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Your First Ibiza

THE JOURNAL



So, this is Ibiza.

The names, the flavours and the shape of a day. A first visit that leaves room for Ibiza to surprise you.

FIND YOUR WAY THROUGH

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A magazine to keep. The interactive finders and live services belong to the web edition.

The island, as we live it.

You recognise the blue. Everything around it is new.

The first approach might be past salt ponds, through the harbour or up a road that seems to contain only trees until a white village appears. Ibiza rarely introduces all its selves at once. That is a good reason to arrive curious.

Begin with a few bearings: which part of the island suits your base, what you want one important day to feel like, and how much of the week you want to spend moving around. Then choose a proper first outing. A swim, a town evening or lunch beside the sea can tell you more about your own Ibiza than twenty saved addresses.

This guide gives you the language to make those choices. The itineraries can follow once you know what makes you want to stay a little longer.

FIND YOUR BEARINGS

One island. *Several conversations.*



Geography is the first useful piece of local knowledge. It improves almost every decision that follows.

Ibiza Town and Eivissa are the same place. Dalt Vila is the old walled city above it; La Marina and Sa Penya sit below, close to the harbour. Start here for a compact first afternoon that can become dinner: historic stone, shops, bars and ordinary city life within the same walk.

The south includes Playa d'en Bossa, Ses Salines and Es Cavallet. Playa d'en Bossa has a long developed beachfront and major music venues. Ses Salines and Es Cavallet belong to a protected coastal landscape, with restaurant-led days inside it. Sa Trinxa and El Chiringuito are owner favourites, but they give you different afternoons.

The west offers coves, open-water views and Sant Antoni as its main town. The east runs through Santa Eulària towards Sant Carles and the nearby beaches. Inland and north, village squares, wooded roads and small bays take over. The differences are

One island. Several conversations.



Sa Trinxa / Ses Salines

a reason to choose a region for the day, rather than cross all of them before lunch.

For a first plan, draw a loose circle: town; south; west; or east and north. Put one meal and one outing inside it. You will still see plenty, with more time to understand what you are looking at. The Beachclub Edition helps choose the actual shore once you have the bearings.

Our Beachclub Edition compares settings and atmosphere; the name of an area alone cannot do that.

THE PLACE YOU COME BACK TO

Choose for the hours *between the plans.*



Can Rafa / Ocho Ibiza

Where you stay shapes the holiday as much as the places you save.

Imagine an unbooked afternoon before choosing where to stay. Does the group want its own pool and table? The ability to walk into town? Quiet bedrooms after a late night? Those ordinary questions should guide the address.

With a villa, check bed configurations, bathrooms and shared spaces. Couples, friends travelling separately and children of different ages can need very different things from the same bedroom count. Ask about steps, child equipment and other essentials while those answers can still shape the choice.

Ocho's Can Rafa, Can Bossa and Can Saca offer different bases. Browse the actual villa pages, then tell the team about your people and the journeys you expect to repeat. Leave a meal or afternoon at home deliberately; a house this central to the trip deserves time in it.

Choose the base by the journeys you want to repeat. A beautiful setting and a sensible location make different contributions to the week.

LEARN A FEW FLAVOURS

There is an island *on the plate.*



S'Illa des Bosc / Rice beside the sea

Let one meal introduce you to something beyond the restaurant's view.

Let at least one meal introduce the island through flavour. Fish and rice by the sea, bread from a village bakery, a country grill: the local story is spread across several kinds of table. Ask what is being cooked and how it is usually shared before deciding on familiar individual orders.

Bullit de peix is a useful name to know. At S'Illa des Bosc on Cala Comte, the fish dish is followed by rice cooked in its broth. Give that lunch time, ask about ordering arrangements when you book and come hungry. The dish has a rhythm of its own, which is part of the pleasure of choosing it.

For something sweet, look for flaó, the mint-scented cheese tart, or graixonera, a baked pudding associated with ensaïmada. A bakery stop is a low-stakes way to try a flavour you cannot quite imagine. Share a slice, compare opinions and take something home for the person who stayed by the pool.

The island's cooking also travels well beyond its own traditions. El Chiringuito, Amante, La Brasa and La Paloma are among the owner favourites for very different meals. Use Dinner for a special table and Coffee for the morning ritual. One considered meal can make the day; every stop need not compete with it.

Order something to share before everyone settles into a familiar individual choice. It is an easy way to widen the table's vocabulary.

There is an island on the plate.



El Náutico Ibiza / Lunch arrives

CHOOSE YOUR BIG YES

What would you *come back for?*



Cala Comte / Salvador Ibiza

Pick one experience with enough feeling behind it to deserve a place in the plan.

Choose the experience you would actually miss. If it is the sea, decide whether you want time aboard or time on Formentera. A coastal boat outing is about deck, swims and the shore viewed from the water. A passenger ferry is the beginning of a day on another island, with transport and a route still to arrange after landing.

If it is music, listen to who is playing on your dates before choosing the room. Ocho's clearest preferences are Amnesia and DC10 on seasonal Circoloco Mondays. Protect the event in the calendar and keep the next morning open. Our Clubbing Edition explains more than a venue name can.

For culture, choose one museum and let it lead into a neighbourhood. MACE puts contemporary art inside Dalt Vila; Puig des Molins takes you into ancient Ibiza and its funerary culture. A village

What would you come back for?



MACE / Illes Balears Tourism

morning or a market selected for its real programme gives you another way into the place.

Book the few experiences that need a commitment, then leave room around them. A good first visit contains something you hoped for and something you had no idea you wanted. See Boat, Formentera and Market once the choice has a shape.

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KEEP THE JOURNEYS EASY

Nobody remembers the spreadsheet. They remember that nobody was stranded.

Choose transport around the journeys you will actually repeat. A hire car can make inland days easy when someone wants to drive. For dinner with wine or a club night, a booked transfer may fit the group better. Confirm the passenger number, the pickup point and how people can get back separately.

A bus can be useful where its current route matches your day. Check the return before committing to a remote shore, including the walk between the stop and the venue. Seasonal and late-night services have their own timetables; a map pin is not a transport plan.

Put the accommodation address, booking references and transport details in one shared note. Give everyone access, so the organiser can spend part of the trip enjoying it too. For a sea excursion, agree the harbour and operator's meeting point precisely; Ibiza has more than one place where boats leave.

Then let those arrangements fade into the background. The reward is being able to look out of the window, follow a conversation and arrive interested in the place ahead.

Anyone drinking needs a safe ride. Ocho can help explore transfer arrangements when you share the route and group size.

YOUR FIRST PROPER DAY

Let the island *make an impression.*



Puig de Missa / A quieter first impression

Choose one outing you can enjoy without racing to the next one.

Fit the arrival day around actual villa access and luggage arrangements. With an early flight, a nearby meal and a modest walk can be enough. With a late one, have supper sorted before you travel. The first proper outing is better after you have slept.

For a town day, begin with coffee around Vara de Rey and walk into Dalt Vila while the temperature suits the climb. Pause below the cathedral, look towards the harbour and come down through the streets for lunch or an early dinner. Café Montesol gives you a central place to sit; its rooftop is a separate seasonal option.

For an eastern base, Santa Eulària makes another coherent introduction. Walk the seafront, then go up to Puig de Missa if the group wants the climb. The church's white walls and broad porch give the

Let the island make an impression.



Montesol Experimental / Ibiza Town

place a very different scale from the promenade below. Choose a café afterwards and spend the afternoon nearby, rather than adding a second town for its own sake.

For a sea-first holiday, choose one suitable beach and stay. Let the first hour contain a swim, a walk or simply settling under your shade. After that, decide how much to put into the calendar. Three Days assumes three complete days outside travel; Long Weekend uses two; One Week gives the stay five full days.

Keep the first evening near the place you are already enjoying. The rooftop is a seasonal option.

A FEW ISLAND MANNERS

Be curious. *Be good company.*



Punta Arabí / Hippy Market

The best visitors look closely and leave the place easy for the next person to enjoy.

Keep to permitted paths in protected areas, stay off dunes and working boat ramps, and take your rubbish away. Wear shoes suited to stone climbs or country walks; follow local sea conditions and flags.

At the villa, follow the house rules and quiet hours. Ocho welcomes friends and celebrations, including stag and hen stays, with consideration for neighbours. Take the loud part of the evening to the right venue.

Agree a comfortable budget before special bookings. Good bread, a swim and a modest table can make a wonderful day; the group's spending should buy things the people coming want.

Leave room to change your mind. You may arrive for the night and fall for the morning. A first visit is the chance to discover that.

Cooler months have their own appeal and opening patterns. Use Winter and Low Season when those are your dates.

CHOOSE YOUR RHYTHM

Your first Ibiza, in one sentence

A few ways to make the idea your own.

A way to make the day yours

One coast day, one Dalt Vila evening and one inland or northern outing. Add a party only if the music excites you.

Another way to make the day yours

Choose a restaurant and a night deliberately, then keep the surrounding days easy enough to enjoy them.

Another way to make the day yours

Start with village life, art, food and protected landscapes. There is a whole holiday here without a club ticket.

A place *for your people.*



Can Rafa / The pool. The garden. The quieter hours.

The hours in between

The first coffee. The last swim. The table where the stories get told again. Some of the best hours of the holiday happen at home.

At Ocho, you book directly with the people who own and care for our three villas. Tell us your dates, your people and the kind of Ibiza you have in mind. We'll help you find your place.

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Make it *your Ibiza.*

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Dalt Vila's fortifications and cathedral rise above white houses in Ibiza Town

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