

Winter 2010 Vacations - Surprisingly Peaceful Ibiza

Stating that Ibiza has something of a reputation is an understatement. It boasts some of the world's most inviting beaches. But it has also become known for its raucous nightlife. High tourist season (between June and September) sees thousands of holidaymakers partying the night away.

However, there is more to Ibiza than dance clubs. Once the summer winds down, Ibiza becomes a quiet and inviting getaway.

The months between October and May are the best for holidaymakers more interested in a cultural experience. The bars are still open, but they're much quieter and more conducive to an intimate dinner. Holidaymakers visiting Ibiza in winter tend to come for the history. Smaller crowds mean culture seekers have ample time and space to soak in the sights and sounds of the island.

Ibiza is the third largest of an archipelago of over 50 islands. The chain is known as the Balearic islands. Ibiza and the island of Formentera are referred to as Islas Pitiusas, or the Pine Islands. The two were once a stop for pirates until the Romans drove them out. Rulership changed hands numerous times over several thousand years.

The seat of its government is located in Ibiza Town. It boasts approximately 37,000 year-round inhabitants. It is small by world standards. Nevertheless, it is a must see stop on any tourist's winter Ibiza holiday.

Ibiza Town rests on the southeastern coast of the island. It is divided, like many ancient cities, into old and new Ibiza. The old part is Dalt Vila, or 'Upper Town.' Here tourists will find some of the oldest buildings in the Balearics. The cathedral of Santa Maria d'Eivissa is one example of ancient architecture here. The necropolis of Puig des Molins is another.

Example is the newer part of the city. This is where the island's party reputation was born. Winter time is best for avoiding this stereotype and getting a true feel for the city's restaurants, people and sites.

The island has been designated by the United Nations as a World Heritage site. This designation tends to be overlooked during the party season. Winter tourists, on the other hand, have time, space and quiet to appreciate it. This designation is given to areas that have cultural and/or natural importance as they pertain to the world at large. Thanks to Ibiza's rich history and unique ecosystems, the island enjoys UN protection. It ensures that only responsible development occurs and ecology is preserved. It offers guidance to the local government in managing the area and balancing it with tourism and living space.

Winters on the island tend to be mild. Some rain can be expected in certain parts of Ibiza. Winter temperatures may not invite an ocean swim. They do allow for a good game of golf though. Even historical and cultural aficionados need to take a break. The island's two major golf courses are currently undergoing a merger. When finished, the club will rival those of other parts of Spain.

Rates for [Ibiza hotels](#) fall during the off-season. This makes a winter Ibiza holiday extra appealing. Tourists looking for a quiet, pristine and informative winter holiday might want to consider adding Ibiza to their shortlist of possible destinations for 2010.

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