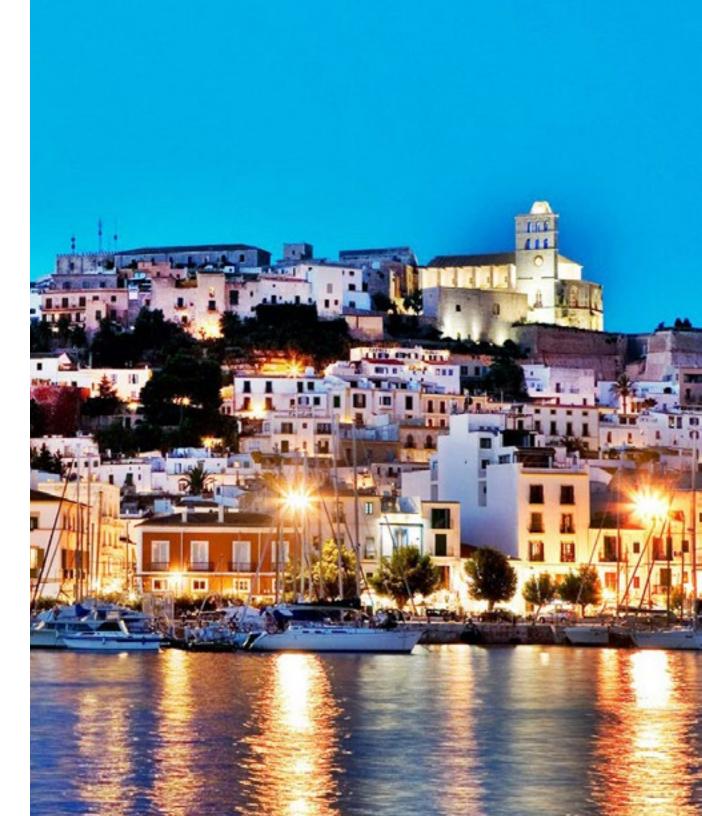
You won't be alone as it's also a hotspot for international celebrities.

Whilst Ibiza Town doesn't have its own beach – panic not, they're just a leisurely ten minute stroll away!

Ibiza Town isn't short on offerings, by day or night. Taking the best of the Mediterranean and mixing it effortlessly with chic, chilled and super club, for many it is the place to know.

RESTAURANT TIP

Restaurante S'Ametller Calle Pere Frances 12 | 07800, Ibiza, Ibiza





Tagomago

Tagomago is the most exclusive Island in the Mediteranean. It's one of the most beautiful private Islands in the Mediterranean.

Situated approximaltely 900 metres off the coast of the island of Ibiza. It can be reached very easily by boat.

Tagomago is the perfect private paradise, the ideal place for discerning people who wish to enjoy absolute privacy and luxury in one of the most idyllic and most privileged places in Europe.



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