



Balearics Cruising Guide

Ciudadella to Cabrera

Begin your Balearic adventure from the beautiful island of Menorca and the interesting city of Ciudadella. Ciudadella, the capital of Menorca until the English built up Port Mahón, is a place of both cultural and historical importance. Though not the most important Menorcan city, it is arguably the most interesting. Its old town is packed with churches and palaces, unchanged for 300 years, and set beneath beautiful Italian-style archways.

The coastline is a series of rocky inlets, with each inlet housing a secluded cove-style beach, perfect for exploration by sea. Ciudadella has a thriving night life as well as an array of activities for the day, including museums, shopping and a water park, all of which are sure to satisfy even the most particular traveler. The Puerto de Ciudadella offers over a hundred berths equipped to look after yachts up to 50m.



Cabrera to Palma

Touted as one of the most unspoiled spots in the Almeria province, Cabrera is full of Moorish charm and offers the attractive pursuits of golf, mountain walks, scuba diving, and windsurfing.

The Cabrera National Park, to the south of Mallorca, is an archipelago of 19 small islands which are part of the Balearics but only day trips are allowed and even an overnight stay in a private boat requires a permit.

Together the islands form one of Spain's 17 autonomous communities. Different versions of the Catalan language predominate on all of the islands though English is widely spoken in the resort areas.



Palma to Andraitx

Palma de Mallorca is the capital of this bustling island, and is a charming town famous for its brilliant sunsets which light up the surrounding bay as far as the eye can see. Also Mallorca's main harbor, the Palma Port Authority can accommodate yachts of all sizes and though typically busy, is spacious and well-equipped. The near-by Club del Mar is a first-class marina for the discerning yacht owner that can accommodate 630 vessels up to 150m. Palma is a culture-rich with museums, galleries and the Castell de Bellver open for a historical exploration of the city.



Andraitx to Ibiza Town

After Palma, the other major Mallorcan port town is that of Andraitx, which caters to pleasure crafts of all sizes with almost 500 moorings available. Almost completely undiscovered by tour operators and other venues of heavy tourism, Andraitx was traditionally a fishing village that is quickly becoming a desirable holiday destination. Built on several levels, impressive villas sit at the crest of the town which is quietly populated by celebrities and local fisherman alike. Though it has no true beach, Andraitx is a convenient base from which to explore the beautiful Mallorcan coastline.



Ibiza Town to Formentera

Ibiza is home to a harsh landscape and little rainfall; with over half the island covered in thick woods, the rural northeast is an unexpected and unspoiled idyll that few know to explore. It's rugged coastline is dotted with sandy beaches, most of which are intensely built up, but this World-Heritage site is a dichotomy of rich marine life and intensive tourism.

Quiet beaches and coastal walking trails seem at odds with the popular perception of Ibiza as the mad epicenter of the European rave scene. Scattered along the north are a handful of renovated country houses offering rural sanctuaries for those with a more nature-oriented escape in mind.

Home to Europe's largest club, and host to a multitude of others, Ibiza Town, capital of the island itself, embodies the true meaning of pleasure. With activities available around the clock, this town throbs with an exceptional vitality and enthusiasm. Typically attracting a younger crowd to its varied delights, Ibiza has matured in the last few years and now offers many chic enterprises throughout the island.



Formentera to Port Mahon

The smallest of the main Balearic Islands, Formentera is composed of two different rock formations: La Mola with its cliff-edged coastline and flat plain which gives rise to the Puig Guillem mountains in the west. Both areas are joined together by 5 kilometers of white, sandy beach known as the Mitjorn, which is an ideal location for nautical sports. Chosen by travelers mainly for its tranquil atmosphere, the beauty of Formentera cannot be denied nor can the unique charm and sedate lifestyle it enjoys.



Port Mahon

Port Mahón, lying at the eastern end of the island, is widely considered the finest port in the Mediterranean. Built in the colonial English style and boasting the second deepest natural harbor in the world, the capital city of Menorca is a figurehead of Balearic culture, with many local products taking their names from it: mayonnaise being one, and queso de mahón, a popular island cheese, being another.

Puerto Mahón offers several hundred berths allowing yachts up to 50m to dock, and is a well-run facility equipped with able personnel. Though Port Mahón has no true beach, there are many cove-style beaches in the immediate area.





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