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Things to do in Ibiza

Landmarks & Monuments

Ibiza Town's fortified skyline and the island's lighthouses and windmills tell the story of a strategic Mediterranean crossroads shaped by Phoenicians, Romans, Moors and Catalans.



Dalt Vila Walls Must See

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



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The **Renaissance-era bastioned walls** encircling Ibiza's old town are one of the best-preserved fortification systems in the Mediterranean, built in the 16th century to repel Ottoman raids. Walking the ramparts at sunset gives sweeping views over the harbor, the sea and neighboring Formentera. A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1999.



Punta de Sa Creu Lighthouse Notable

30-45 minutes No Booking Needed



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A working lighthouse at the northern tip of Ibiza Town's peninsula, framed by pine trees and rocky coastline. A quiet, uncrowded spot popular with locals for sunset walks, well away from the beach-club crowds.

Tips for Landmarks & Monuments

- Visit Dalt Vila in the early morning or at sunset to avoid the midday heat and cruise-ship crowds.
- Wear sturdy shoes — the cobbled streets inside the walls are steep.



Museums & Galleries

Compact but rewarding collections covering Ibiza's Phoenician-Punic archaeology and its 20th-century identity as a haven for artists and hippies.



Museu Arqueològic d'Eivissa i Formentera (MAEF) Top Pick

1-1.5 hours No Booking Needed



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Housed partly inside Dalt Vila's old arsenal, this **archaeological museum** displays Phoenician and Punic artifacts excavated from the nearby necropolis of Puig des Molins, one of the largest Phoenician-Punic burial sites in the world. Highlights include terracotta figurines, jewelry and burial goods spanning over 2,500 years.



Museum of Contemporary Art of Ibiza (MACE) Notable

45 minutes No Booking Needed



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Set inside the 16th-century Casa de la Cúria within Dalt Vila, this small museum showcases works by artists connected to Ibiza since the 1960s, when the island became a magnet for the international avant-garde. The building itself, with its whitewashed courtyards, is as interesting as the collection.

Tips for Museums & Galleries

- Combine both museums with a Dalt Vila walk since they sit inside or right next to the old town.
- Many municipal museums offer free entry on certain weekday afternoons — check current hours locally.



Religious Sites

Whitewashed churches in the traditional Ibicenco style, blending Moorish-influenced architecture with simple, fortress-like facades.



Cathedral of Santa Maria d'Eivissa Top Pick

30-45 minutes No Booking Needed



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Crowning the highest point of Dalt Vila, this **cathedral** was built atop a former mosque after the Catalan conquest in 1235, with later Gothic and Baroque additions. Its bell tower is the island's most recognizable silhouette, visible from boats approaching the harbor.



Puig de Missa (Santa Eulària) Notable

45 minutes No Booking Needed



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A fortified hilltop church in Santa Eulària des Riu, built in the 16th-17th centuries with thick whitewashed walls designed to double as a refuge during pirate raids. The surrounding ethnographic museum and panoramic views make the short climb worthwhile.

Tips for Religious Sites

- Dress modestly — shoulders and knees covered — for entry to active churches.
- The cathedral's small treasury museum has a separate, modest entry fee.



Ancient & Historical Sites

Ibiza's Phoenician past, founded as Ibossim around 654 BC, is one of the oldest continuously inhabited Phoenician settlements in the western Mediterranean.



Puig des Molins Necropolis Top Pick

1 hour No Booking Needed



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An extensive **Phoenician-Punic necropolis** carved into a hillside just outside Dalt Vila, in use for over a millennium from the 7th century BC. Visitors can descend into excavated underground burial chambers, part of the same UNESCO listing as Dalt Vila.



Sa Caleta Phoenician Settlement Optional

30-45 minutes No Booking Needed



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The ruins of Ibiza's original 8th-century BC Phoenician settlement, perched on a coastal cliff a short drive from Ibiza Town. Low stone wall foundations remain, with an information panel and a nearby beach cove — a quiet, uncommercialized archaeological site.

Tips for Ancient & Historical Sites

- Sa Caleta pairs well with a swim at the adjacent cove — bring water shoes for the rocky entry.
- Little English signage at Sa Caleta; a guidebook or offline map helps put the ruins in context.



Squares & Streets

The maze of narrow lanes inside Dalt Vila and the harborfront promenade of Vara de Rey are where Ibiza Town's daily life plays out.



Passeig de Vara de Rey Top Pick

20-30 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

A palm-lined 19th-century boulevard connecting the harbor to Dalt Vila, flanked by Art Nouveau buildings, cafés and a statue of the boulevard's namesake general. It's the natural starting point for exploring the old town on foot.



Sa Penya Old Fishing Quarter Notable

1 hour No Booking Needed



Map

A dense tangle of steep, colorful streets between the harbor and Dalt Vila, historically home to fishermen and now filled with boutiques, jewelry stalls and bohemian bars. It has a rawer, more lived-in feel than the polished old town above it.

Tips for Squares & Streets

- Sa Penya gets lively at night with street vendors — keep an eye on belongings in the crowds.



Neighborhoods & Districts

Beyond Ibiza Town, the island splits into distinct zones ranging from party-focused resort towns to quiet, traditional villages.



Dalt Vila (Old Town) Must See

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



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The fortified hilltop core of Ibiza Town, a UNESCO-listed labyrinth of whitewashed houses, boutique hotels and restaurants inside the 16th-century walls. Every street eventually leads up toward the cathedral at the summit.



Santa Eulària des Riu Notable

Half day No Booking Needed



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A relaxed family-friendly town on the east coast, built around Ibiza's only permanent river and a long marina promenade. It's a calmer base than Ibiza Town or San Antonio, with a Saturday hippy market nearby at Punta Arabí.

Tips for Neighborhoods & Districts

- San Antonio (Sant Antoni) is the sunset/club hub; Santa Eulària and Es Canar suit families and quieter stays.



Parks & Gardens

Ibiza's greenery leans toward pine-forested hills and coastal nature reserves rather than formal gardens.



Ses Salines Natural Park Top Pick

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



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A protected wetland and salt-flat reserve spanning the strait between Ibiza and Formentera, still an active sea-salt operation dating back to Phoenician times. The park protects pink flamingo habitats and backs onto some of the island's best beaches, Ses Salines and Es Cavallet.

Tips for Parks & Gardens

- Visit the salt pans at sunset for flamingo sightings and dramatic light over the pink-tinted water.



Fountains & Public Art

Small-scale civic art and fountains dot Ibiza Town's squares, understated compared to the island's natural and architectural draws.



Plaça des Parc Fountain Minor

10-15 minutes No Booking Needed



Map

A modest central fountain and gathering square in Ibiza Town, a common meeting point before heading up into Dalt Vila or down to the harbor. Surrounded by cafés with outdoor seating.

Tips for Fountains & Public Art

- Not a major sightseeing stop — worth a glance while passing through rather than a dedicated visit.



Transportation

Ibiza is compact and well served by buses, taxis, ferries and rental scooters/cars, though options thin out considerably outside the peak May-October season.



Ibiza Airport (IBZ) Transfers Recommended

15-30 minutes No Booking Needed



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Ibiza Airport sits about 7 km southwest of Ibiza Town. Bus line **L10** runs to Ibiza Town and San Antonio; taxis take roughly 15-20 minutes to Ibiza Town. In peak summer months, book airport transfers in advance as taxi queues can be long.



Ibiza-Formentera Ferry Recommended Book Ahead

25-40 minutes Book Ahead



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Frequent fast ferries connect Ibiza Town's harbor to Formentera in about 25-40 minutes, making a Formentera day trip one of the easiest excursions from the island. Multiple operators run departures throughout the day in high season.

Tips for Transportation

- Rent a car or scooter for a few days if you plan to explore beaches beyond the main towns — bus coverage to remote coves is limited.
- Taxis in Ibiza are metered but demand surges heavily at night in summer; expect waits outside clubs.



Tours & Activities

From world-famous superclubs to boat trips around hidden coves, Ibiza's activities split sharply between daytime nature/culture and legendary nightlife.



Es Vedrà Boat Tour

Must See

Book Ahead

3-4 hours Book Ahead

A boat excursion around **Es Vedrà**, the dramatic 382-meter limestone islet off Ibiza's southwest coast wrapped in myths ranging from Homer's Sirens to UFO sightings. Sunset sailings are especially popular for photographing the silhouette against the water.



Ibiza Nightclub Experience

Must See

Book Ahead

4-8 hours Book Ahead

Ibiza's clubs — historically including Pacha, Amnesia and Ushuaïa — helped define global electronic dance music culture from the 1980s onward. Superclub lineups run world-renowned DJs through the summer season, typically starting late (after midnight) and running until dawn.

Tips for Tours & Activities

- Book major club nights online in advance — door prices are steep and top events sell out.
- Boat tours book up fast in July-August; reserve at least a few days ahead.



Day Trips & Excursions

Formentera and the island's quieter northern villages make the best short excursions from Ibiza Town.



Formentera

Must See

Book Ahead

Full day Book Ahead



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A short ferry ride south, **Formentera** is a smaller, quieter island famous for the turquoise waters of Ses Illetes beach, often compared to the Caribbean. Renting a bike or scooter for the day is the easiest way to see multiple beaches.



San Antonio & Sunset Strip

Top Pick

Half day No Booking Needed



Map



Wiki

On the west coast, San Antonio (Sant Antoni de Portmany) is known for its harborfront **Sunset Strip** of bars where crowds gather nightly to watch the sun drop into the sea, often with a live DJ soundtrack. Café del Mar helped popularize the ritual in the 1980s.

Tips for Day Trips & Excursions

- Buy Formentera ferry tickets online in advance during July-August, when sailings sell out.



Beaches & Coastal Areas

Ibiza's coastline delivers everything from boho-chic beach clubs to wild, pine-backed coves. The south and west host the island's most photographed turquoise water, while the north stays quieter and less developed.



Ses Salines Beach Must See

2-4 hours No Booking Needed



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Ibiza's most iconic strip of sand, backing directly onto the **Ses Salines Natural Park** salt flats. Turquoise, shallow water and a line of boho-chic beach clubs (Jockey Club, Sa Trinxa) draw a fashionable, see-and-be-seen crowd, while the far ends stay quieter. Flamingos are a common sight in the adjoining salt pans in spring and autumn.



Cala Comte (Cala Conta) Must See

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A trio of coves on the west coast famous for the Mediterranean's most-photographed sunsets, with the small Illes Bledes islets silhouetted offshore. Crystal-clear, calm water makes it excellent for swimming and snorkeling. Arrive early in summer — the car park fills by mid-morning and beach bars get packed for sunset.



Cala Bassa Top Pick

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A wide, sheltered west-coast bay with unusually calm, shallow water thanks to a protective headland — a favorite for families and snorkelers exploring the seagrass meadows just offshore. A beach club and watersports rentals sit at the main strand, with quieter rocky platforms further along.



Es Cavallet Top Pick

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A long, white-sand beach inside **Ses Salines Natural Park**, historically the island's naturist and LGBTQ+-friendly beach, with a laid-back, alternative vibe distinct from the polished clubs at Ses Salines proper. Wilder dunes and fewer sunbeds toward the southern end.





Cala d'Hort (Es Vedrà Viewpoint)

Top Pick

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map



Wiki

A small pebble-and-sand beach facing **Es Vedrà**, the jagged limestone islet wrapped in local myth and said to be one of the most magnetic spots on Earth. The beachfront chiringuitos are the classic place to watch it turn silhouette-black at sunset. Less about swimming, more about the view.



Cala Xarraca

Notable

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A quiet, horseshoe-shaped cove on the undeveloped north coast, split into several small bays by rocky outcrops. Known for natural clay deposits near the shoreline that locals use as a free mud mask. Far fewer crowds and beach clubs than the south and west coast — bring your own shade and supplies.

Tips for Beaches & Coastal Areas

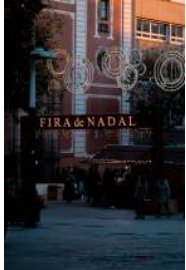
- Rental cars sell out fast in high season — the best beaches (Comte, d'Hort) are only reachable by car or a long taxi ride.
- Beach club sunbeds at Ses Salines and Comte often require a minimum spend in peak summer.
- For sunset at Cala d'Hort, arrive at least an hour early to get a chiringuito table facing Es Vedrà.



Christmas Market

Ibiza trades its famous summer clubs for a much quieter, cosier side once December arrives, when the island's towns string up lights, open small artisan markets, and slow down to a Mediterranean village pace.

Visitors expecting a large German-style Christmas market will not find one here, but Ibiza Town and Santa Eularia des Riu run charming local fairs, an open-air ice rink, and traditional Three Kings celebrations that make for a memorable off-season visit.



Fira de Nadal d'Eivissa (Ibiza Town Christmas Fair)

Must See

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Ibiza Town's main holiday market sets up along the palm-lined **Passeig de Vara de Rey** and the nearby Plaça des Parc, running from **late November through early January 2027**. Wooden stalls sell local crafts, ceramics, olive-wood goods, honey, and Ibiza pastries like *flaó* and *coca de Nadal*, alongside mulled wine and roasted chestnuts. It is a modest, community-scale fair rather than a sprawling continental market, reflecting the island's low-key winter character. Strings of festive lights are draped across the harbor promenade and the old town walls of **Dalt Vila**, making an evening stroll worthwhile even without shopping in mind. Local school choirs and small brass bands sometimes perform on weekend evenings. It is a relaxed, family-friendly way to see Ibiza Town stripped of its summer crowds, with most cafes around the port staying open for warming drinks.



Pista de Gel (Open-Air Ice Rink), Ibiza Town

Top Pick

1 hour No Booking Needed



Map

A temporary open-air ice rink is typically installed in central Ibiza Town for the holiday season, usually near Plaça des Parc or the harbor esplanade, operating from **mid-December 2026 to early January 2027**. It is a popular novelty for an island better known for beach weather, drawing local families and resident expats rather than tour groups. Skate rental is available on site, and sessions usually run in timed slots through the afternoon and evening. Surrounding food trucks and stalls sell hot chocolate, churros, and roasted nuts, giving the area a genuinely festive feel after dark when the rink is lit up. Exact placement and dates shift year to year depending on the town council's Christmas program, so *checking the Ajuntament d'Eivissa's seasonal announcements* closer to December is worthwhile before planning a visit.



Cavalcada de Reis (Three Kings Parade)

Top Pick

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map



Wiki

The undisputed highlight of Ibiza's winter calendar is the **Cavalcada de Reis** on the evening of *January 5, 2027*, when the Three Kings parade through Ibiza Town, Santa Eularia, Sant Antoni, and other towns on floats, tossing sweets to children lining the streets. It is a deeply traditional Spanish celebration marking the eve of Epiphany, and Ibiza's version keeps a distinctly local, unpolished charm compared to mainland cities. Crowds gather early along the main parade route near the port and Vara de Rey, so arriving thirty to forty minutes ahead secures a good spot. Many families combine the evening with a final round of Christmas market stalls, still open for the occasion. Dress warmly, as Ibiza's winter evenings can be cool and breezy despite mild daytime temperatures.





Santa Eularia des Riu Christmas Market

Notable

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map



Wiki

The seaside town of **Santa Eularia des Riu**, a short drive or bus ride from Ibiza Town, runs its own smaller holiday market along its palm-fringed promenade and central square through December. Stalls focus on local artisans, homemade preserves, and handmade gifts, with a noticeably slower and more residential atmosphere than Ibiza Town's fair. A nativity scene (*betlem*) is usually displayed near the church on the hill overlooking the marina, and the town's Christmas lights along the river walk are among the prettiest on the island. This is a good option for travelers staying on the island's east coast who want a low-key, uncrowded holiday outing without heading into the capital. Combine it with lunch at one of the marina's seafood restaurants, most of which stay open year-round for the local community.

Tips for Christmas Market

- Ibiza's Christmas season is small-scale and local rather than a major tourist draw, so expect a peaceful island atmosphere, not a bustling European market.
- Many restaurants, clubs, and boutique hotels close for winter maintenance between November and April, so confirm opening hours in advance.
- Bring a light jacket: December evenings on the island are cool and often windy near the waterfront.
- The Three Kings parade (Cavalcada de Reis) on January 5 is worth timing a visit around if you want the most authentic local celebration.



Nightlife & Entertainment

Ibiza built its global reputation after dark, and the island's clubs remain temples of electronic music culture, drawing headline DJs and dancers from every continent each summer. From cavernous superclubs to open-air terraces and glamorous rooftop lounges, the scene runs from sunset drinks well into the following morning.



Pacha Ibiza

Must See

Book Ahead

4-6 hours Book Ahead



Map



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Opened in 1973, **Pacha** is the elder statesman of Ibiza clubbing and still one of its most glamorous rooms, recognisable by the twin cherries logo found on merchandise worldwide. The heart-shaped dancefloor and tiered VIP boxes sit beneath a canopy of lights, hosting long-running residencies from house and techno royalty. Expect a polished crowd, strict door policy, and a sound system tuned for deep, driving rhythms rather than pure spectacle. Doors typically open close to midnight and the energy peaks well after 2am, so a late dinner beforehand is standard practice. *Table service* and pre-sale tickets are strongly advised in peak season, as walk-up entry can mean long queues or a sold-out night. It sits an easy walk from Ibiza Town, making it simple to combine with a stroll through the marina before heading in.



Amnesia

Must See

Book Ahead

4-6 hours Book Ahead



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Wiki

Amnesia is a converted farmhouse turned into one of the most influential clubs in dance music history, credited with helping shape the Balearic sound in the late 1980s. Its two rooms, the vast Main Room and the more intimate Terrace, each run different lineups on the same night, so the crowd migrates between thumping techno inside and melodic house under the open sky outside. Foam cannons, confetti bursts, and an enormous sound rig make the Main Room a full sensory event rather than a quiet listening session. The club draws a young, energetic international crowd and queues can stretch well before opening, particularly for flagship residency nights. *Water stations* are available throughout, a welcome detail given how physically demanding a full night here can be. It's located outside Ibiza Town along the road toward San Antonio, so most visitors arrive by taxi or bus rather than on foot.



Hi Ibiza

Top Pick

Book Ahead

4-6 hours Book Ahead



Map

Built on the site of the former Space nightclub, **Hi Ibiza** has quickly become one of the island's most technologically ambitious venues, wrapping dancers in immersive lighting rigs, video mapping, and a booming sound system across two connected rooms, Theatre and Club. The production values rival a stadium concert more than a traditional nightclub, with residencies from top-tier house and techno acts running through the summer months. A garden terrace offers a calmer spot to catch a breath between sets without leaving the venue. Because it sits directly across from Ibiza Airport, many arriving visitors catch a glimpse of the building before they even reach their hotel. *Ticket prices* rank among the highest on the island, reflecting both the production and the caliber of resident DJs. Ride-share or taxi is the easiest way to reach it, since it's set apart from the main nightlife strips.





DC10

Top Pick

Book Ahead

3-5 hours Book Ahead



Map

Tucked beside the Ses Salines road with little in the way of signage, **DC10** built its cult status on Monday's long-running Circoloco party, a favourite of purist clubbers and touring DJs alike who prize its raw, unglamorous warehouse feel over polished production. The outdoor terrace, shaded by a corrugated roof and surrounded by farmland, has an almost after-hours, underground atmosphere even when the party starts in daylight. Sound quality and DJ selection take priority here over bottle service and VIP tables, and the crowd skews toward serious dance music devotees. Sessions often run from afternoon into the evening, making it a distinct alternative to the late-night superclub circuit. *Cash* is still useful for smaller bars inside the venue, and comfortable shoes matter given the standing-room, festival-like layout. Arrive early on peak dates, as capacity is limited and queues form well before doors open.



Lio Ibiza

Notable

3-4 hours Book Ahead



Map

For a lower-key but still spectacular night out, **Lio Ibiza** pairs a Mediterranean dinner with a live cabaret show, its performers weaving between the tables as diners work through a multi-course menu, before the room transforms into a late-night lounge and dancefloor. The setting overlooks the marina in Ibiza Town, giving it a refined, dressed-up atmosphere that contrasts with the island's warehouse clubs. Live musicians, aerialists, and singers rotate through a choreographed set that keeps the energy high without needing a DJ booth as the sole focus. It suits couples or groups wanting spectacle and conversation rather than pure dancefloor immersion. *Reservations* for dinner seating are essential well in advance, especially for weekend shows in high season. Smart-casual dress is expected, and the venue leans upscale in both price and presentation compared to the island's bigger clubs.

Tips for Nightlife & Entertainment

- Buy tickets online in advance for major clubs; walk-up prices are higher and queues can be long
- Most venues don't get busy until after 1am, so plan a late dinner first
- Dress codes vary widely, from casual at DC10 to smart-casual or upscale at rooftop lounges
- Book a taxi or ride-share in advance, as demand spikes heavily around closing time
- Pace yourself with water, as sets often run well past sunrise in peak season



With Kids

Ibiza is not just about beach clubs and late nights — the island has a gentler side that families can enjoy just as much, from hands-on nature parks to calm coves and a hilltop hippy market bursting with color. These spots make it easy to fill a day with kids without a single late bedtime involved.



Agumar Water Park Must See

3-5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Agumar Water Park in Playa d'en Bossa is Ibiza's main water park and a reliable full-day outing for families with children of any age. Gentle pools and slow-moving slides suit toddlers, while faster body slides and a wave pool keep older kids entertained for hours. Sun loungers and shaded areas ring the pools, so parents can relax while keeping an eye on the action. There are lockers, a snack bar, and a shop selling swimwear and sun cream for anything forgotten at the hotel. *Arrive early* in July and August, as the park fills up fast and queues for the popular slides can grow long by midday. It is an easy taxi or bus ride from most Playa d'en Bossa and Ibiza Town hotels, making it a low-effort, high-reward choice for a hot afternoon.



Hippy Market at Es Canar Top Pick

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



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Wiki

Every Wednesday, the seaside town of Es Canar hosts Ibiza's most famous **hippy market**, a colorful maze of stalls selling jewelry, toys, leather goods, and hand-painted crafts that kids genuinely enjoy wandering through. Live music, henna tattoo artists, and food stalls with churros and fresh juice keep the atmosphere festive rather than overwhelming. The market sits right by the beach, so children can be rewarded with a swim once the shopping wears thin. It gets busy by late morning, so an earlier visit means more breathing room to browse stalls at a relaxed pace. Many families combine it with a beach afternoon in Es Canar itself, turning market and swim into a single easy day trip from Ibiza Town or Santa Eulària.



Cala Llonga Family Beach Top Pick

Half day No Booking Needed



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Wiki

Cala Llonga is one of Ibiza's calmest, most family-friendly beaches, set in a sheltered bay with shallow, gently sloping water that is ideal for younger swimmers. The wide stretch of sand gives toddlers plenty of room to build sandcastles, and a row of beachfront restaurants and ice cream kiosks means parents never have to walk far for supplies. Pedal boats, paddleboard rentals, and a small play area nearby add extra options for active kids without needing to leave the beach. Sunbeds and umbrellas are easy to rent, and lifeguards patrol during the summer season. Because the bay is enclosed by hills, the water stays notably calmer here than at more exposed Ibiza beaches, which is exactly what makes it a favorite among local families with young children.





Ses Feixes Wetlands Nature Walk

Notable

1-1.5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Just behind Ibiza Town, the **Ses Feixes wetlands** offer a surprisingly peaceful escape where kids can spot herons, ducks, and dragonflies along flat, easy walking paths. Originally a network of Moorish-era irrigated market gardens, the area has been partly restored as a green corridor between the port and the modern town, with information panels that explain the old farming channels in simple terms. It is free to visit, shaded in parts, and short enough that even young children will not tire out halfway through. Bring a small pair of binoculars if you have them, since the birdlife is the main draw. Afterward, it is an easy stroll back into town for an ice cream, making this a low-key morning activity that costs nothing and burns off plenty of energy before lunch.

Tips for With Kids

- Book **Aguamar** tickets online in peak summer to skip the ticket-window queue.
- Pack reef shoes for the pebblier coves — Cala Llonga's sand is soft but nearby rocky patches can surprise bare feet.
- The Es Canar market runs only on Wednesdays, so plan the rest of the week around it if it is a priority.
- Midday sun is intense from June to August — schedule outdoor walks like Ses Feixes for morning or late afternoon.



Events Calendar

Ibiza's calendar runs on more than club nights: the island threads together folk processions, harvest fairs, open-air concerts, and a raucous New Year send-off across the year. Use this calendar to time a visit around a specific happening rather than guessing at peak season.



Sant Miquel Grape Harvest and Wine Fair Top Pick

2-4 hours No Booking Needed



Map

As autumn arrives, the hillside village of Sant Miquel de Balansat celebrates its small but proud viticultural tradition with a harvest fair centered on the village square. In **2026**, the fair takes place across the weekend of **September 25 to September 27**, coinciding with the last of the grape picking on nearby terraced vineyards. Visitors can sample local *vi pagès* table wine, watch traditional grape-treading demonstrations, and browse stalls of honey, almonds, and cheese from island producers. A folk dance display usually follows the Saturday evening tasting session, held in the churchyard adjoining the fortified 14th-century church. The pace is unhurried and distinctly rural, a contrast to the coastal resorts, and it draws a mostly local and expat crowd rather than mass tourism. Bring cash, as most stallholders do not accept cards.



Sant Antoni Spring Folk Festival Notable

2-3 hours per day No Booking Needed



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Every spring, the seafront promenade of Sant Antoni fills with **colla** dance troupes performing traditional *ball pagès* in embroidered costumes, accompanied by castanets, flutes, and hand drums. Expect processions, craft stalls selling local ceramics and herbal *hierbas ibicencas* liqueur, and open-air paella cooking demonstrations along the marina. In **2026** the festival runs from **April 24 to April 26**, timed to the mild pre-season weather before the summer crowds arrive. Local families turn out in force, making it a rare chance to see Ibizan folk culture rather than the club scene. Evening concerts on a temporary stage close each day, mixing folk revival bands with regional pop acts. Arrive early on the Saturday for the main procession, which draws the largest crowds of the weekend.



Ibiza Light Festival Notable

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map



Wiki

Held after the summer season winds down, this contemporary light and sound installation trail transforms Dalt Vila's fortified old town into an after-dark art walk. Projection mapping plays across the Renaissance walls and cathedral facade, while smaller illuminated sculptures line the stepped alleys leading up to the citadel. The **2026** edition runs from **November 6 to November 22**, deliberately scheduled in the shoulder season when the walls are otherwise quiet and hotel rates drop. The walking route takes roughly an hour at an unhurried pace, with several viewpoints looking back over the harbor and marina lights below. It draws a mixed crowd of residents, photographers, and the last wave of autumn visitors rather than the summer club audience. Wear comfortable shoes, as the cobbled inclines inside Dalt Vila are steep and uneven in places.





Ibiza Rocks Summer Concert Series

Optional

4-6 hours per event Book Ahead



Map

This long-running open-air concert series brings touring bands and DJs to a poolside stage in San Antonio, blending live indie and electronic acts with the island's nightlife energy. The **2026** season runs weekly from **June 5 through September 18**, with headline nights typically falling on Fridays. Expect a younger, festival-going crowd, poolside seating that fills up fast, and a lineup that skews toward emerging UK and European acts alongside the occasional legacy headliner. Doors usually open in the late afternoon, with support acts before the main set after sunset. It is *not* a seated theater experience; expect standing room, crowd energy, and a party atmosphere well past midnight. Tickets for headline dates sell out weeks in advance, especially for July and August shows, so this is one of the few island events where advance booking genuinely matters.



Ibiza Town New Years Eve Harbor Celebration

Optional

3-5 hours No Booking Needed



Map

The old town's harbor front becomes the island's focal point on **December 31, 2026**, as crowds gather along the marina and beneath the Dalt Vila walls for a midnight fireworks display over the water. Bars and restaurants along **Passeig de Vara de Rey** and the marina promenade fill from early evening, with many venues offering set dinner menus timed to end just before the countdown. After the fireworks, the celebration typically shifts into the town's bars and a handful of clubs that stay open through the winter off-season, giving the night a distinctly local, low-key character compared to summer's mega-clubs. Locals traditionally eat twelve grapes at midnight, one on each chime of the clock, a Spanish New Year custom widely observed here too. Dress warmly, as harbor winds make late December evenings noticeably cooler than the daytime temperature suggests.

Tips for Events Calendar

- Book accommodation and headline concert tickets for June through September well in advance, as the summer event season overlaps with peak tourist demand.
- Shoulder-season events in spring and autumn offer a quieter, more local experience and noticeably lower hotel prices.
- Rural village fairs like the Sant Miquel harvest event are typically cash-only and unticketed, so no advance booking is needed.
- Check event dates against the official venue or town hall listings before traveling, since exact days can shift slightly year to year.



Hidden Gems

Beyond the clubs and the walled Old Town, Ibiza hides a quieter side: pine-scented coves reached only on foot, a bohemian hippy legacy still alive in its markets, and villages where farmers and fishermen outnumber tourists. These are the spots locals keep to themselves.



Cala d'Aubarca Top Pick

3-4 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Tucked beneath dramatic cliffs on the island's wild northwest coast, this pebble cove is one of Ibiza's least visited beaches simply because reaching it takes effort: a steep, unmarked track through pine forest and scrubland from the nearest parking area. The reward is a **near-empty crescent of turquoise water** framed by towering rock walls, with almost no facilities to break the spell. There is no beach bar, no sunbeds, and often no other visitors at all outside peak August weekends. Bring your own water, food, and sturdy shoes, as the descent can be slippery. *Sunset here is extraordinary*, painting the cliffs deep orange, but plan your return hike before dark since there is no lighting on the path back to the car.



Atlantis (Sa Pedrera de Cala d'Hort) Top Pick

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

A former sandstone quarry turned informal shrine, this cliffside spot near Cala d'Hort earned its name in the 1970s when hippy settlers carved faces, steps, and stone platforms into the rock, imagining a lost city rising from the sea. Today it remains a **low-key pilgrimage site** for free spirits, with weathered carvings, natural swimming pools cut into the rock, and sweeping views toward Es Vedra from a totally different vantage point than the popular boat tours. The approach is a rough, unsigned coastal path that keeps crowds away, and swimming among the quarry pools at sunset feels genuinely otherworldly. *There are no facilities and no signage*, so ask locally or use offline map pins, and take care on the uneven stone underfoot, especially near the cliff edges.



Las Dalias Hippy Market Notable

2-3 hours No Booking Needed



Map

While San Antonio grabs the tourist headlines, this **Saturday-only market** near San Carlos is where Ibiza's original bohemian soul still lives, running continuously since the 1950s. Wooden stalls sell handmade jewellery, leather goods, ceramics, and vintage clothing from artisans who have traded here for decades, many of them descendants of the flower-power expats who settled the island. Beyond the shopping, the site hosts occasional evening markets with live music and fire performances under strings of lantern light, drawing a mixed crowd of longtime residents and in-the-know visitors rather than day-trippers. Arrive by mid-morning to browse before the heat and crowds build, and stay for a coffee at the on-site cafe. *Cash is useful* for smaller stalls, though most now accept cards.





Es Broll Spring and Ancient Aqueduct Notable

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

Hidden in a shaded ravine near Santa Agnes de Corona in the island's rural north, this natural spring feeds a moss-covered stone irrigation channel believed to date back to Moorish times, still trickling water through almond and fig groves. The short walk in follows a stream bed lined with ferns and wild fig trees, a striking contrast to Ibiza's sun-baked coastline and one of the few spots on the island with reliable shade and running water year-round. Local farmers still rely on the channel to irrigate nearby fields, making it a rare glimpse of **working agricultural heritage** rather than a preserved relic. It is a favourite among Ibiza residents for a quiet countryside walk away from the coast. *Wear proper shoes*, as the terrain is rocky and can be muddy near the spring itself.



Puig d'en Valls Sunday Farmers Rituals Optional

1-2 hours No Booking Needed



Map

This inland village northeast of Ibiza Town sees almost no tourist traffic, yet its small Sunday morning gathering around the church square offers a genuine slice of everyday Ibizan life: local farmers selling fresh figs, almonds, cheese, and homemade herbal liqueurs directly from crates and folding tables. Unlike the larger curated hippy markets, this is **unpolished and unhurried**, with elderly residents chatting in Catalan-Ibizan dialect over coffee at the one village bar. Visiting gives a sense of the agricultural rhythms that shaped the island long before tourism, and the surrounding countryside is dotted with traditional whitewashed farmhouses worth a slow drive. Come early, as stalls pack up by midday. *Little English is spoken*, so a few basic Spanish phrases go a long way.

Tips for Hidden Gems

- Rent a car or scooter, as most of these spots are unreachable by bus and poorly signed.
- Download offline maps before heading to rural areas, since mobile signal is patchy inland.
- Visit hidden coves in shoulder season (May-June or September) to avoid August crowds even in remote spots.
- Carry cash for small rural markets and stalls that do not accept cards.

Practical Information

Late **May, June and September** offer warm weather, warmer sea temperatures than early spring, and lighter crowds than peak July-August, when prices spike and the island feels overrun. Nightlife venues typically operate **June through early October** only; visiting in winter means a nearly closed island with minimal tourist infrastructure.

Public buses (**ibizabus**) connect Ibiza Town, San Antonio, Santa Eulària and beaches, but frequency drops sharply outside summer. Renting a car or scooter gives the most flexibility for reaching remote coves. Taxis are plentiful but not always metered-app-based — agree on fare or confirm the meter is running for longer trips.

Ibiza is known for **Adlib fashion** — flowing white bohemian clothing that originated on the island in the 1970s — sold in Ibiza Town boutiques. The **Las Dalias hippy market** (Tuesdays and Saturdays, near San Carlos) and **Punta Arabí market** in Es Canar (Wednesdays) sell handmade jewelry, leather goods and crafts. Bargaining is common at outdoor markets but not in shops.



Sant Joan Eve (June 23-24) fills beaches with bonfires marking the summer solstice. **Ibiza Global Fest** and the season's official club openings run through May-June. The **Festa d'Es Canar** hippy market anniversary and various patron saint festivals (Santa Eulària in February, Ibiza Town's Sant Ciriac in August, commemorating the 1235 Catalan reconquest) punctuate the calendar.

Day 1 — Dalt Vila & Old Town

Walk the Renaissance walls, visit the cathedral and MAEF archaeological museum, wander Sa Penya, dinner on Passeig de Vara de Rey.

Day 2 — Ses Salines & Beaches

Morning at Ses Salines Natural Park, afternoon on Es Cavallet or Ses Salines beach, sunset drinks in Ibiza Town.

Day 3 — Formentera Day Trip

Early ferry to Formentera, rent a bike, spend the day at Ses Illetes beach, return ferry in the evening.

Day 4 — West Coast & Es Vedrà

Drive the west coast, boat tour or viewpoint stop at Es Vedrà, sunset at San Antonio's Sunset Strip.

Day 5 — North Ibiza & Nightlife

Explore quieter northern villages and Las Dalias market, rest in the afternoon, then experience an Ibiza club night.

Es Vedrà at sunset from the Torre des Savinar viewpoint is the island's most photographed scene. The **Dalt Vila ramparts** at golden hour capture the harbor and Formentera in the background. **Ses Salines beach** offers turquoise-water shots, while **San Antonio's Sunset Strip** delivers the classic dusk silhouette photo.

Spain uses **230V** with **Type C and Type F** two-round-pin plugs, standard across continental Europe. Visitors from the UK, US or Australia will need an adapter.

Try **bullit de peix** (fish stew served with garlic aioli rice), **sofrit pagès** (a hearty meat and potato stew), and **flaó**, a traditional Ibizenco cheesecake flavored with mint and aniseed. Seafront chiringuitos (beach bars) serve fresh grilled fish; reserve ahead at popular ones like those on Ses Salines beach in peak season.

Where to Stay in Ibiza

- **Dalt Vila (Old Town)**: The walled hilltop citadel is ideal for *first-time visitors* who want cobbled lanes, sea views, and boutique hotels within walking distance of restaurants and the marina. Expect stairs and limited car access, which suits travelers prioritizing atmosphere over convenience.
- **Santa Eulària des Riu**: A relaxed coastal town with a long promenade, calm beaches, and a marina, this area works well for *families* seeking a quieter base with playgrounds, shallow swimming spots, and easy access to supermarkets and casual dining.
- **Playa d'en Bossa**: Home to the island's biggest beach clubs and late-night venues, this strip is built for the *nightlife* crowd who want to stumble from pool parties to clubs without needing a taxi.
- **San Antonio**: Known for its famous sunset strip, San Antonio offers a wide range of budget hostels and simple apartments, making it a solid pick for *budget travelers* who still want beach access and a lively bar scene nearby.



Ibiza Travel Budget

Ibiza swings from backpacker-friendly to some of the most expensive nightlife on the planet, so daily costs vary widely depending on season and style.

- **Budget (€60-90/day):** hostel dorm bed €25-35, groceries and casual bakeries or bocadillo bars €15-20 for meals, bus travel around the island €2-4 per ride, free beach time with the occasional €5-8 chiringuito drink.
- **Mid-range (€150-250/day):** 3-star hotel or Airbnb apartment €90-140, sit-down restaurant meals €20-35 per person, scooter or small car rental €35-50/day including fuel, entry to a beach club or a big-name club night €30-60.
- **Luxury (€400-800+/day):** boutique or 5-star hotel €250-500, fine dining and beach club table service €80-150 per person, private driver or rental car upgrade €80-150/day, VIP club tables or a private boat day easily €300-1,000+.

July and August push prices toward the top of every band, while *June* and *September* offer similar weather at noticeably lower rates. A one-week **Ibiza Bus Turistic** hop-on-hop-off style pass runs around €20-25 and covers the main resort towns, a good way to trim mid-range transport costs.

Is Ibiza Worth Visiting?

Yes — few islands pack such a contrast of moods into one coastline, from a sun-bleached old town and pine-covered hills to turquoise coves and the world's most famous nightlife.

- **Two islands in one:** the north stays quiet and rural with hidden beaches and hippy markets, while the south and Ibiza Town deliver the clubs and beach parties the island is known for.
- **Dalt Vila:** the UNESCO-listed walled old town rewards a slow wander with sea views, Renaissance fortifications and cobbled lanes largely untouched by the party scene.
- **Coastline built for swimming:** coves like Cala Comte and Cala d'Hort offer some of the clearest water in the Mediterranean, with Es Vedra rising dramatically offshore.

Best for travelers who want nightlife and natural beauty within the same trip, though sun-seekers chasing pure relaxation may prefer a quieter Balearic base in peak summer.

