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The Winter *Edition*

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Winter, with feeling.

Almond blossom in the fields, a Saturday market, fish for lunch and the village going about its day. Come for the Ibiza that keeps living after the last closing party.

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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 table in the sun is the one everybody wants.

In summer you spend half your time finding shade. In winter, you turn your chair towards the light. A jumper goes over its back; coffee arrives; somebody decides that lunch can wait a little. The island has changed your priorities before midday.

This is a season for paying attention to the land and the places that serve it: almond trees approaching blossom, village squares, a market stall piled with produce, a kitchen making something worth coming in for. The sea remains magnificent. It no longer has to carry the whole holiday.

ANOTHER SCALE OF DAY

Make a few places *your own.*

A smaller map can make a richer trip.

Choose a village café you want to return to. Find a stretch of coast that suits the day's weather. Book one lunch with enough time around it that the drive becomes part of the pleasure. Repetition is one of winter's advantages: by the second coffee, you notice things you missed while looking for the address.

The summer circuit is incomplete now. Seasonal venues close, services change and evenings ask more of the place you are staying. Let those facts shape the trip early. If you want the gentler edges of the busy season instead, begin with our Low Season Edition. Winter has its own reasons to come.

For a day-by-day shape after choosing your dates, see The Low Season Itinerary.

THE LIGHT AND THE AIR

Follow *the light.*



Ibiza / From the official winter destination gallery.

A warm hour outdoors can be the best hour of the day.

A sheltered terrace and an exposed headland can feel like different countries. Pack layers, including something that stops the wind, and leave the longest stretch of daylight for being outside. A bright forecast does not make the sea warm or the rocks forgiving.

Keep a coastal walk flexible. Turn back while it still feels pleasant, and save remote paths for suitable conditions. On a wet day, follow the Rainy Day Edition indoors. Good winter planning is mostly knowing when to change the plan.

There is a lovely moment after a cold walk when the door closes behind you and a room feels warm. Give that part of the day as much thought as the view.

AEMET's 1981-2010 Ibiza Airport normals put January's mean daily high at 15.7°C and low at 8.1°C. These are historical averages, not a forecast.

THE LAND AROUND THE SQUARE

The fields *have their moment.*



Santa Agnès, Sant Mateu, Forada / An island still rooted in its land.

Around Santa Agnès de Corona, almond blossom can briefly make the countryside look lit from within. Pale flowers catch the low sun against dark branches; the fields are green; the spectacle is delicate enough that you slow down to see it. Timing varies with the winter, so treat blossom as something to seek rather than a date guaranteed by your flight.

Stay on public ways and respect the farms. These are working fields, even when they look like the setting for a photograph. A drive through Santa Agnès and Sant Mateu is better with time to stop in the villages than with an ambition to find every last tree.

On Saturdays, check what is happening at Mercat de Forada. Produce, growers and small makers give the rural landscape a social centre. Buy something for lunch at the house. A bag carried home from a market makes the day part of your stay in a way a photograph cannot.

The fields have their moment.



Forada / From the archive

For a different village rhythm, spend a morning in Santa Gertrudis, or pause in Sant Agustí's whitewashed square. The appeal is ordinary life continuing around you. Order, sit down, and let it.

Almond blossom varies with the winter. Ask about current conditions before planning a visit, and stay on public ways around the working fields.

The fields have their moment.



Sant Agustí / Village architecture

Let the island *surprise you indoors.*

A bag from the market brings the landscape home.



MACE / Look indoors

AN ISLAND WITH AN INNER LIFE

The season leaves room for another kind of visit.

Make an afternoon for MACE's contemporary collection or the Pugets' paintings of earlier island life. In winter, a museum can feel like the natural centre of the day rather than a worthy detour on the way to the beach.

Look at the local cultural agenda for your dates, too. Exhibitions, village celebrations and performances belong to a calendar that continues beyond the summer programme. Check seasonal hours, especially around Mondays and holidays; our museum notes help you choose a starting point.

MACE and Puget list Monday closures and seasonal hours. Check the current programme when choosing your day.

WARMTH AT THE TABLE

Come in. *Stay for lunch.*



Sa Caleta / From the archive

Rice by the coast, something warm inland, and a table worth returning to.

Sa Caleta gives winter lunch a foothold by the sea. The restaurant describes itself as open year-round, with seafood, rice dishes and Ibizan cooking at the centre. Book for your date, ask what the kitchen recommends, and let the weather decide how much coast you put around the meal.

In Sant Llorenç, La Paloma explicitly makes room for cold-weather dining with fire-lit indoor rooms. Its evening kitchen has Italian roots; the daytime menu follows a different, Middle Eastern direction. Confirm the service you want before setting off. A good winter restaurant earns its place in the holiday by making you happy to come inside.

Look for island food as well as favourite addresses. Sofrit pagès brings meat and potatoes to a generous, savoury plate; flaó combines fresh cheese and mint; greixonera turns ensaïmada into pudding. Ask what is being made that day. These dishes connect lunch to the place in a way an imported idea of Mediterranean winter cannot.

Some evenings belong at home. Bring back market vegetables, bread and something simple to cook, then let everyone help. By the time the plates are on the table, going out may no longer occur to you.

Confirm the specific service and indoor seating for your date; a year-round identity can still include rest days or holiday breaks.

AFTER THE LIGHT GOES

A home *for the evening.*



Can Rafa / Fireplace and log basket.

Choose the rooms as carefully as the view.

In winter, the living space matters. A good seat, a dining table, places to read separately and gather again: you will use the house differently from a high-summer week lived almost entirely outside.

Ask which Ocho houses are available for your dates and confirm the heating in the rooms you will use. If work is coming with you, discuss the connection and workspace too. The right base should feel as inviting at eight in the evening as it did when you first opened the door.

Then keep an evening free for it. You have spent the day seeing a little of the island. There is pleasure in having somewhere of your own to return to.

CHOOSE YOUR RHYTHM

What would make winter yours?

A few ways to make the idea your own.

A way to make the day yours

Choose a few villages and gentle outdoor outings that suit the weather, with one good meal as the centre of the day. Bring layers and keep the route flexible.

Another way to make the day yours

Base the stay around Eivissa's museums and the current local programme. Give each visit time, then let the town provide the rest of the afternoon.

Another way to make the day yours

Prioritise the house's indoor comfort and a short list of useful nearby places. A market shop, a shared dinner and an unclaimed evening can be the whole reason to come.

A place *for your people.*



Can Rafa / A slower evening at home.

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.*

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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A pale almond blossom catches the low sun in Ibiza, photographed for Ibiza Spotlight's report on the island's flowering almond trees.

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