About your Menorca Holiday

We make sure you love it more

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Menorca holidays you’ll love more

As one of the most unspoilt islands of the Mediterranean, Menorca presents beautiful sandy beaches, quiet sandy coves and attractive family friendly resorts.

Enjoy the roaming countryside with grazing cattle, rural villages, fishing harbours, archaeological sites and wind down with the unhurried pace of life.

Visit the beautiful capital Mahon with its wonderful harbour or splash around in the water parks. There’s plenty to do for everyone.

We look forward to welcoming you to Menorca, one of the sunniest spots in Europe.

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Welcome to Villa Plus. We hope you have a fabulous holiday in Menorca and would like to tell you a little about the company. As a direct sell operator we only sell our own holidays. This means we place great emphasis on quality and service. In fact we take a personal interest in the enjoyment of your holiday and all our staff receive ongoing training to ensure we provide you with consistently good service.

Villa Plus have arranged villa holidays since 1986. Our product focus is on better villas, in better locations with private pools and more facilities. Over the years we’ve grown from just one destination to 13 across Portugal, Spain, Cyprus and Greece. We’re now one of the largest tour operators in the villa market and offer over 900 exclusive villas.

This holiday guide is designed to help you enjoy your holiday. Please read it carefully before you go. That way we can ensure all the arrangements made on your behalf run smoothly.

Thank you for choosing Villa Plus and we hope to see you again in the future.

A little more about Villa Plus

Villa Plus Service Centre

Our resort staff are there to ensure all aspects of your holiday go as planned and to maintain your privacy. In general, they will not visit unless in an emergency or to carry out villa checks. Details of your Villa Representative can be found in the security information in your travel pack.
Here’s our tick list...

Travel documents
You’ll receive your holiday documents – specifically itinerary and flight reference number (to quote at check in), accommodation details, directions, car hire information and voucher – about ten days before you travel. Please check the documents match your reservation.

Holiday insurance
Whether you have taken the ‘Villa Plus’ holiday insurance or not, if you or a member of your party have a pre-existing medical condition, then you MUST advise your insurance company straight away. Failure to do so may invalidate your insurance.

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)
The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) allows you to access state-provided healthcare in all European Economic Area (EEA) countries and Switzerland at a reduced cost or sometimes free of charge. The card is free of charge and, in addition to your travel insurance, we recommend you sign up. Register online at www.ehic.org.uk

Money
Whilst MasterCard and Visa cards are widely accepted, and most resorts have ATMs, we recommend that you get some Euro’s before you go. Please note: travellers cheques are no longer used in Spain.

Towels
Although towels are provided in the villas, you’ll need to bring your own beach and pool towels with you.

Travel adaptor/s
If you bring your own electrical equipment then you will need to bring a European travel adaptor.

Passport details
You must give your Advance Passenger Information (API, sometimes called APIS) details to your airline before you fly.

Baggage allowance
Baggage allowance, normally 20 kilos per person, can depend on who you’re flying with and will be specified on your itinerary. Collapsible wheelchairs, car seats for infants, pushchairs and carrycots may be carried as hand luggage in excess of the baggage allowance and can usually be taken to the final departure gate to be stored in the hold during the flight. Many charter airlines now charge for excess baggage and equipment such as golf clubs.

Dangerous goods
Please refer to the security policy of the airline you’re travelling with.

Special needs and requirements
If you, or any member of your party, have any special needs or specific requirements then please let us know at the time of booking. We’ll send you a form for disabled and less mobile clients for you to complete and return so we can ensure the villa and flights you’ve chosen are completely suitable for your needs.

Any queries just call + 44 (0) 1727 836686 or email info@villaplus.com
Getting to and from your villa

**Villa Plus transfer from airport**
If you booked a Villa Plus transfer then, in general, you’ll see your Representative in the arrivals hall who will have organised your transfer. Please refer to the itinerary in your travel pack for more information.

**Villa Plus car hire**
If you’ve booked a car through Villa Plus then please refer to your itinerary and car hire voucher for collection details. It is advisable that one member of the party waits for the baggage whilst another goes to the desk to complete the contract and pay the appropriate deposit and so on.

**Directions to your villa**
Your directions are included in your travel pack.

**Arriving at your villa**
You can get into your villa at 1pm. If you arrive before 4pm, particularly in the larger villas, the maid may still be tidying up.

**Leaving your villa**
Please vacate your villa by 10am. The maid could arrive as early as 8am.

**Flight delays**
EU legislation entitles passengers to compensation from the airline if there is denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Reimbursement in such cases is the responsibility of the airline and will not entitle you to a refund of the price of your arrangements from us. If the airline does not comply with these rules you should complain to the CAA on +44 (0) 20 7453 6888 www.caa.co.uk

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Villa Plus Travel Insurance

Villa Plus holiday insurance is provided by Union Reiseversicherung AG. If you’ve taken this out there is a 24 hour medical emergency assistance facilities service who you can call directly on +44 (0) 845 260 3 260. Remember to have the following information to hand:

- A contact telephone number
- Name and age of patient
- Location of hospital and doctor’s telephone number
- The medical problem
- Your premium receipt number and details of booked travel arrangements

Please refer to your Insurance policy for details of the procedure you should follow, should you require outpatient treatment.

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Lost luggage
If you’re unfortunate enough to lose your luggage then you need to report this at the lost luggage desk in the baggage reclaim area.

Left luggage
If you have a late return flight, then there are normally facilities where you can leave your luggage on your last day. This information can be found in the villa manual or you can contact the local office.

Villa keys
The keys to your villa will be contained in a security key box at your villa. Details of this together with the boxes security number are included with your final documentation. Normally only one set of keys will be supplied for the villa that you will be occupying. We would appreciate it if you could take care of the keys as obtaining replacement keys, or changing the locks can be expensive.
About Your Villa

**Cots/extra beds**
The majority of the cots that we supply are of the collapsible travel type. All cots supplied in the villas comply with local safety standards. All linen is laundered together so if you have concerns about cot linen, please bring your own. Extra beds are normally of the fold-up variety and are suitable for children only up to the age of 11 years old.

**Gas Supply**
Not all the villas have a gas supply. If applicable, the villa will usually be supplied with an orange coloured Butano gas bottle. In the unlikely event that the gas should run out, please contact our local Villa Representative, who will arrange for a replacement. Where gas water heaters are used in villas, they are subject to an annual inspection by local qualified engineers. A carbon monoxide detector is provided for your additional peace of mind.

**Electricity**
Electricity is 220 AC with continental twin plugs. Your villa electricity supply is not always as constant as in the UK. You may find that the electricity will “trip off” if too many appliances are used at once. This has become more apparent as we have added more equipment into the villas. If this happens, simply turn off some appliances and reset the main fuse box (the location and full details will be in the Villa Manual at the villa).

**Internet**
Most Resorts have an Internet access point ‘Hot Spots’, where you can check emails etc, and the location will be given to you in the Villa Manual. Some individual villas have internet access. Please see your Villa Manual for more details.

**Air Conditioning**
Many villas now include air conditioning/heating in the bedrooms as standard. Please see the individual villa descriptions. Some of these units operate on a sensor that will turn off the unit if the room is not in use. Please consult the Villa Manual for full details. In the case of any malfunction, we will endeavour to rectify them as soon as possible, Villa Plus cannot be responsible for any non-operational time that is out of our control.

**Barbecues**
All our villas have barbecues and wherever possible, brick built. It is not normal for maids to clean the barbecue and we ask guests to leave them in a reasonable and useable condition. We have asked owners to supply cleaning implements.

**TV’s**
To keep you entertained inside your villa, you’ll find a TV which will have a mix of satellite and terrestrial channels and also offer some English speaking channels too. DVD players (including films) are provided in the majority in our villas.
Health and Safety

Safety information
You’ll find a Villa Manual with safety information specific to your villa at the property. Please take the time on arrival to familiarise yourselves with the safety features and layout of your villa. If you’re travelling with children then please take the time to point out to any areas where they should take particular care such as the pool and balconies. If you have any questions or concerns, then your Villa Representative will be happy to assist. Should you have an accident anywhere in or around the villa you must report this straight away to your Villa Representative.

Smoking
Smoking is not permitted in any of our villas and we would request you only smoke outside the villa. Please do not leave cigarette stubs in the garden.

Swimming pool
Whilst the swimming pool is an essential part of the pleasure of holidaying for many people, if misused it can be dangerous:
- Make sure you know the depths of the pool.
- Please observe our strict no diving policy.
- Do not run around the pool side - especially children with wet feet.
- Do not go out of your depth unless you are a good swimmer.
- Do not swim if you cannot see the bottom. If this is the case contact your Villa Representative as soon as possible. Bad weather, thunder storms and/or excess suntan oil (especially the non waterproof types), can turn the water cloudy. Use the poolside shower before swimming to keep the pool clean.
- Children and fair skinned people should wear a hat and T-shirt whilst in the pool as harmful ultra violet rays can penetrate water up to a depth of 1.5m and are reflected off the water surface.
- Beware of dangerous surfaces, drainage channels, slippery tiles or raised edges.
- Always supervise children and non-swimmers in and around the pool area.
- Do not swim if you have been drinking alcohol, especially late at night.

Report an accident immediately to your Villa Representative, who will attend the villa. Any fault with the pool or its equipment will be inspected and immediate action taken to correct the problem. If, in the opinion of the Villa Representative the pool must be closed for your safety until a repair is facilitated as quickly as possible, you will be instructed in writing to cease using the pool and our liability shall not exceed 33% of the villa rental portion of the holiday.

Pool Heating
Many of our swimming pools have been fitted with a Pool Heat Pump, making the pool 3°C to 5°C warmer at 1pm during the day than a non-heated pool under normal circumstances. This provides the pool with a beneficial warming, but does not make it a “hot” pool. Villa Plus cannot be responsible for any non-operational time, out of our control.
In the case of any malfunction, we will endeavour to rectify them as soon as possible and our liability shall not exceed £150 per villa per week in total. If the pool has a cover, please use it as it will significantly increase the temperature of the water.

Tap water
Water from the tap is generally ok for cooking purposes. For drinking we recommend you drink bottled water only.

Sun bathing
The best, safest and longer lasting tans are built up gradually - but although most travellers are aware of the danger, many holidays are still ruined by the effects of sunburn. Do take extreme care not to over-expose yourself or your children (particularly young babies), especially during the first few days. We suggest you stay under shade except for about 15 minutes in the early morning or late afternoon on the first day, gradually increasing the time as your skin becomes accustomed to the sun. Even then be sure to use a suntan preparation of the correct factor for your skin and apply it liberally at regular intervals, particularly after swimming. Children should wear sun-hats and their shoulders should be covered as much as possible. We strongly recommend the use of good quality, waterproof sun creams especially when in and out of the pool or down at the beach.

Beaches
Please be aware of the local safety precautions when you visit the beaches.

At all times, for your own safety, comply with the suggestions of the local lifeguards, warning notices or flag systems. Should you have any concerns consult a qualified authority or your Villa Representative.

Breakages
Please notify our Villa Representative should you notice any shortfalls in the quality of furnishings/cleaning etc. In case of breakages during your holiday, either replace with a matching item or report the damage to the Villa Representative. For details of our accidental damage waiver or security deposit, please refer to www.villaplus.com

Security
Please store valuables in the safe provided including vital documents. If you do not use the safe provided you may invalidate any insurance claim that you may have.

Most villas have an alarm and nightlight. Ensure the alarm is switched on when you leave the villa.

Additionally make sure all doors/windows are closed/locked if you leave the villa or are around the pool.
Places to visit

Beaches

Arenal de Son Saura. On the south coast and one of the most attractive beaches on the island reached by crossing farmland, the farmer charges a toll. Soft sand backs onto extensive pine woods.

Cala Macarella. One of the most perfect spots on the Menorcan south coast reached by a bumpy trip across farmland down the track that leads to a gorge.

Cala Mitjana. Best reached on foot from Cala Galdana, 30 minutes. A deep sandy beach surrounded by cliffs riddled with caves.

Cala Pregonda. Located on the North coast this sandy beach is reached by climbing the steps leading over the wall just to the west of Binimel-la.

Attractions

Torre D’en Gaumes/Naveta D’es Tudons
Whilst travelling around the island your attention will be drawn to the amazing prehistoric stone monuments dotted in the countryside. To find fine examples visit the atmospheric, abandoned village of ‘Torre D’En Gaumes’ signposted on the left of the road from Alayor to the resort of Son Bou.

San Clemente. Situated 5km south west of Mahon is the quiet, white washed and delightful village of Sant Clemente. An intriguing combination of old world tradition and modern. The small selection of bars and restaurants are a favourite with locals and visitors.

Fornells. The bay of Fornells is a natural inlet of 5kms. The waters are a paradise for deep sea divers. The village with its palm-lined promenade and white houses is well known for its fresh fish restaurants.

Cala Alcaufar. A picturesque, small sheltered inlet with a sandy beach just one kilometre from the resort of S’Algar. The resort has scenic walks out to an old tower on a headland where there are views to S’Algar and the Isle de L’Aire at Punta Prima.

Ciudadela (Ciutadella). On the west coast some 45 km from Mahon. A Catalan city, stylish and artistic and once the island’s capital and is home to the only cathedral on the island, adorned with Gothic palaces and old elegant archways. The Plaza D’Es Born is the place to relax and is known as the finest square in the Balearics, dominated by the Town Hall, peppered with palm trees and hosts a variety of bars.

Mahon (Mao). The beautiful capital of Menorca, Mahon is a cosmopolitan city forged by Spanish and British influences. The harbour is the second largest in the world. Stroll through time forgotten streets, take in historical architectural details, and stop off for a coffee or some lazy tapas and the day has gone! The old stone buildings, impressive churches and archways built with medieval stone blend well with chic bars. The ‘Esplanda’ once a military parade ground is a popular square where locals and tourists meet up.

San Luis (Sant Lluis). A village of white houses created by the French during the Seven Year War (1756-1763). The Dalt Windmill (Moli de Dalt) represents the population’s image: an old windmill converted into today’s ethnological museum. During the summer season concerts and plays are held in town even a market where local artists exhibit pottery and paintings.

Mont Toro. El Toro, the highest peak on Menorca at 358 metres above sea level. It towers above the small town of Es Mercadal in the centre of the island. From the summit the whole of the island is spread out beneath with sea views on all sides. The mountain is crowned by a convent, an important centre of pilgrimage. Visit the tiny chapel have lunch in the rustic café and browse the shop for souvenirs and local produce.

Es Grau and S’Albufera Lake. Es Grau is a tiny unspoilt fishing village on the northeast coast where a variety of fresh fish and tapas can be enjoyed in the restaurants on the quayside. The large beach is perfect for children as it gently shelves into the sea. Separated from the village by dunes and pine woods, lies S’Albufera, a freshwater lake. A peaceful place to stroll, the lake is rich in bird-life.

Sol Del Este. Overlooks the mouth of Mahon harbour a fifteen minute drive from the airport. There are a couple of supermarkets, bar/restaurants and a small, sandy bay at the harbour’s edge. Mahon and the village of San Luis are a few minutes drive away and it is only a short stroll away from Es Castell with its pretty bay ‘Calas Fonts’ with waterfront restaurants many in what were the original fishermen’s caves or browse in the delightful, small shops. Boats trips leave from here which tour Mahon’s wonderful harbour.
Menorca is renowned for its fiestas which tend to be held during the late spring and summer. It’s the best way to meet the local people, experience the atmosphere of island life and to sample the local fiesta tipple - ‘pomada’ a mixture of gin and lemon. Please check locally for dates.

**March/April**

Setmana Santa (Holy week). Palm branches are blessed in the churches on Palm Sunday and then taken home where they are displayed on balconies and front doors. Processions are held in Mahon and Ciutadella on Good Friday.

**June**

Sant Joan. The first one of the year in Ciutadella and the most colourful one in Menorca, always held on the 23-24 of the month. On the Sunday before the fiesta a sheep with ribbons is carried through the streets accompanied by a piper to announce the start of the procession. Medieval tournaments/processions follow and the famous ‘Jaleo’, a procession of up to 100 horses march through the town to the beat of fiesta music. Touching the horses heart as they rear up is meant to bring good luck.

**July**

La Verge del Carme (16th). A procession of fishing boats decorated with lights and garlands in Mahon, Fornells and Ciutadella, in honour of the patron saint of fishermen.

Sant Jaume (24-26th). In Es Castell, horseback parades, fireworks, fairground rides and lots of merriment.

**August**

Sant Lluis (last weekend) Fantastic carnival parade and floats, fairground and horse display held in the town.

Sant Llorenç (after 10th August) Street festivities in Alaior, the traditional jaleo, carnival floats, music and dancing in the streets.

**September**

La Verge del Gracia (7-9th). The final fiesta of the year in Mahon over 3 days. Street parties, jaleo, donkey races, medieval markets, fairground, giant figure parades, fireworks displays and regattas in the harbour.

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**Boating and Sailing**

The calm waters are perfect for sailing. There are long sheltered bays at Mahon, Fornells and Port of Addaia and smaller inlets at Es Grau and Ciutadella. All of these are suitable for novice sailors and you can charter yachts at any of the nautical clubs.

**Scuba Diving**

There are caves and shipwrecks to discover off Cala Mesquida, Punta Nati and Son Bou. Courses are available along the coast at Salgar, Fornells, Binibeca Vell, Calan Bosch, Cala Santandria and Punta Prima.

**Water skiing**

Enthusiasts are normally restricted to the bay of Fornells. Tuition can be had at some of the schools mentioned above.

**Windsurfing**

The larger beaches have windsurfs for hire. Tuition can be had in Fornells where the sheltered bay is ideal for beginners.

**Swimming**

The European Union Blue Flag has been awarded to several of the beaches in Menorca, meaning they are safe, clean and well kept. Beware of currents in the remoter coves and some of the better known beaches such as Son Bou and Punta Prima.

**Crazy-Golf**

Most of the main resorts offer a crazy-golf course. Check out the ones in Punta Prima, Cala Galdana, Son Bou and Santo Tomas.

**Tennis**

There are many resorts which have tennis facilities. You would normally need to book a court. Rackets and balls are readily available for hire.
Sports

Cricket
Menorca has its own cricket club located in Biniparell, close to Binibeca and matches are played on a regular basis against clubs from Britain and other parts of Spain at weekends during the summer. They also have friendly matches on a Wednesday for tourists to join in.

Green Bowls
‘Petanca’ a similar game is usually played in the town squares on summer evenings. In S’Algar the game is definitely the English version. A number of them play 3 times per week and visitors are welcome to watch and perhaps participate.

Golf
There is only one course in Menorca located on the North coast at Son Parc:

Golf Son Parc. Tel (0034) 971 188875 or 971 359059 www.golfsonparc.com

Football
In several of the resorts regular matches are organised between local staff and holidaymakers. ‘Sporting Mahones’ the local Spanish football team play at home every other Sunday afternoon from September to June.

Children’s Activities

Mini Golf
Always great fun, there are several well kept courses around the island. A favourite is at Punta Prima where the course winds through pathways awash with colourful plants and shrubs. All are attached to bars or restaurants. There are also mini golf courses in a number of other popular resorts including Calan Porter, Cala Blanca, Cala Galdana and Calan Bosch.

Go-Karts
A great activity for both children and adults who can pretend to be just like their formula one heroes for the day. There are three tracks in Menorca, one is adjacent to the water park in Calan Bosch, one is on the main Mahon-Ciutadela road by the Castillo Menorca and the third is on the Mahon-San Luis road, adjacent to the Aircub.

Water Parks & Slides
There are two water parks on the island and both of these are on the west coast. One is located in the busy resort of Calan Forcat and the other in Calan Bosch. Both have a great range of exciting chutes and winding slides that the kids will absolutely love. In addition to these several resorts have water slides with the largest being in Son Bou while shallow slides for younger children can be found in Calan Porter, Cala Galdana and Cala Blanca.

Pony/Donkey Trekking
All the riding schools have facilities for children and the equestrian shows are sure to thrill. The children can ride accompanied through the wood at the rear of the resort of Santo Tomas and on market days in Mahon and Ciutadela, when the towns are bustling with activity and colour the children can take a donkey ride to help distract them from shopping.
Shopping

Mahon and Ciutadella are the two main towns on Menorca and have the largest amount of shops. The shops vary from souvenir shops to designer boutiques which offer well known ranges such as Mango.

The harbours in both towns also have an array of tempting goods some in modern boutiques, others in caves hewn out of the rocks. In the souvenir shops look out for leather ware, costume jewellery and ceramics. A working urn factory found in Lora in Mahon harbour has impressive showrooms of ceramics; also Salambic a little way along the road has a good selection. Several factory shops can be found along the main road from Mahon to Ciutadella selling leather goods, ceramics and souvenirs. Lladro is sold at ‘Castillo’ along the main road too. For food shopping the larger supermarkets can mostly be found on the Industrial Estates on the outskirts of the towns.

Markets

Most towns on the island have a weekly market, selling clothes and crafts. Stall holders usually start to pack up 1pm – 2pm.

Mahon - Tuesdays and Saturdays
Ciutadella - Fridays and Saturdays
Alaior - Thursdays
Es Castell - Mondays and Wednesdays
Es Migjorn Gran - Wednesdays
Ferreries – Tuesdays and Fridays
Es Mercadal – Sundays
Fornells – Thursdays
Sant Lluis – Monday and Thursday

Food

In Menorca food is traditionally based on soups, stews, seafood dishes and spiced meats with tasty vegetables straight from the garden, locally reared meat and fresh fish.

Restaurants cater for a wide range of tastes and in larger resorts you can get anything from an English breakfast to a Chinese take-away. Many offer a ‘menu del dia’ at lunchtime a three course meal, including bread and a bottle of wine, water or a soft drink. Tapas, small snacks of meat, chicken, fish and vegetables are great for enjoying a ‘taster’ of typical Menorcian food found in tapas bars throughout the island. Don’t forget to try some Mao cheese, one of the most emblematic of Menorca products.

Some popular tapas:
Aceitunas - olives
Albondigas - meat balls in sauce
Ali oli - garlic mayonnaise
Calamares a la romana - deep fried squid rings
Caracoles - snails
Pimientos - sweet peppers
Tortilla Espanola - potato/onion omelette

Seafood and fish:
Caracoles - snails, usually with garlic, onion and tomato
Emperador - swordfish
Llagosta/langosta - lobster
Lenguado - sole
Rape - monkfish
Tonyina - tuna

Typical Menorcian Dishes:
Conill Conejo amb all i oli - rabbit (with garlic mayonnaise)
Pa amb oli - local bread drizzled with oil and topped with fresh tomato
Sardinas - grilled, fresh sardines
Tumbet - a mouth-watering combination of sautéed peppers, aubergines, tomatoes, onions and potatoes fried in olive oil.
Lomo con col - spicy fillet of pork wrapped in cabbage leaves.
Binibeca

The coastal resort of Binibeca sits in a super location close to Mahon airport, near the resorts of Punta Prima and S’Algar. Complete with white-washed houses and sun-drenched patios filled with Geraniums, Binibeca was designed to resemble a Mediterranean fishing village.

The wooden beach bar on the rocks at the southern edge of the sands claims to be the only place in Menorca where you can drink with your feet in the sea. One kilometre away from the sandy beach is Binibeca Vell, this village offers attractive bars, restaurants, an ice cream parlour and a tea shop.

**Beaches**

A small sandy beach with a rocky coastline on each side. To the rear of the beach there’s a large shady area ideal for picnics. This beach is sheltered when the north wind is blowing and the shallow calm waters make it popular with families. Sun beds, shades and pedaloès can be hired. In the cove at Cala Torret there is a diving school.

**Shopping**

A variety of gift and souvenir shops sell the usual supply of leather goods, jewellery and pottery and there’s a supermarket. A 10 minute drive inland is Sant Lluis where a market is held on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Dining & Nights Out**

El Pescadito, Binibeca Vell. Tel 971 150 970. Fish restaurant.

Bini Grill, Binibeca Vell. Good for grilled fish and meat. Tel 971 150 594

El Faro, Cala Torret. Tel 971 151 525. Varied menu of fish and meats.


Windmill – San Luis

A 10 minute drive from Binibeca is the attractive village of San Luis with its windmill.

Road Train

A delightful ride along Menorca’s only stretch of coast road in high season.

Diving

Popular on the beach from beginners to experienced with instructions if needed.

Pony & Donkey Trekking

Children can ride accompanied through the wood at the rear of the resort of Santo Tomas, 2 miles from Binibeca and on market days in Mahon and Ciutadella.

Cala Blanca

Situated south of Ciutadela on the West Coast, Cala Blanca is a fifty minute drive from Mahon airport. Eat a light lunch or watch the sun go down at one of the bars and restaurants that overlook the beach, check out the array of shopping facilities or make the most of the sporting activities.

**Beaches**

A deep, rocky inlet sheltering a small sandy beach fringed by pine trees.

**Shopping**

There are three well stocked supermarkets, gift shops, internet café and a gaming arcade.

**Dining & Nights Out**

Pizzeria Miramar, Avda Pol-A, Parc ZD, 07760, Cala Blanca. Tel 971 386 262

La Tasca, Ciutadella. Tel 971 48 26 14. Specialises in fish dishes.

Pa amb Oli, Ciutadella. Tel 971 38 36 19. Specialises in local and charcoal grilled foods. Seasonal fish and meat dishes.

Vespro, Cala Blanca, s/n, 07760, Cala Blanca. Tel 971 480 570.

**Fishing**

The shore hugging rocks are ideal for trying a spot of fishing. Or ideal for sunbathing in a peaceful setting.

**Mini Golf**

Always great fun. Also mini golf at Calan Porter, Calan Bosch and Cala Galdana.

**Scuba Diving**

Located in the bay is a scuba diving school which caters for people of all levels, from the most experienced diver to the nervous novice.

**Tennis**

Courts are available in resort.

**Cycling & four wheeled carriages**

Four wheeled pedalo-styled carriages to seat six can be hired in resort, perfect to explore. Or bicycles can also be hired for a reasonable fee.
Cala Galdana

The deep, horseshoe bay of Cala Galdana is a forty minute drive from Mahon airport and is on the South Coast Menorca. It's a thriving tourist resort where you'll find hotels, apartments, shops, bars and restaurants.

Most holiday villas are set amongst the pine trees above the bay. Enjoy walks along the gorge or to some of the quieter beaches on either side of the bay. There is a tennis court, mini golf and shallow water slides for the young.

Beaches
‘The queen of the coves’ a wide arc of golden sand bounded by wooded cliffs and an emerald sea. It is one of the most ecologically important coves on the island as well as being one of the most beautiful. It enjoys a unique microclimate with higher temperatures and lower winds than the surrounding bays.

Shopping
The shopping centre in Cala Galdana provides a wide range of goods from inflatables to food items. Plus there’s the usual gift and souvenir shops. Ferreries has a market on Tuesday and Fridays for locally grown produce.

Dining & Nights Out
Chino Dragon, Urb Cala Galdana 07750, Ferreries. – Oriental cooking
Pizzeria Tobogan, Urb Cala Galdana 077520, Ferreries. A hit with families.
Sa Lluna, Urb Cala Galdana, 07750, Ferreries. Tel 971 154 705. Restaurant and pizzeria.
El Rey del Jamon, Urb Cala Galdana, 07750, Ferreries. Tel 971 373 842. Just behind Hotel Audax. Try the paella.

Horse Shows
Enjoy an evening’s entertainment at one of the spectacular horse shows, both situated on the Cala Galdana road.

Mini Golf
Always great fun. Also mini golf at Calan Porter and Calan Bosch.

Watersports
At Cala Galdana you can hire windsurfing and snorkelling equipment, pedaloes and motorboats, learn to sail or scubadive or take a boat ride along the coast.

Water Park/play area
Ideal for young children.

Calan Blanes/Calan Forcat /Calan Bruc

Head to the west of Ciutadella coastline to discover a succession of small beaches and pretty coves that have merged to form the largest resort in Menorca.

The bustling resort is centred in Calan Forcat where there are plenty of bars, cafes and restaurants. There is a water park and a variety of activities for the children such as the hire of 3 wheeled bikes and bouncy castles, plus play areas. The villas are scattered about the surrounding areas of Calan Bruc and Calan Blanes, each area with its own shops, bars and restaurants but all just a short stroll from the livelier Calan Forcat. Tennis courts are available.

Beaches
There are small stretches of sand and bathing platforms adorn the rocky coast with deep inlets of startlingly blue waters which are impossible to resist.

Shopping
There is an abundance of shops in Calan Forcat selling souvenirs, food and clothing. The supermarket ‘Supermarcado’ is in the shopping arcade ‘Centro Comercial’ on the main street.

Dining & Nights Out
C'an Moll, Calle Torre de L'Aigua s/n, 07760, Cala en Blanes
Es Forn, Avda. De Los Delfines, Parc. 9-10, 07760 Calan Blanes. Tel 971 388 676.
Bianco, Avda Los Delfines, 07760, Calan Blanes. Tel 971 388 175.
Pizzeria Haiti, Avda Los Delfines, 07760, Calan Blanes. Tel 971 388 002.
Oriental Drac Blau, Ronda sa Punta, s/n, 07760, Cala’n Blanes. Tel 971 388 265.
L’Ancora, Avenida Los Delfins

Aqua Park
Attractions for the whole family such as ‘Adventure River’, ‘Giant Toboggan’ and water chutes. Tel 971 388 705

Children’s’ activities
The area is bursting with activities the children will love, such as giant inflatable animals, trampolines and ball parks.

Bikes
Pedal powered six seater bikes can be hired to do things at your own pace.

Sports
Try your hand at tennis or the dive centre offers scuba diving where equipment can be hired.
Calan Bosch

This is a large busy resort, at the south-westerly tip of the island about one hours drive from Mahon airport and is one of Menorca’s most fashionable areas. Life here centres around the yachting marina. Relax at one of its restaurants or bars and watch the world go by.

Small boats can enter from the sea through a narrow channel and pleasure cruises sail out from here to the remote beaches of the south coast. Numerous hotels and apartments are around the marina and beach area. There is a children’s play area, tennis courts, water park and go-kart track.

Beaches
Two beaches, Calan Bosch is a small sheltered beach of pale golden sand with a beach bar and Son Xoriguer, the larger of the two. Here is the centre for watersports and the schools offer tuition in windsurfing, water skiing, scuba-diving and sailing. International menu.

Shopping
The commercial centre houses a supermarket, restaurants, bars, internet café and karaoke bar. Admire the old sector of the town and browse in the many sophisticated shops.

Dining & Nights Out
El Pato, Via Circumvalacio, s/n, 07760, Cala’n Bosch. Tel 971 387 044. Popular – serves a good selection of food.
El Pescador, Es Lago de Calan Bosch, 07760, Cala’n Bosch. Tel 971 359 539. Seafood dishes are a specialty.
Café Balear, Avda Portixol, 16, 07760, Cala’n Bosch. Telephone: 608 744 816. Fish and shellfish, freshly caught by their own boat!
Capriccio Italiano Restaurant, Es Lago de Calan Bosch, 07760, Cala’n Bosch. Tel 971 387 382. Traditional Italian food at its best.

Bikes
A fun way for the whole family to explore the resort is on a four wheeled bike for six.

Boat trips
From the harbour jump aboard the glass bottomed boat to do a little exploration.

Children’s’ Activities
The resort provides plenty of activities for children, including an aqua park, go kart track and children’s play area.

Mini Train
For those that like to take the easy route home!

Tennis
Courts are available in resort.

Calan Porter

A well-established holiday town. There is a wide variety of bars and restaurants to suit all pockets and tastes, some of which provide entertainment.

There are also several shops and supermarkets which cater for holiday-makers. The main beach can be found slightly away from the resort centre, this fantastic sandy beach has some spectacular views. Calan Porter’s main feature is the Cave of Xoroi which is reached by a succession of stairways and rock platforms set high on the cliff face with dramatic views out to sea. Here you will find a bar which can be visited by day and a lively discotheque by night. There is also plenty for families to enjoy with tennis courts available and shallow slides for younger children.

Beaches
The beach is down below the resort centre flanked on either side by spectacular limestone cliffs. It’s a beautifully sheltered deep expanse of white sand which can be accessed either by steps or the road. Just be warned it’s a lot of steps.

Shopping
A good selection of shops for food, drink and souvenirs can be found in Calan Porter and the supermarket provides for holiday needs. There is a weekly gypsy market.

Dining & Nights Out
Pons, Avda Mediterráneo 67, 07712, Cala’n Porter. Tel 971 377 423. Famous for its paellas.
Los Barrells, Passeig de la Platja, s/n, 07712, Cala’n Porter. Tel 971 377 070. Known for its fish dishes.
Cafeteria Pitos, Passeig Maritim, 6-7, 07712, Cala’n Porter. Tel 971 377 093. Simple but good value food and bar.

La Vela, Passeig Maritim 5, 07712, Cala’n Porter. Tel 971 377 452. Spanish cuisine.
The bars often have evening entertainment of live music or karaoke or join in the fun at one of the complexes where there is regular live entertainment by night and games rooms for the young.

Caves of Xoroi
A deep cavern hollowed out of the sheer rock face, reached by steps winding down the cliff. The caves serve refreshments by day and by night they transform into a discotheque.
Es Canutells

The deep inlet of Canutells lies a little along the south coast, between the larger resorts of Binibeca and Calan Porter, just a ten minute drive from Mahon airport.

There is an aparthotel at the top of the resort which offers entertainment most evenings but the area mainly consists of an ever-growing cluster of good-quality villas built into the hillside surrounding the cove. The resort has a couple of bars/restaurants, a supermarket and a souvenir shop.

Beaches
The beach is ‘virgin’ in that it is left in its natural state and is not cluttered with sunbeds etc. There is ample parking. A rustic bar overlooks the beach for a refreshing ice cream or drink. Tennis courts are available.

Shopping
There’s a supermarket and a few smaller shops.

Dining & Nights Out
Chepas Bar Café, Carrer S`Ullastre, 07712 Es Canutells. Tel 627 272 595. Wholesome food, British/Irish beers, terrace, Sky Sports.

Punta Prima

The family-friendly resort of Punta Prima sits twenty minutes from Mahon airport, just along from S’Algar.

Featuring a number of wonderful beaches the colour of the sea is perhaps the most noticeable feature. Beautiful dark and aqua blues form an alternating pattern across the water to the small island of the Isla del Aire, an uninhabited island with a lighthouse where passing yachts often take shelter. The beach is popular with the boating fraternity who love to come ashore to sample some Spanish cuisine at the restaurants. If you are feeling energetic there is a diving school, tennis courts as well as hand ball and mini golf courses. Families can enjoy taking the road train running along the coastal road past the pretty fishing village of Biniancolla to Binibeca, a journey of around 30 minutes. Spend some time wandering round the streets of Binibeca Vell or stay on board and enjoy the same scenic route back to Punta Prima.

Beaches
The beach has a good expanse of soft, white sand with ample room at the rear for beach games as the sun goes down. The bars on both sides of the sand are perfect for weary parents who can relax in the shade whilst the children expend their energy under their surveillance on the ample beach.

Shopping
At the back of the beach are two well stocked mini supermarkets and souvenir shops. More supermarkets can be found in the town of San Luis, 5 mins by car. Mahon is only a short drive away for designer shops, craft and souvenir shops.

Dining & Nights Out
If you want a change from the local fare, stroll to the bar at the far end of the beach. Or there’s a couple of hotels nearby where evening entertainment can be enjoyed.

Entertainment
There is an aparthotel at the top of the resort which offers entertainment most evenings. Otherwise Mahon offers lots of nightlife.

Tennis - Courts available.

Walks
At the eastern end of the beach, follow the bridle path along the coast as far as the pretty cove of Alcaufar. Stop off for a picnic along the way to enjoy lovely sea views.

Mini Golf
Set in attractive gardens. Parents can relax in the adjacent bar whilst the children play mini golf in the enclosure or use the other facilities such as tennis, volleyball or basketball.

Road Train
Families can enjoy the road train which runs along the coast road past the fishing village of Biniancolla to Binibeca, a journey of half an hour. Operates in high season.

Sports
Many watersports are available at the sports club near the San Luis Hotel at S’Algar as well as tennis courts, bowls and football, plus there’s a bar.
**S’Algar**

The attractive and well-established holiday resort of S’Algar is just a twenty minute drive from Mahon airport. The resort centre has several shops, a supermarket and a variety of bars and restaurants lining the paved walkways.

There is a small road train that the children will love which regularly trundles around the resort. S’Algar is a great favourite for water sport enthusiasts as the waters are clear and enticing which makes it ideal for scuba diving and snorkelling. The diving centre is Padi and RY approved and will care for both the initiated and beginners, also provides equipment for hire while tuition is also available. The sporting facilities at S’Algar are possibly the best on Menorca as there is something for everyone including tennis courts, a bowling green and a mini golf course. The more adventurous can hire a powerboat or try their hand at parasailing.

**Beaches**

There is no beach or stretch of sand in S’Algar but there are sun bathing platforms that adorn the rocks.

**Dining & Nights Out**

S’Algar, Urb S’Algar, 07713, Sant Lluis. Tel 971 151 700, Hotel Food.

Sa Parereta Den Doro, Binifadet, s/n, 07713, Sant Lluis. Tel 971 150 353. Good quality food.

Binisufua, Playa Binisafua, s/n, 07713, Sant Lluis. Tel 971 151 869. Relaxed setting, competitive prices.

Reina Isabel, Urb S’Algar, 07713, Sant Lluis. Tel 971 151 444. Spanish and International dishes.

**Lido**

At the water’s edge with extensive sun bathing terraces and a small snack bar.

**Watersports**

The Diving Centre – Padi and RYA approved. For the initiated and beginners.

**Entertainment**

If you feel the need for some evening entertainment, the resort has two hotels.

**Santo Tomas**

Half way along the south coast, between the resorts of Son Bou and Cala Galdana, Santo Tomas is a thirty minute drive from Mahon airport.

Once a quiet area Santo Tomas has since grown into a well established holiday resort with villas creeping up from the beach into the pine-clad hillside. The resort is a great favourite for families as the beach, shops, bars and restaurants are all within easy reach. The beach bars/restaurants overlooking the sea are extremely popular for both lunchtime and evening meals and snacks. A tennis court and mini golf are available.

**Beaches**

A long narrow beach of pale golden sand, Santo Tomas is virtually a continuation of the beach at Son Bou. A path at the western end leads to the quieter beaches of San Adeodato and Binigaus. A flag warning system is in use here due to the occasional currents and one should only swim when the GREEN flag is displayed. Sunbeds, shades, windbreaks and often small sailing boats can be hired from the beach. Or stroll the length of the resort along the paved, well lit walkway fringing the sands.

**Shopping**

Santo Tomas has two commercial centres that supply the essential holiday needs from food, drink to beach gear. There are also a number of souvenir shops.

**Dining & Nights Out**

There are a number of bars and restaurants in Santo Tomas but no night clubs. Much of the entertainment is hotel based.

**Las Dunas**

Offers mini golf, tennis courts, a bar and restaurant with evening entertainment.

**Pony rides**

Book a pony ride for the children through the Mestral apartments.

**Explore villages**

Es Migjorn Gran is a 5 minute drive away with its local shops, amongst narrow winding streets with art exhibitions and a couple of restaurants.

Es Mercadal at the foot of Monte Toro, the island’s highest point is 15 minutes drive from Santo Tomas. Drive to the summit of the mountain and see the whole island spread out beneath you.
Son Bou

Son Bou has the longest beach on the island. It’s located on the south coast, a thirty minute drive from Mahon airport.

There is an attractive array of small shops, bars, restaurants and a popular disco while a little further along is the popular Club San Jaime with its pool and water slides and labyrinth-type maze. The archaeological site at the eastern end of the beach is well worth a visit with its collection of honeycombed caves. If you enjoy nature walks then head west as the landscape becomes wild, backed by dunes and marshes it is home to a thriving bird population.

**Beaches**
The almost 2 mile long beach of pale, golden sand shelves gently into the turquoise waters and is a favourite with anyone who is looking for exciting water sports, including windsurfing, water skiing and aquaplaning. Due to occasional underwater currents there is a flag warning system which must be heeded, GREEN means it is safe to swim. The beach bars serve everything from a light snack to a three course meal.

**Shopping**
There are a number of shops and designer outlets in the commercial area. Plus there are souvenir shops to buy that memento to take home.

**Dining & Nights Out**

Cafeteria Son Bou, Centro Commercial, 07730, Son Bou. Tel 971 372 503

Las Dunas, Centro Commercial, 07730, Son Bou. Tel 971 371 665

Also you’ll find a small disco is in the Son Jaime complex

Lido
At the San Jaime complex. An afternoon can be spent amusing the children on water slides or in the wooden maze. Nightly entertainment is posted on the board at the restaurant entrance.

**Bowling**
The recently opened bowling alley is a welcome diversion.

**Archaeological site**
Visit the archaeological site at the eastern end of the beach and wonder at the headland, honeycombed with caves. Enjoy nature at its best as the beach progresses westwards, becoming wilder, backed by dunes and marshes and home to a thriving bird population.

**Play areas**
Around the resort are children’s play areas and water chutes.

Son Parc

The resort of Son Parc lies on the North coast and is a thirty minute drive from Mahon airport. You’ll find a selection of bars and restaurants, a few shops and a good sized supermarket.

Son Parc is also the home of the island’s only golf course. The course comes highly recommended and clubs and equipment can be hired. The villas are set back from the apartments which overlook the beach and are nestled amongst the pine trees a short stroll away from the centre.

**Beaches**
Set amongst pine-clad hills is the lovely wide beach of pale golden sand. The waters are shallow and the dunes and pine trees at the back of the beach give some relief from the sun. There is ample parking by the bar/restaurant at the western tip of this lovely beach. Sunbeds, shades and pedaloes can be hired.

**Shopping**
You’ll find a few shops and a good-sized supermarket for essential items. Tourist shops offer souvenirs and gifts.

**Dining & Nights Out**
Pino Mar, Urb. Son Parc Par.40-41, 07740, Es Mercadal. Tel 608 630 919. Family run, good choice of dishes.

**Exploring**
Take a short drive to the fishing villages of Fornells and Macaret, the larger resort of Arenal D’En Castell with its sweeping sandy bay, or the idyllic yachting marina of Addaya.
Useful Information

Language
Spanish

Currency
Euro

International dialling code
+34

Emergency Services
112

Time
Central European Time - If you are travelling from the UK then you must put your watch forward 1 hour.

Electricity
220 AC - travellers from the UK will need a two-pin plug adaptor.

Opening Hours for Shops
Most large shopping centres and department stores will stay open from 10:00 - 22:00 while smaller shops will generally run from 09:00 - 14:00 and then from 17:00 - 20:00.

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