The Formentera *Edition*

THE JOURNAL

Across the water.

Beyond the first beautiful beach: fishing harbours, village life, long lunches and three ways to make the island your own.

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.

The water changes colour.
So does the day.

At La Savina, the day becomes physical again. The bag on your shoulder. The light beyond the harbour. The question of where you will first put your feet in the water.

Formentera is close enough to be an extra and interesting enough to deserve the whole day. There are celebrated beaches, certainly. There are also fishing ramps, village squares, a lighthouse above an enormous horizon and a lunch that tastes of the island.

Choose a direction. Leave room to notice it. You do not have to stay overnight to feel you have been somewhere, but you do have to stop trying to collect it all.

THE FIRST BLUE

Some places *earn the photograph.*



Ses Illetes is famous. You are allowed to love it anyway. Give the place more than the few seconds it takes to frame the view.

The obvious choice. *Still extraordinary.*

At first it is the colour. The pale strip of sand, the changes in the water, the almost unreasonable clarity of it all. Then you notice the smaller things: the shapes of the islets, footprints leading away from the access, a towel being shaken out. The postcard becomes a day you can actually have.

You do not have to find an obscure beach to have a good eye. Ses Illetes is famous for a reason: pale sand, extraordinarily clear-looking water and that slender sense of land between blues.

It is also a real place with access arrangements and other visitors. Respect the dunes and marked approaches. The tourism authority describes paid car and motorcycle access to the natural park, while walking and cycling access is free; check current arrangements before travelling. Do not confuse this park access with the island's separate vehicle authorisation scheme.

Build the day around being here, rather than promising yourself a second coast after lunch. Swim when conditions allow, find shade, eat something you actually want. The view does not become less beautiful because you have stopped photographing it.

ALONG THE SOUTH

Find your stretch. *Let it become yours.*



Migjorn / Formentera Tourism

Migjorn is a coastline, not one precise meeting point. Pick your patch of shore and give the afternoon somewhere to settle.

Migjorn describes a long southern coastline, with sandy sections, rock and several access points. That matters when arranging lunch or transport: “meet us at Migjorn” is not quite a plan.

Choose the particular stretch that suits the day, then arrange everything else around it. This is a good alternative shape for a visit built around the shore and a meal, rather than a sequence of landmarks. Conditions and the shoreline vary, so assess the actual swimming spot rather than assuming the whole coast behaves alike.

The appeal is in the details a wide aerial misses: a towel weighted down with a sandal, wet hair over the back of a chair, the first mouthful after a swim. Give those moments some space.

Choose a named access and a lunch plan that belong together. A meal at Es Còdol Foradat, for example, gives this part of the southern coast a practical focus. Keep the rest of the afternoon close to the water.

There is no need to turn the coastline into a collecting exercise. A good beach afternoon has its own sequence: water, shade, lunch, perhaps water again. It is complete without a second destination.

FURTHER EAST

The island *beyond the sunbed.*



Es Caló / Formentera Tourism

A fishing harbour, old boat ramps and the road towards La Mola. A different day for the friends who want to look a little further.

Es Caló. *Made by the sea.*

At Es Caló de Sant Agustí, the wooden boat ramps are part of the story. They fan around a small natural harbour, with the fishing settlement behind and the mixed sand-and-rock coves of Ses Platgetes nearby. This is a place to look at closely, rather than use as a background.

Leave working access clear. Spend a little time around the harbour, then choose a nearby place for a meal or a suitable shore stop. The old Camí de Sa Pujada climbs towards La Mola, but it is a real walk, not something to casually append in beach sandals between lunch and the ferry.

An eastern-island day has enough of its own to hold your attention. Keep the north's Illetes itinerary for another visit instead of trying to stitch the two together.

UP TO LA MOLA

The island beyond the sunbed.



La Mola / At the eastern edge

A different *sense of scale.*

La Mola changes the picture. You move away from the beach-level island towards a plateau and a lighthouse above the open Mediterranean. Suddenly the horizon feels larger than the itinerary.

Make this the deliberate excursion, with transport and the return journey planned. The lighthouse also houses a cultural space; check its current exhibition and opening before going. A view does not require a museum visit, and a museum visit deserves enough time to be more than a look through the door.

The pleasure here is contrast: the intimate harbour below, the big view above. One thoughtful eastern route can be more satisfying than a long list of stops.

A WESTERN ALTERNATIVE / CALA SAONA

A smaller bay. *A different afternoon.*



Another way to spend the blue.

Another way *to spend the blue.*

Cala Saona offers another coastal shape: a sandy bay framed by low, reddish cliffs rather than the long peninsula of Illetes. Consider it as the main beach choice for your day, particularly if that enclosed landscape is what draws you.

Assess conditions when you arrive and organise your onward transport. Sunset is tempting, but a beautiful late afternoon still needs to fit your return sailing. If you want the evening without watching the clock, staying on Formentera is an option worth taking seriously.

A LITTLE ISLAND LIFE

The square. *The shade. The lunch.*



Sant Francesc / Formentera Tourism

There is an island behind the beaches: village streets, history and food with a story of its own.

Sant Francesc. *For a change of pace.*

If your group likes a little village life between swims, consider Sant Francesc. Its church was built with defence as well as worship in mind; the official tourism account dates its completion to 1738. That spare exterior carries a history rather different from the holiday outside it.

A short walk here gives the day another texture: the square, shop windows, a coffee, a conversation that does not need to be shouted across the water. Choose it as a deliberate stop. Do not add it as a rushed obligation on the way to three more things.

The square. The shade. The lunch.



At the table / Es Còdol Foradat

Taste something *of the island.*

Look beyond the generic holiday menu. Formentera's traditional cooking includes ensalada pagesa with peix sec-dried fish-as well as dishes such as frit de polp and fish stews. Ask what is being cooked where you are eating; a regional dish is not a promise that every restaurant serves it.

For a sweet finish, the island's culinary traditions include flaó, with fresh cheese and mint, and greixonera. It is a small way of making lunch belong to the place you have travelled to, rather than simply filling the space between swims.

You can keep lunch modest or make it the main event. Neither choice has to apologise to the other. Decide where the group wants to spend its money before someone falls in love with a table online.

The square. The shade. The lunch.



The lunch hour / Es Còdol Foradat

TWO TABLES TO EXPLORE

Let lunch *have a little space.*



Juan y Andrea / Ses Illetes

Two very different stretches of coast. Two reasons to leave the afternoon a little less organised.

Ses Illetes

Juan y Andrea

A table beside the sand, fish and seafood, rice dishes, the sea remaining very much in the picture. Its own site also advertises a tender service for visiting boats; confirm the details with your skipper and restaurant.

Choose it as part of an Illetes-led day. Ask about current menus, group arrangements and the table you are booking. The location is the reason to come this way; leave time to enjoy it.

Explore Juan y Andrea

Migjorn

Es Còdol Foradat

Let lunch have a little space.



Es Còdol Foradat / Migjorn

A southern-coast table with a Balearic and Mediterranean food identity, including shared tapas and rice dishes. The shaded setting and sea beyond make a persuasive case for settling in.

Build the beach plan around this part of Migjorn rather than making lunch a cross-island interruption. Check the current menu and opening for your dates, then leave the rest of the afternoon loose.

Explore Es Còdol Foradat

CHOOSE YOUR RHYTHM

One day. *Three good shapes.*

Pick a direction. Leave the other two for the lovely problem of coming back.

A way to make the day yours

La Savina Ses Illetes La Savina. Arrange onward transport before leaving the port. Spend the main part of the day in the north, with lunch nearby.

This is the simplest story: the beach is the occasion. Choose your return sailing first and work back from its boarding time, including transport and a buffer.

Another way to make the day yours

La Savina Sant Francesc one stretch of Migjorn La Savina. Start with a short village visit, then give the coast the larger part of the day.

Make the lunch reservation and beach access work together. If the crossing is late or the group wants to stay in one place, remove the village stop rather than rush both.

Another way to make the day yours

La Savina Es Caló La Mola La Savina. A day for the harbour, a meal and the view from the eastern end.

Arrange transport around this longer outing. Add a beach stop only if it genuinely fits. This route replaces the Illetes day; it is not a final detour after it.

THE USEFUL PAGES

The crossing. *The getting around.*

A little preparation, kept in one place. Open what you need, then get back to the good part.

Boat or ferry?

Formentera has no airport; arrival is by sea. For a day ashore, compare passenger sailings for your actual date, departure point and return. Choose the ticket that fits the day, not a headline crossing time. Boarding deadlines vary by operator.

A private boat offers a different day, with more of it spent on the water. It does not automatically make a village visit or restaurant landing effortless. If you are weighing up the two, our Boat Edition compares the choices.

Before boarding, settle the first hour on arrival: transport, a drink of water and the direction you are heading. Nothing drains the romance quite like six people standing in the sun, each waiting for somebody else to have a plan.

Bikes, buses & vehicle rules

Match transport to heat, distance and the least enthusiastic cyclist in the group. The island's tourism office recommends bikes and buses; check the route and current timetable before deciding. A rental vehicle brought over from Ibiza requires separate attention to both the hire agreement and Formentera's rules.

For future travel, consult Formentera.eco. At our research date, the official portal says the 2026 season has ended and the 2027 rules will be published once approved. We are not carrying last year's arrangements into next year's advice.

The official green routes offer walking and cycling options. Choose a route for its actual distance, terrain and the day's heat; a small island is not automatically an effortless ride.

Is one day enough?

You can make a satisfying day trip from Ibiza. You cannot reasonably turn it into every beach, both ends of the island, a village stroll, a long lunch and an unhurried return.

Our suggestion is simple: one beach area, one meal and, if the connections allow, one small detour. A day spent properly in one part of Formentera is more generous than a tour of its car parks.

If what you really want is dinner after dark and no ferry clock in the back of your mind, consider an overnight stay on Formentera instead. An Ibiza base is a lovely way to visit; it does not have to be the answer to every kind of trip.

Lunch & the return

Keep the booking, transport and sailing in the same conversation. Check your own operator's boarding deadline and leave a buffer. If sunset or dinner is the real priority, an overnight stay may suit you better than the final boat back.

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.

AN ISLAND. A POINT OF VIEW.

Make it *your Ibiza.*

Three villas. A team who calls the island home.
Tell us your dates, your people and the kind of holiday you have in mind.

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Ses Illetes, Formentera, with its pale sand peninsula and turquoise water

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La Mola / At the eastern edge

The sandy cove and red rocks at Cala Saona

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