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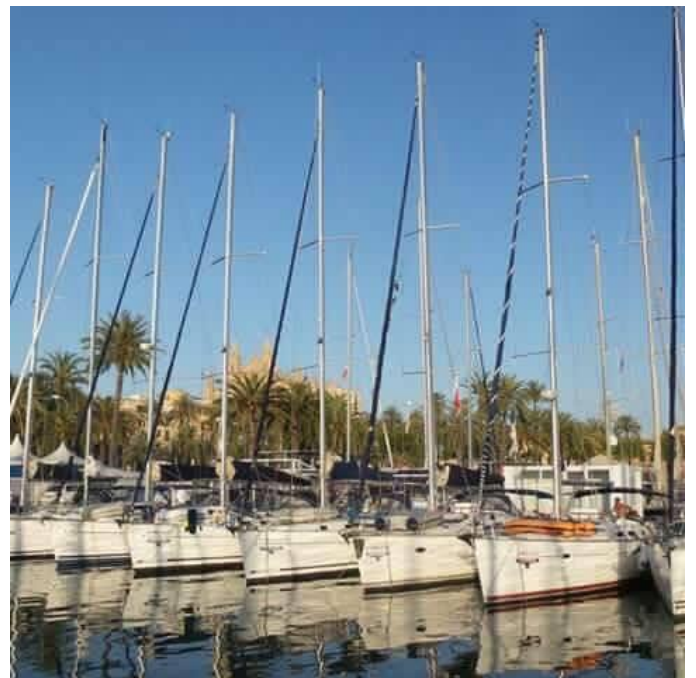
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The Balearic Islands

The Balearic Islands consist of three major islands, Majorca, Minorca and Ibiza and three smaller islands of Formentera, Cabrera and the uninhabited Dragonera. They are suited off the coast of Spain between France and northern Africa. Every year the islands are a magnet for charter vessels.

Majorca is the largest island and the most commercial. Much of its countryside has given way to large expanses of hotels and apartment complexes, although there are still more parts of the island that remain untouched. Here you will find the capital of the Balearic Islands, Palma, where you will find the Alboran Marina located in the centre of town. Most shops are opened from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. with a siesta from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. If you like to shop, some of the finest pearls in the world can be found for sale on the island. Porcelain and leather goods are also high quality and can be found at outlets in the village for a good price. There are over 2000 restaurants to choose from and the huge variety of cuisine leaves something for every palate.

Ibiza is known for its attraction to the party-goers but many tourists are also attracted to its white sands and clear blue waters. There are a number of small coves around the island, reached only from the sea, which in good weather yachts can anchor comfortably.

Minorca is the most serene of the islands and the last to succumb to the tourist invasion. Much of the island has been protected by the government to stop the wild tourist development of the past. The capital city of Mahon and Ciudadela at the opposite side of the island both have marinas. To the south is Bahia de Fornellis, a picture perfect small port with lovely cafes and good restaurants. Cala Addaya is on the west coast and is a quaint sheltered anchorage.

Formentera was for many years, known as the forgotten Balearic. At just 30 square miles it is the smallest of the islands and the least developed. Most people only visit the island for the day as there has been a strict limit on the number of hotels that have been allowed to be constructed. Charter yacht clients will enjoy seeking the long, white beaches and clear, azure waters. There is a marina in the main port, but most yachtsmen will head for the crowded anchorage at Espalmador where one can find a mud-pack bath. A quieter anchorage may be found in Illetas further south.

Cabrera (permit required): The Spanish government declared the Archipelago of Cabrera a National Maritime Terrestrial Park in April 1991. In order to protect the indigenous plant and animal life of the island, they have placed restrictions on the number of yachts that can visit each day and overnight during high season.

Dragonera is a tiny uninhabited island but does have several possible daytime anchorages located on the southeastern coast all framed by spectacular cliffs.



Welcome on board

Thank you for choosing to charter with Alboran Charter. We look forward to meeting you and sharing the delights of the beautiful Balearic Islands – sailing, eating and relaxing aboard our yachts. If you have not chartered a yacht in Mallorca before, the following suggestions may help you plan for your trip:

How do you get to meeting point with Alboran?

Taxi: take a 15 to 20 minute taxi ride from the airport to La Lonja Marina Charter. Taxis are available at Palma Airport to the marina. For large groups or pre-booking, we recommend you make reservations online with Mallorca Airport Transfers www.majorca-airport-transfers.com.

Bus: take a bus number 1 (Airport – Port) which pass through the centre of Palma. You can find the bus at the arrival terminal. It takes about 40 minutes from airport to our marina. You have to get off the bus at the bus stop "Es Jonquet". Then, you cross the street. Being on the opposite side you should go direction to the Cathedral till you find Marina La Lonja. It takes approximately 5 minutes. Price of the bus: 5 eur/person.

Boarding & disembarking:

Alboran team will greet you on the dock from 9 a.m. to 19 a.m. You will receive a comprehensive briefing and check out. It is possible to leave your luggage on the dock if our team are available, however, we cannot ensure the absolute safety of your belongings. Please do not leave items unattended on the docks.

Give yourself enough time for the check-out with our team as latest at 6 p.m. on the last evening of your charter. They need to go through the boat with you. Inform our team of any problems you encountered with the boat during your charter and let us know if anything was broken.

Fuel & water:

You will be provided full tanks of fuel and water for the yacht and outboard engine (if requested). Top off fuel tanks on the vessel on the last evening of charter before coming back to the marina for check-out.

What are your options for provisioning?

Upon arrival, the base staff will supply you with a map of the location of supermarket for provisioning. Provisioning is convenient and offers a good variety of local fresh products. Local supermarkets are opened until 9 p.m. from Monday to Saturday and they are closed on Sunday.

If you want to order provisioning in advance, you can fill in our food list and send us back at least one week before your charter start. On the day of check-in, a person from supermarket will take all your order directly to the boat and you should pay your order directly to him. The payment is accepted in cash and credit card.

Security deposit:

A 2,500 € security deposit is required to be paid at the base prior to embarkation in case of damage or loss of yacht inventory and/or equipments. We accept the security deposit only by credit card Visa or Mastercard and an authorization for 2,500 € will be placed

on the card. This security deposit will be refunded at the end of your charter if all inventory and equipment is returned in a good condition.

Weather & wind:

For its privileged location in the Mediterranean, Mallorca has an incomparably pleasant climate. Its temperature is in the middle of the summer ranging from 24°C to 32°C. The winds are predominantly from the third quadrant (south-east) generally 8-20 knots, in the spring and summer months is generated from the mountains and pick up at noon, building up in the afternoon to a steady 15 knots on average. The wind dies down late in the afternoon around 6 or 7 o'clock. Tides in the Balearics are non-existent and only during the spring does the water drop by nothing more than half a meter. The water temperature is usually between 24°C and 27°C. You may want to bring a wetsuit if you are planning on diving or ask to rent from a local dive operator.

What can you do if you have some time to spend?

We suggest a promenade of the city that is close to our base.



The **Cathedral** stands on the site of the former Moorish mosque. Gothic in style, work on its construction began during the reign of James II, with the building finally consecrated in 1601. In addition to the church itself, there is a fine Baroque cloister and an interesting Cathedral Museum, displaying excellent Gothic paintings and sculptures.



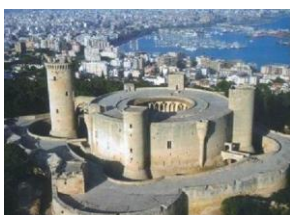
Opposite to the Cathedral, just across the Plaza de l'Almoina, is the **Almudaina**. Nowadays the Head Quarters for the Balearic Military High Command, it began life as a alcazar (fortress/residence) of the Moorish Walis' Caliphate (11th – 13th century) before being converted into a palace by Jaime II (14th century).



The Mallorcan Museum, housed in what was formerly the Desbrull mansion, and the 10th century Moorish Baths (Banys Arabs) the best preserved remains from Mallorca's Moorish period – from part of the Cathedral Quarter. The courtyards (patios) of Palma's old señorial mansions are in class of their own.



Sa Llotja, a veritable masterpiece of Mallorca civic Gothic, served as the seat of the governing body of the Merchant's Guild, as well as the site of the old commercial exchange. These days it occasionally acts as a hall for temporary exhibitions. Adjoining the Sa Llotja, is the Maritime Consulate (Consulat de Mar), which nowadays houses the Balearics Regional Authority. The **Maritime Consulate** (17th century) was originally a Merchant Shipping Tribunal which settled commercial and trade-related disputes. The façade is notable for its superb Renaissance arches.



Bellver Castle was constructed in the 13th century at the time of James II and, though never used as a defensive stronghold, served as a prison in different periods. It is the only building which is not within easy walking distance of the city centre. From October to March it is opened to the public from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April to

September from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The castle overlooks the el Terreno Quarter and the bay of Palma.

Where can you sleep and eat nearby?

*Hotel Costa Azul****
Paseo Marítimo 7
Tel: +34 971731940
www.fehm.es/costa

*Hotel Almudaina****
Avenida Jaime III, 9
Tel: +34 971727340
www.hotelalmudaina.com

*Hotel Tryp Bellver*****
Paseo Marítimo 11
Tel: +34 971222240
www.solmelia.com

*Hotel Meliá Palas Atenea*****
Paseo Marítimo 29
Tel: +34 971281400
www.solmelia.com

*Hotel Mirador****
Paseo Marítimo 10
Tel: +34 971732046
www.hotelmirador.es

*Hotel AC Ciutat de Palma*****
Plaza Puente 3
Tel: +34 971222300
www.ac-hotels.com

Arrocería Sa Cranca: Todos tipos de arroces.
Paseo Marítimo 13. Tel: +34 971737447
www.sacranca.com

La Boveda: Tapas
Calle Boteria 3. Tel: +34 971714863

Pizzería Ca'n Pelut: Comida italiana
Paseo Marítimo 29. Tel: +34 971732600

Asador y Pintxos Patxi: Tapas
Calle Espartero 28. Tel: +34 971284486

Coves and anchorages in Mallorca

Portals Vells: In the Bay of Palma, just a few miles from our departure port, lies a well sheltered cove offering good anchorage for an over-night stop. Although the site has undergone a fair degree of tourist development and receives many day-time visitors, it is one we still recommend since the crowds depart at night fall, leaving you to enjoy both peace and the prospect of a tasty plate of fish with rice, served at the open-air beach restaurant.

Cala Figuera: A peaceful anchorage, where you will be free of people and buildings and able to enjoy clean seawater, but with the drawback of experiencing occasional swell from pleasure cruisers passing at Speedy along the coastline.

Racó de sa Fragata (Playa de El Toro): A secluded spot, free of anchored boats, where you will enjoy a bay with a sandy sea-bed, lying at the base of a cliff, with seagulls circling overhead. Access is from the south and southwest.

Na Foradada: One of the most enchanting anchorages in the Balearics, especially at sunset. You will be treated to a view of the magnificent Sierra de Tramontana mountains, at their most wild and unspoiled. The beach restaurant is only open intermittently so you are advised to check with your binoculars whether it is open before disembarking.

Cala Deià: While one's peace may be somewhat disturbed by a few regular bathers, this is a pretty, sheltered anchorage boasting two good open-air beach restaurants.

Sa Calobra: Despite the very large number of tourists and sea-going vessels, this is a genuinely spectacular site with its awesomely beautiful cliffs.

Cala Castell: A wonderful and unique place, on account of its tranquillity, its pure water and the beauty of its natural environment.

Formentor: An excellent anchorage from which to enjoy the best views of the extraordinary Bay of Pollensa. Be prepared, however, to encounter large numbers of vessels, including anchored boats, water-ski launches and wet bikes.

Cap des Pinar: Taking its name from its inland pine-forests, the surrounding area has protected status on account of being an extensive military training zone and there is a small army camp on the beach.

Coll Baix: This spot offers a perfect photographic opportunity for promoting the extraordinary natural beauty of the island. Fortunately, because it is very difficult to reach by land, you will almost have the beach to yourself.

Cova es Vellsmarins: At one point of the Bay of Alcudia, well away from the area's tourist centres, lies this little piece of typical Mediterranean coastline, with pine-trees coming down to the beach, crystal-clear water and the whole scene bathed in warm, golden sunlight.

Costa dels Pins: One of the most peaceful and secluded sites on the island and one which offers the additional benefit of an excellent hotel-balcony restaurant from which you can calmly survey your anchored yacht.

Cala Virgili: A typical and totally undeveloped little cove on Mallorca's Eastern coastline, set against a pine-tree backdrop and offering two beaches of fine sand.

Cala Arsenau: A very deep and narrow cove, culminating in a little beach. The beauty

of the spot will genuinely take your breath away.

Cala Mondragó: A place of true natural beauty. While it claims to be secluded, however, the cove tends to attract tourists by the hundred.

Caló des Moro: A small cove which, though difficult to locate, rewards the effort of finding it because of its unique natural beauty.

Es Caragol: A very practical and attractive anchorage but one requiring special care because the seabed does not offer good holding. The outcrops of rock on either side make this a secluded spot from which one can enjoy one of the best beaches in Mallorca.

Cala Pi: In spite of the large number of boats often found here, this is one of the most spectacular Coves on the island. Cala Pi is narrow and deep. At night, it provides a peaceful, safe anchorage and is home to the C'an Miquel restaurant, offering a fine range of fish dishes.

Cala Blava: Offering delightful views onto the Bay of Palma, this is a fine spot for eating a lovely paella in the Panorámica restaurant.

Marinas at Mallorca

Puerto Portals: This is undoubtedly the most fashionable marina in the Balearic Islands. Although it offers many fine restaurants, such as Tristan and Flanigan, and a thriving nightlife, you will find it practically impossible to get a mooring there, except by securing your vessel to the fuel-supply boat (until it opens at 9.00 a.m.).

Santa Ponça: Fairly far removed from the hustle and bustle of the tourist area bearing the same name, this small and quiet marina offers all the amenities you would expect to find.

Port d'Andratx: A fishing port as well as a marina, Port d'Andratx offers limited moorings, both in the Yacht Club (port-side Entrance) and in the Port Authority (starboard-side Entrance). It has an extensive and well-sheltered anchorage area. In the town, you will find good restaurants such as the Miramar, Rocamar and La Dorada. It also offers some nightlife entertainment and all the facilities needed for supplying your vessel.

Port de Sóller: The only marina along the entire Tramontana coastline, it offers moorings but a magnificent anchorage area. The town offers several restaurants, the best of which is probably the one located above the fish-market. Although there are a large number of bars and hotels around the marina, they all give the impression of having seen better days.

Port de Pollença: Situated in a bay of great natural beauty, the marina offers both in the Yacht Club and in the Port Authority. It also provides very extensive anchorage. The town boasts many fine restaurants, such as Stay, Corb Mari and La Lonja.

Port El Cocodrilo (Bonaire): A small and quiet marina, with a pleasant bar-restaurant and friendly personal service.

Port d'Alcúdia: While the marina offers extensive moorings and yachting support services, it has the disadvantage of being close to a fairly noise recreational centre, with the area in general attracting a great deal of tourism. The C'an Tofel restaurant provides a welcome retreat with its high quality of cuisine.

Cala Ratjada: A small fishing port, offering so few moorings that you will need to secure your vessel to others moored to the harbour wall. The site is neither pleasant nor peaceful, owing to the ravages of tourism in the area. Two restaurants recommended are Ses Rotges and C'an Maya.

Porto Cristo: A medium-sized marina, with moorings in the Yacht Club (to port) and in the Port Authority (to starboard). The site maintained its attractiveness despite the large number of tourists passing through en route to the Drach caves. The anchorage area is both limited in size and not well sheltered.

Porto Colom: A delightful natural harbour, offering very limited moorings in the Yacht Club but an extensive sheltered anchorage area. The sunset there is a truly unique spectacle. The seawater is unsuitable for bathing. On the other hand, it is very quiet at night. A very good restaurant is Sa Sinia.

Cala D'Or: What was once one of the prettiest coves in the Balearics has now become a large marina, with a preponderance of pleasure cruisers, and an intensive tourist centre.

Porto Petro: A calm and attractive natural harbour. The Yacht Club offers very limited numbers of moorings but its two anchorage areas are extensive and well sheltered. There are several restaurants but very little tourist and commercial activity.

Cala Santanyi: A small fishing port, with a few moorings and a narrow anchorage area. Outside the high summer season it becomes a very attractive site.

Sa Rapita: It has a serviceable Yacht Club, offering several moorings for visitors, and it is a very short distance from the wonderful beaches of Es Trench. A genuinely fine restaurant, C'an Pep, is within easy reach of the marina.

Coves and anchorages in Ibiza

Playa de las Salinas: This is the daytime nerve-centre of Ibiza's youth culture phenomenon. It tends to be full of people moving to competing musical rhythms emanating from the four different open-air beach restaurants. Malibu is probably the best known (although it is also the dearest) and it offers the advantage of enabling you to order food to be eaten on board your vessel. Lovers of "trance" music should go to Sa Trinca.

Punta Rama: A paradise location, far away from crowds, beside a cliff and with clean, transparent water. It is a wonderful place for diving off the two rocky outcrops close by.

Cala Jondal: A delightful beach with views over to the straights and Formentera, and boasting two fine beach restaurants: one which is casual but good and the other whose name Jockey Club tells you everything you need to know about it.

Puerto Roig: An excellent, well-sheltered night-time anchorage, only a short dignhy-ride away from the Beach restaurant Es Torrent, open till late and serving very good fish dishes and incomparably good prawns.

W del cabo Jieu: Opposite the imposing promontory rock of Es Vedrá, we find anchorage over a sandy seabed, with clean water and great tranquillity.

Cala Vadella: A special good location for an overnight anchorage, since it is well protected, peaceful and offers a number of restaurants looping onto a magnificent Beach.

West de Isla Conejera: Far from the hordes of tourists, nestling beside the wildest expanses of the island, this anchorage is a particularly privileged spot from which to survey the sunset.

Cala Benirrás: A magnificent cove, totally undeveloped and offering a fine beach lined with pine-trees. Although there are perhaps too many boats present during the daytime, at night there is a wonderful atmosphere created by an extremely unusual group of musicians. There are also two beach restaurants which stay open till late.

Northeast de Tagomago: a small cove, with very clean water, surrounded by Rocks that would excite a geologist's interest. Absolutely delightful.

Cala Mastella: A very good anchorage, even for an over-night stay, in a spot with only a couple of holiday villas, surrounded by pine-trees. There is also a beach restaurant there where, for many years, they have been serving authentic Ibiza-style arroz de peix (fish and rice) as a lunchtime delicacy.

Marinas at Ibiza

Ibiza: (the island's capital city) Although there are three marinas in the city of Ibiza, all of them offer limited mooring in the summer.

Marina de Botafoch: is the most fashionable, with good restaurants and small shops. However, it is very difficult to come across moorings here and we would suggest that you avoid the quayside since it often has a very unpleasant groundswell overnight.

Ibiza Nueva: is the largest of the three. Before you are allotted a mooring, make certain you do not go to the end (portside) when there is a merchant vessel loading overnight. From both these marinas, there is a vapporeto type of vessel, which will take you right to the centre of the city.

Club Náutico de Ibiza: (Ibiza Yacht Club), usually has moorings available in the early hours of the evening, although the dilapidated quay and the swell produced by maritime traffic in the marina make the experience less than agreeable. In the city, there is a rich and varied supply of gastronomic delights on offer.

San Antonio: A magnificent marina for anchorage or for moorings in the new floating quays that have been installed in the Yacht Club. You can also secure your vessel to other boats in the Port Authority quay, entering portside beyond the ferry. The town is disappointment at night owing to the number of hooligan elements. For a meal, try the Rias Baixas.

Santa Eulalia: A wonderful marina, where you will have every chance of finding a free mooring. It is an excellent alternative to the city of Ibiza, since it is only a ten minute taxi ride away from the capital. A good restaurant, conveniently located in the marina itself, is Doña María.

Coves and anchorages in Formentera

Espalmador: One of the best anchorage in the Balearics. It becomes very busy.

Playa de Poniente: You will find anchored vessels along the extensive beach. We recommend you to visit the Restaurant Molí de la Sal, where you will be treated to wonderful evening views, in addition to being offered an excellent range of fish and fish-stew dishes.

Ensenada del Cabrito: For many years now, three connoisseurs of good living and good cooking have been serving up a high-quality and unusual menu in their beach restaurant here.

Cala Sahona: Very few places in the World will be able to offer you such clean water, such fine sand and such spectacular displays of natural light.

Es Caló: with sandy seabed and with delightful views of the cliffs along the island's Eastern coastline, this is a perfect place to stop and bathe.

Marinas at Formentera

Marina de Formentera/La Sabina: when you ask for a mooring, be sure to request one in the new marina on the port side since it offers very good amenities, as well as being peaceful and pleasant. Failing this, there are additional moorings available inside the La Sabina marina. In the evening, it is worthwhile taking a taxi to the centre of the island to dine in the Fonda Pepe. There you will be encounter the authentic atmosphere of Formentera. If you prefer to stay in the marina, we recommend the restaurant Agua.

Menorca

Menorca is extremely diverse. So, the island offers the chance of encountering a representation of nearly all the Mediterranean habitats; a natural treasure with gorges, starting from the insides of the island and winding its way towards the southern coast.

The majestic fortresses belong to a more recent period, they were built to defend the island from the pirate attacks and other civilizations due to its strategic location in the centre of the Mediterranean.

Menorca Cathedral is the clearest example of this wealthy patrimony as well as the most important gothic representative of the island.