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Introduction

Lying off the east coast of Spain in blissful Mediterranean sunshine, the Balearic Islands of Mallorca, Menorca, Ibiza and Formentera are vibrant, flamboyant and idyllic in equal measure.

Ibiza may be known worldwide for its clubbing scene and nightlife but the island has many lesser-known treasures to discover. In the white washed streets and plazas of Ibiza's Old Town, shop for local artisan crafts. When the day draws to an end, head to one of the many beaches for sundown cocktails with a view.

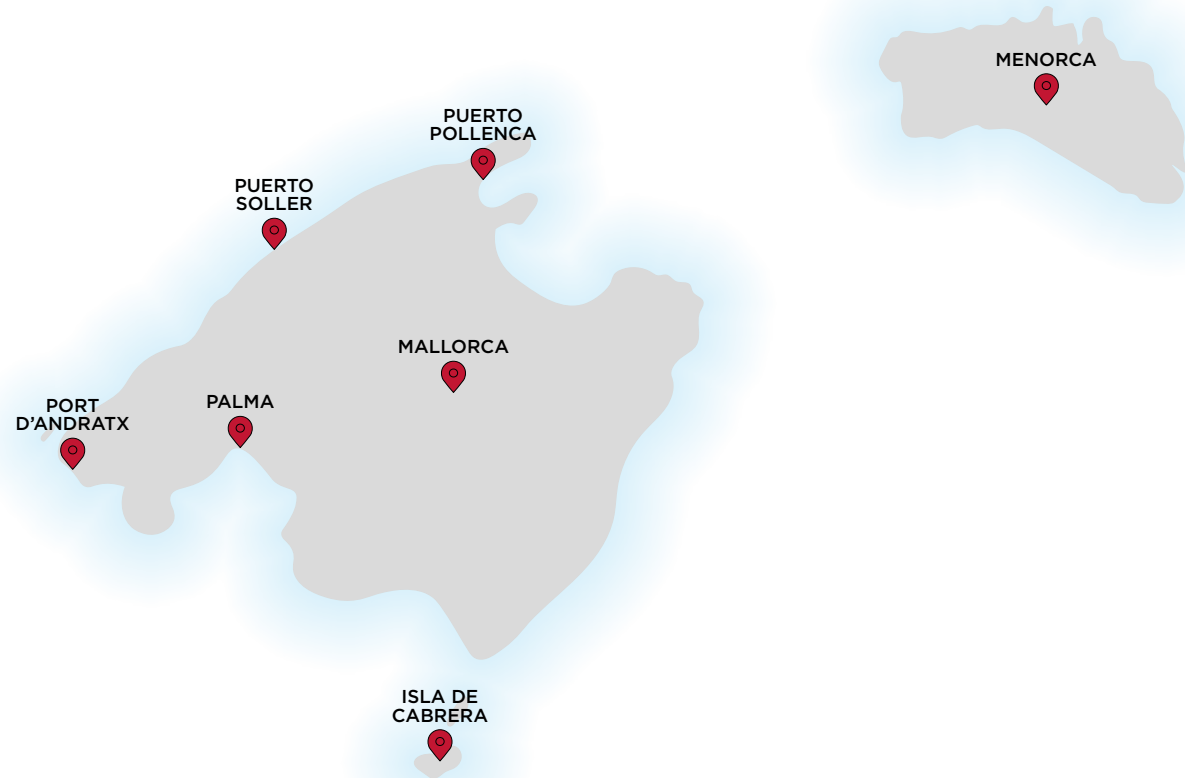
Less than 30km from Ibiza is the island of Formentera. This stunning spot is a beach lover's paradise, with white sands and crystal clear waters. The blissful island retreat is renowned for its healing properties - take a mud bath in the hot spring on the adjacent island of Espalmador or dance barefoot in the sand at one on the many beach clubs open day and night.



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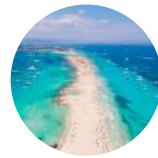
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ISLA DE CABRERA

An uninhabited nature reserve 10 miles off Mallorca's southern tip

Once used by 13th century pirates as a base for their attacks on the Mallorcan coastline, today Cabrera is an uninhabited nature reserve. The island is the largest of nineteen islets in an archipelago, which has been designated a Terrestrial and Maritime National Park.

There are approximately 200 species of fish within the Marine Park and the surrounding waters range in depth, from the very shallow right down to 120 metres. Cabrera is also a haven for birdlife and is home to several species of indigenous lizard.

Spend the night moored in the nature reserve's sheltered bay.



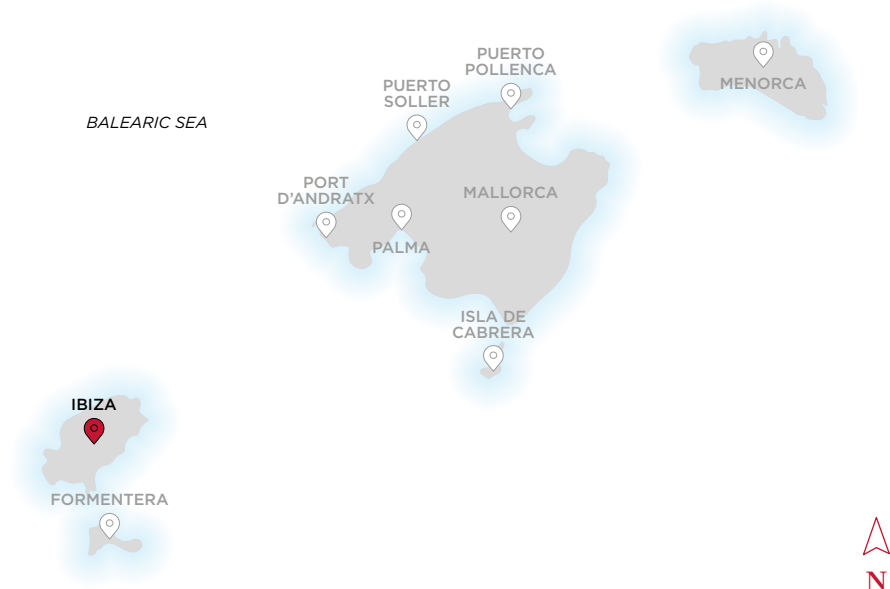
IBIZA

Whether dancing or dining, Ibiza offers something for everyone

Begin your Ibiza experience in the superyacht marinas (Marina Ibiza or Sovren Ibiza). For those seeking Ibiza's glamorous day-to-night beach clubs, in this southwest portion of the island there's Cala Bassa - an ever-popular see-and-be-seen beach in prime position for sunsets; Cala Jondal - home to famous crowd-puller, the Blue Marlin; and Playa d'en Bossa, where the music from Bora Bora and Ushuaia drifts across the sands.

In the cobbled streets of Ibiza's Old Town, tapas and wine go hand in hand with people watching. Shop for local artisan crafts and clothing before enjoying sunset drinks in the harbour.

No trip to Ibiza is complete without a visit to the twin islands of Es Vedrà and Es Vedranell in the far southwest. The larger of the two, Es Vedrà, soars 382 metres high. Anchor here for a stunning sunset.



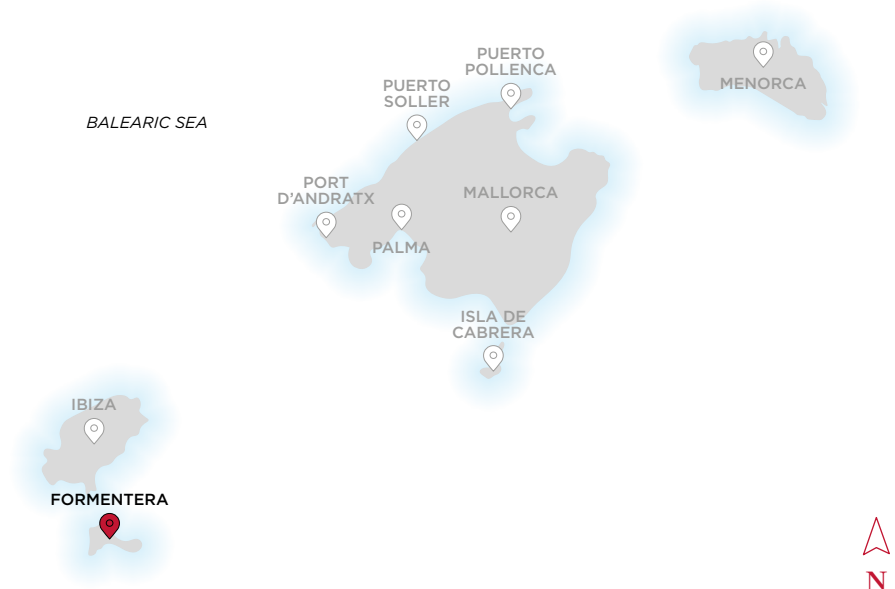
FORMENTERA

A beach lover's paradise

The baby of the Balearics, Formentera boasts a rustic simplicity that is effortlessly chic. There is limited development and no big tourist resorts, making the island a beach-lover's paradise. Formentera is famous for its ribbons of white sand, turquoise waters and stylish beachfront restaurants.

Relax in laid-back harbour-side bars, visit the lantern-lit hippy markets of El Pilar de la Mola, or take a mud bath in the hot spring on the adjacent island of Espalmador.

If you're keen to explore ashore, we recommend hiring one of the little electric vehicles or taking to bicycle and pedal power.



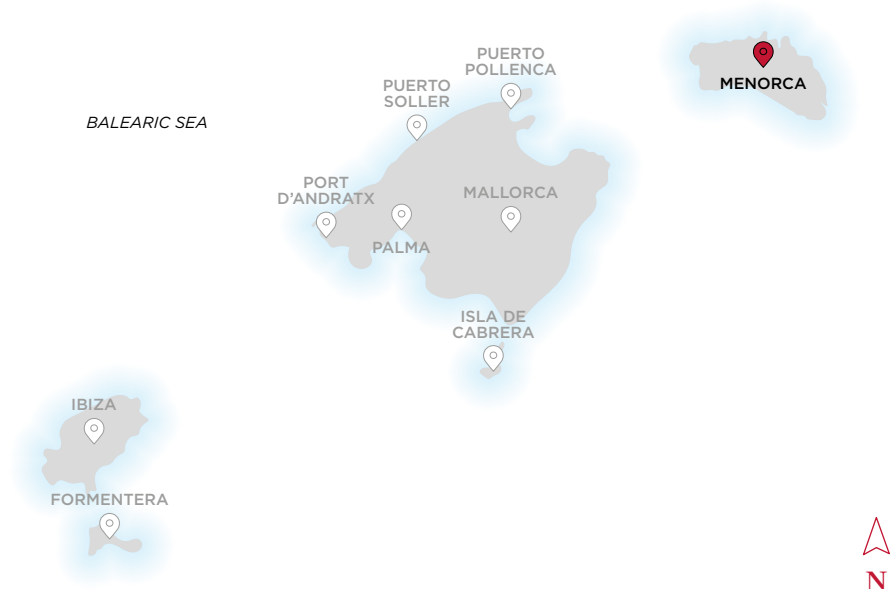
MENORCA

Mallorca's little sister

Considerably quieter than Mallorca, Menorca is distinctly rural, and that is its charm.

The island's breath-taking north coast has a dramatic scenery of jagged outcrops and reddish sands. If you plan to spend a day relaxing on this peaceful isle, we recommend the white sand beaches of Cala Algayarens and Cala Morell on the north-western coast.

Menorca's main harbour, the Port of Mahon, is six kilometres long and is the mightiest natural harbour in the Mediterranean. Impressive Georgian mansions and a 13th century church overlook the bustling port, and traditional tapas bars line the promenade.



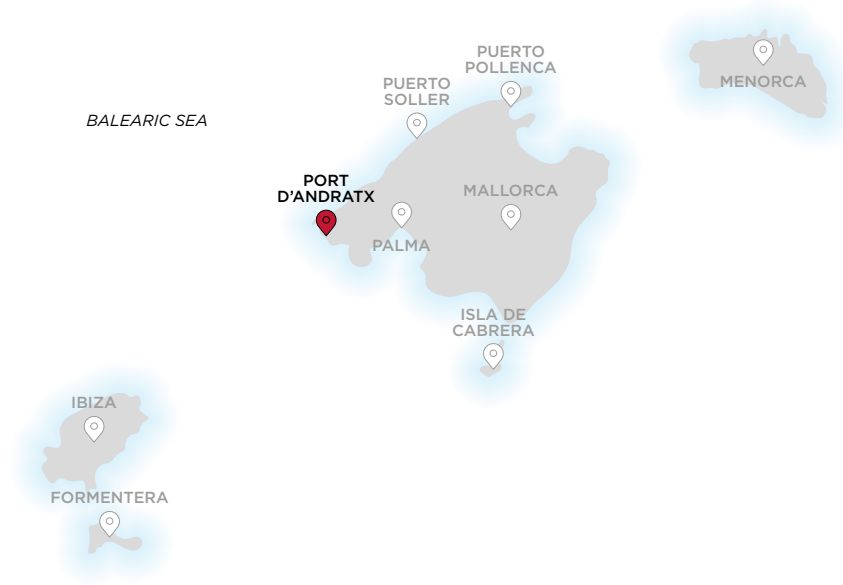
PORT D'ANDRATX

Arguably the prettiest of Mallorca's ports and certainly one of the most stylish

The Port of Andratx has become one of Mallorca's most popular resorts with plenty of bars, restaurants and shops encircling the attractive harbour. Located in Mallorca's south-western corner, in the foothills of the Tramuntana Mountains, the area is particularly picturesque and Italian-style villas climb the pine tree-studded hillside.

The upper part of the village with its cobbled streets and church of Santa Maria is exceptionally charming and from here you have views across the bay.

The busy fishing port supplies many of Mallorca's restaurants and it's a great spot to pick up the freshest catch of the day, ready for the Chef to prepare for you back onboard.



PUERTO SOLLER

Drop anchor in the sweeping circular bay of Port Soller

Puerto Soller is famous for its prawns, and you'll find them served at most of the beachside eateries. Jump aboard the vintage tram and journey from the harbour inland, to the mountain town of Soller. Nestled in a valley of orange trees, the town is dominated by a 16th century church and the streets are bustling with cafes, restaurants and souvenir shops.

Nearby is the charming village of Deià, home to the famous Belmond La Residencia hotel, and the largely pedestrianized town of Valldemossa, a World Heritage site.

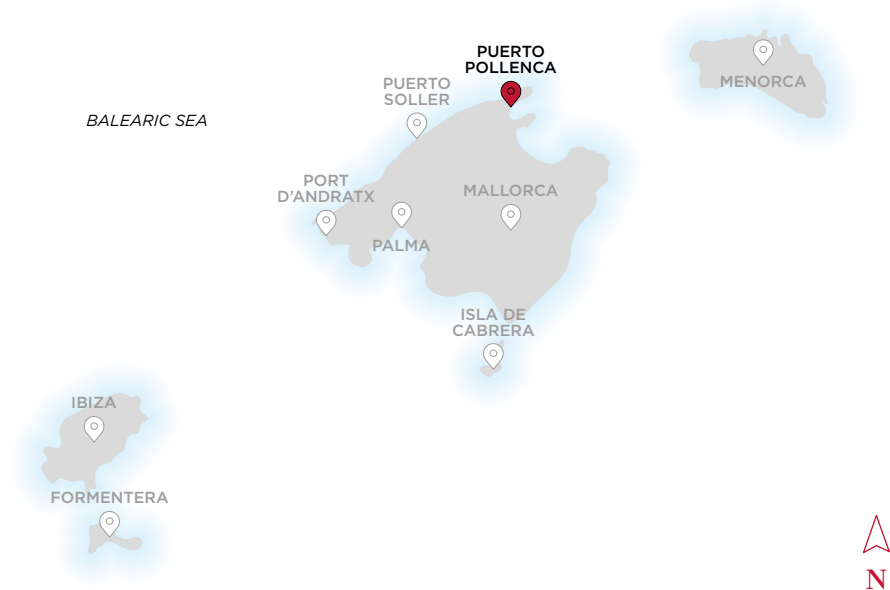


PUERTO POLLENCA

The perfect location for water sports, with the Tramuntana Mountain range as your backdrop

The sweeping sheltered bay of Puerto Pollenca is ideal for a day of watersports, with calm waters and gentle sea breezes making it suitable for an array of activities and abilities. Step ashore for a round of golf at one of the many pristine courses or take a hike into the mountains for spectacular vistas of the dramatic coastline.

The historic inland town of Pollenca was founded in 123 BC by the Romans, and is a popular spot with tourists. Mainly inhabited by islanders however, it manages to retain an authentic feel. Pick one of the many cafes around the square, order a cafe con leche and a slice of ensaimada, Mallorca's queen of pastries.



PALMA

Mallorca's cosmopolitan capital

The cosmopolitan city of Palma stretches back from the waterfront and alongside the striking 14th century Gothic Cathedral. The Cathedral is built on the site of an Arabic Mosque, and the impressive building features an altar and rose window designed by Gaudi.

The winding streets of the Old Town and the main street, the Passeig del Born, feature the likes of Louis Vuitton, Carolina Herrera, Hugo Boss and Rolex, as well as a plethora of Michelin-starred restaurants and interesting bars.

Every culinary delight is catered for in Palma, and it's well worth stopping for lunch or dinner ashore.





