

## 2009 Ibiza Jazz Festival

The charms of Ibiza combined with excellent musical talent are conducive to a great holiday, and jazz lovers are in for a treat if they can make it to the island in August.

Resting and relaxing in Ibiza, while listening to the creative talents of fine musicians is certainly a getaway to consider. For jazz fans, and general holidaymakers alike, Ibiza affords that opportunity this August. The 2009 Ibiza Jazz Festival takes place this year from August 26 to August 29 inclusive. For four consecutive days, music lovers can enjoy sun, sand, surf, and serenading by top musicians.

What makes the Ibiza Jazz Festival unique? First, the island itself is the perfect backdrop to this wonderful musical form. Ibiza is the third largest of the Balearic Islands. An autonomous community of Spain, you're always close to beautiful beaches when you travel around the island. Ibiza also has a reputation for fine resorts, shops, cafes, and bars. There's a host of things to enjoy during your trip, along with that hot summer jazz.

August is a perfect time for an outdoor jazz festival in Ibiza. Temperatures during the month typically range from a low of 21C or 70F to a high of 29C or 84F. The daily mean on the island is 25C or 77F. You'll bask in the warm climate as the musicians "cook" on stage with their intricate jazz improvisations and arrangements.

This year's Ibiza Jazz Festival features Joachim Kuhn. Based in Ibiza, he's a German pianist. His talents have accompanied jazz virtuosos such as Ornette Coleman. The festival also features a young Dutch saxophone player, Tineke Postma and her quartet. This year, she received a nomination for the Paul Acket Award, established by the North Sea Jazz Festival.

In addition, the Ibiza Jazz Festival will feature guitarist Nino Josele from Almeria. He will add some Flamenco flavors to his jazz playing. His styling's are in the contemporary flamenco vein, which is a modern take on traditional flamenco music. The Golden Gospel Singers from the United States will also grace the festival. They are a vocal and instrumental septet. Touring artists who form the group represent cities all over America.

Jazz music continues to build on its roots. The festival in Ibiza is further indication of the sustaining power of the music. Visit cities, towns, islands, villages, resorts, worldwide and you'll find live jazz playing somewhere. The roots of jazz originated in the time of slavery. The creation of work songs in the form of "call-and-response" is how it began. A song leader would call out a line and the rest of the workers would answer his call. This helped pass the time and was a method of storytelling.

In essence, elements of work songs and spiritual songs form part of the foundation of jazz. Over the years, jazz evolved and new instrumental and vocal styles emerged. Under the broad umbrella "jazz", there are many sub-categories to suit an individual's tastes. There's be-bop, big band, free jazz, fusion, smooth, ragtime, bossa nova, cool jazz, and more. Booking their [Ibiza flights](#) for the 2009 Ibiza Jazz Festival offers music fans some of this smorgasbord of jazz flavors.

While in Ibiza, the island's nightlife comes into play as well. When a nighttime jazz performance ends, you can extend the evening. There's a host of clubs to partake of on the island. In fact, there are even pre-club bars in Ibiza. These bars are where clubbers go to prepare or get into party-mode for the night. The pre-club bars feature music and dance in a more relaxed and typically less-expensive way.

However, when one is ready to proceed full-speed-ahead, the top clubs are waiting. Here you'll find intense music, intriguing DJ's, and people from all lifestyles unwinding after a day in the sun. It's all about dancing, singing, socializing, and soaking in the atmosphere of the island's nightlife. Think of it as the other end of the musical spectrum that you can experience on top of the Ibiza Jazz Festival.

Along with jazz flavors, you'll want to partake in some of Ibiza's tasteful cuisine. A trip to the island means Basque, Provencale, or Catalan delights. There's lamb, chicken, fresh sardines and other seafood, and tantalizing tapas. You can also experience traditional Spanish paella (a rice dish), or fideuea - a noodle dish usually made with seafood and fish.

The 2009 Ibiza Jazz Festival is just around the corner. It promises this expressive musical form and everything else the island has to offer. A trip to Ibiza for jazz means a juggernaut of other things to enjoy as well. While you can't "Take the A Train" to get to the island, you can take a plane and arrive in time for the opening musical notes in August and have a great holiday if you're a jazz lover.

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