



Ibiza, I love you



This is a personal 4 day trip map to Ibiza by Virginia Duran. It is in conjunction to Google maps directions. Oriented towards architecture, it shows what to visit, why, where and when. Prices and other helpful tips about this city. Importance is marked with (*) being (****) the must see. See end for useful links.

	WHAT	Architect/View	WHERE	Notes
****	Hotel Sir Joan Ibiza	Ribas&Ribas Architects	Paseig Joan Carles I and Av. Santa Eularia des Riu	In the refurbishment of the emblematic El Divino apartment building, an interior improvement has been carried out maintaining its structure and giving it a new exterior image for the future use of a 5-star hotel. Following the guidelines of the Regulations and complying with the program required, the isolated building has been kept. With services for the hotel in the ground floor, first, second and third floors with 12 rooms for each floor, and attic floor intended for 2 suites with magnificent views of the port of Ibiza. The public program consists of a large hall that welcomes the guest, the reception area, restaurant, as well as outdoor spaces that communicate with the south-east perimeter pool. The private program is located in the northwest area of the building, where there is also a place for hamburgers with an independent access on the north facade.
****	Ibiza Gran Hotel Extension	Colmenares Vilata Arquitectos	Ibiza Gran Hotel, 07800 Eivissa	The 2018 project undertakes a complete renovation of the rear image of the building, with the construction of 30 new rooms and the remodeling of the facades. The new volumes are placed taking advantage of the original terraced section in order to produce vertical planes, whose slight displacement creates small outdoor spaces for the rooms. The facade solution is based on the extensive use of vertical slats of great depth, responding both to the need to control the incidence of sunlight and the surrounding views. This strategy provides a unified image for the hotel, which captures the nuances of light changes during the day.
****	Museu d'Art Contemporani d'Eivissa	VIEW/ Victor Beltrán Roca	Ronda Narcís Puget, s/n	Eivissa Contemporary Art Museum (MACE) was opened in 1969 and has become one of the oldest contemporary art museums in Spain. Now in two parts, the building has been sympathetically renovated to include the old 1727 building designed by Simon Poulet, making use of Old Town architecture, and the new building designed by Victor Beltran Roca, which optimises the space available without adding to the already busy urban landscape around. Along with housing the permanent collection and temporary exhibitions, MACE also has an archaeological site preserved underground which allows visitors to see the structural changes throughout the various centuries, from Phoenician times in the 6th century to Roman times and more recently the Islamic period of the 10th-12th centuries. FREE admission. Tue-Fri (10am-2pm/5-8pm) Sat-Sun (10am-2pm)
****	Ibiza Cathedral	Vincent Traver Tomás	Plaza de la Catedral, s/n	Historically this area has always been a place of worship, as the first religious building in this spot was a temple by the Carthaginians in the 7th century. The cathedral there today was founded in the 14th century however not completed until the 16th. Inside is a mixture of Catalan Gothic style and later Valencian influences. The agreement signed in 1234 by Guillermo de Montgrí, Peter of Portugal and Nuno Sanç, future conquerors of the islands, established as one of the first obligations to create a parish dedicated to Saint Mary in the city of Ibiza. This parish became a reality once the conquest was taken on, on 8th August 1235. At first, it was set up in



				an already existing building, maybe a Muslim mosque readapted to Christian cult. The current building owes more to the 16th century. It became a cathedral in the 18th century. Inside there are many works of art including two Gothic painted panels by Francesc Cornes from the 14th century.
*****	D'Alt Vila	VIEW	Behind Ibiza Cathedral (Plaza de la Catedral, s/n)	Perched on a small mountain next to the sea and overlooking the town is the fortified old town of Dalt Vila which translates to "Upper Town". The Romans were the first to fortify this hilltop, but the walls you see were raised by Felipe II in the 16th century to protect against invasion by French and Turkish forces. Amazing panoramas from here. The summit affords you some magnificent views, as do the breaks in the high ramparts and the vast terraces at each level as you journey on up. The dramatic main entrance gateway is up a slope, traversing a stone drawbridge through the Portal de Ses Taules entering into an ancient cobbled stone courtyard.
***	Necròpolis del Puig des Molins	-	C/ Via Romana, 31	Today it looks like little more than rocky scrubland, but this vast ancient burial ground was a key part of Ibiza Town's 1999 World Heritage recognition. The earliest tombs date from the 7th century BC and Phoenician times. The museum displays finds (amulets, jewellery, vases, terracotta figurines) from the more than 3000 tombs that honeycomb the hillside. Outside, peer into the hypogea (burial caverns) cut deep into the hill; you can descend into an interlocking series of these. Follow the path around and peer into the burial caverns, oriented N and S. The site museum displays finds such as amulets and terracotta figurines discovered within the more than 3000 tombs that honeycomb the hillside. General admission €2.40. Tue-Sun (10am-2pm)
****	Iglesia de Jesús Church	-	Carrer Condor + Carrer des Cap Martinet	Iglesia de Jesús, built in the 15th century, it is one of the oldest churches in Ibiza. At the end of the 15th century it was inhabited by Franciscan friars, which undoubtedly explains the presence of the extraordinary Gothic altarpiece of the high altar, attributed to Rodrigo and Francisco de Osona, considered the most valuable artistic piece of all those exhibited in the temples of Ibiza. The church was enlarged in the middle of the 16th century, lengthening the nave with a new higher section and covered with a ribbed vault, where the presbytery and the Gothic altarpiece are located. Its location was far from the coast in order to avoid Barbarian invasions. Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun (12-1pm/8-9pm)
***	Playa de S'Estanyol Beach	-	Road of Jesús to Roca LLisa	La S'Estanyol creek (small pond in Castilian) is composed of rocks of all kinds, which contributes to their spectacular shades of blue from the outside. Take your diving goggles and immerse yourself in its waters in search of different marine species. Be careful with the ground's slope and irregularities. There are not too many services in it, what you will find is one of the fashionable restaurants in Ibiza: Cala Bonita. Enjoy their Mediterranean specialties, their tapas or any of their cocktails is a luxury that you should give at least once in a lifetime.
****	Iglesia del Puig de Missa Church	VIEW/ Giovanni Bastista Calvi	Cami Cementeri Vell (till the end of the hill)	This impressive church is found on the summit of Puig de Missa. At the foot of it you'll find the town of Santa Eulària des Riu. It goes back to the 16th century. Its structure is made up of a single barrel domical vault with four chapels at each side from which those closest to the main altar stand out because they are crowned by both vaults. Its semi-circular tower was equipped with weapons until the middle of the 19th century. The Baroque altarpiece was made by sculptor Ferreras between 1674 and 1678. The parish festival is held on February 12th, the feast of Saint Eulalia. It is also celebrated on the first Sunday of May. Sun (11am-12pm)
*****	Conference Center in Ibiza	UP Arquitectos	Avenida Salvador Camacho, 9-11, 07840 Santa Eulària des Riu	The magnificent site upon which it is located, next to the sea, at the end of the bay and open to a forest of native pines, responds in its rectangular area to the future auditorium, where a continuity is maintained with the urban line while still claiming its own garden; the part now built adheres to the main building and enters the pine forest with a freedom to form a part of the place, extending towards the exterior conference activities. As such this first phase has a close relationship with its surroundings: the fragmented volume opens to the forest manifesting its different uses, dissolved among the shade of the trees, inserted in the land, among containing walls and a thick layer of vegetation which covers it. Three elements



				emerge from the roof expressing the rehearsal and scenic spaces. A large square volume built around a patio houses the rest of the program: the rooms, seminar spaces and the future cafeteria-restaurant.
****	ME Ibiza Hotel Rooftop		Urbanizacion S'Argamassa, 07840 Santa Eulalia del Río	This luxury beach-area hotel by the club at Nikki Beach is 1.9 km from the Cala Pada and 13 km from the Illa de Tagomago. The adults-only swimming pool on the ground floor has a gentle party vibe, with daily DJs from midday to midnight, Bali beds and a poolside menu. There's a separate pool for children and a mini club crèche open daily from 10am to 6pm. The rooftop features an infinity pool with stunning views of the Ibiza coastline, available to use for anyone who has booked a Bali bed - these cost 250-300 euros per day, including drinks and snacks. The views from the rooftop are beautiful.
****	Aguas Blancas Beach	VIEW- Sunrise	To get to the satellite beach you'll have to swim 100m from the main beach	Aguas Blancas is one of the favourite beaches for island residents. Backed with beautifully coloured and textured high cliffs, it has unblemished surroundings with a dramatic effect. The beach has golden sand that is soft and fine, and the sea bed is also sandy but with some rocks dotted around - so watch your step! It is an official nudist beach but still very mixed; some go naked, others don't. And don't be alarmed if you find people walking around covered in a reddish mud - adding a bit of water to the dirt from the cliffs makes a paste which is very beneficial for the skin. Bring your own food, the restaurant is a scam. Amazing sunrises. To get to the satellite beach you'll have to swim 100m from the main beach.
*****	Benirras Beach	VIEW- Sunset	Port de Benirras	A beautiful approach, meandering down through hills and valleys, brings you to the beach of Benirrás. It is a pretty beach of partly pebbly sand with rocks either side that you can clamber over and a picturesque view across the water to an interesting rock formation known as Cap Bernat (or referred to locals as 'the finger of God'). The sea bed is rocky which makes it excellent for snorkellers but not so easy to walk into... but that's all part of the fun! The water is crystal clear. This sheltered bay is a popular anchoring spot for private yachts and motor boats which gather in the late afternoon to enjoy the romantic sundown, in summer accompanied on Sundays by drummers who descend to the beach to 'drum down the sunset' in this iconic hippie ritual. This drumming is a unique Ibiza experience, established over many years.
****	Iglesia de San Miguel Church	Unknown	Carrer Missa (fill the top of the hill)	Sant Miquel is one of the four fortified churches that were built on the island, along with those of Sant Jordi, Sant Antoni and Santa Eulària. Like these, it was erected both to meet the spiritual needs of the population and to protect it against invasions by Turkish and North African corsairs. However, the temple of Sant Miquel is unusual from a structural point of view, being the only one on the island that has a cross plan, in the form of a tau ("T"). The mountain on which it sits is known as Puig de Missa, as it happens in Santa Eulària. The restored early-17th-century frescoes in the Capella de Benirràs are a swirl of flowers and twisting vines. Each Thursday from June to September, there's traditional island dancing on the pretty patio at 6.15pm.
*****	Cova de Can Marçà Cave	VIEW	Port de San Miguel and then follow instructions.	Take some time away from the heat of the day in the eerie, underground caverns of the Cueva Can Marça in Puerto de San Miguel. Spookily silent and illuminated in strange colours, the formations of stalagmites and stalactites make for a Jurassic backdrop to the tour of the cavernous galleries. Originally used by smugglers to store contraband, the marks they used to guide them in the dead of night can still be seen on the walls. At the heart is a spectacular music and light show with a 10 metre cascade of water. Visitors also get to see the magnificent views out to sea from openings hewn into the cliff side. Tours (various languages) take 40 minutes. General admission 10€. Mon-Sun (10.30am-7.30pm)
***	Hotel Hacienda Na Xamena	VIEW- Sunset	Urbanización Na Xamena, s/n	The Hacienda Na Xamena, Ibiza, is considered one of the best resort in Ibiza. It was the first and only luxury five-star hotel in Ibiza for nearly two decades, and it has earned a reputation for offering excellence in Ibiza. The luxury five star resort offers comfort, magical and unique experiences, and plentiful facilities such as three pools: two outdoors and one indoor, a tennis court, a football court, a world-renown Spa, a cinema



				room, and a games room. Sunsets are simply spectacular. Enjoy a drink while taking amazing panoramas. Mon-Sun (8am-11pm)
****	Es Portitxol Beach	VIEW	Illa Blanca until the parking lot, then 10 min walk	A very small and isolated beach surrounded by hills and pinewoods. Dramatically sliced from the cliffs and difficult access (same route used by fishermen, pirates and invaders for hundreds of years). It is usually frequented only by the fishermen of the boat huts. It is a place recommended for walking enthusiasts seeking far-away places and crystalline waters. To find it, start from the residential area of Isla Blanca and take a track towards the Penyal de s'Aguila. From a bend in this track, a path goes off to Es Portitxol, with a long, steep descent to the sea.
***	Iglesia de Santa Agnès Church	-	Santa Agnès	This church is situated in the heart of a valley in the north west of the island named Corona and it is covered in almond trees. Its construction lasted from the end of the 17th century to the beginning of the 19th century. It is one of the simplest and smallest churches on the land and it has a domical vault that covers a single nave with six side chapels. The parish festival is held on January 28th, the feast of Saint Agnes. The "Virgen del Rosal" virgin dates from the 19th century.
****	Cala Salada Beach	VIEW	Cala Salada (North Part)	Surrounded by pine forested hills, the small, protected sandy cove of Cala Salada is a favourite for residents and private boat owners. The water is beautifully clear, shallow and perfect for swimming, and the sea bed mostly soft sand. This small beach gets very busy on summer weekends, with people often spread across the rocks that separate Cala Salada and neighbouring Cala Saladita. You can also jump from the cliffs, but please be careful and check the depth of the water first, it is not safe to jump from all places (even if others do). On the rocky promontory to the right is a picturesque stone tower with paths leading over the top to the little fringe of sandy beach of Cala Saladita. To the left are boathouses built into the rock. Well trodden paths leading into the hills are popular for walks in this unspoiled area. The big house is from famous dress designer Rosa Clara.
****	Iglesia de Sant Antoni Church	-	Plaça de l'Església, 1. Sant Antoni	Iglesia de Sant Antoni is the second oldest church in Ibiza, after the Cathedral, where the pirates were fought. Built around 1305. When the pirates appeared on the horizon, the watchmen made smoke signals so people could take refuge in the church (this is why it had no windows). The gates were made of iron, so they could not burn, and a thick juniper beam blocked them inside. In the grounds there was also a water well, in case the closure lasted for days. When the enemies were approaching the temple, the locals sprinkled them with boiling oil from the bell.
*****	Cafe del Mar	VIEW-Sunset	Calle De Lepant, 4	One of the most treasured venues on Ibiza, Café del Mar opened its doors for the first time in 1980, in the process becoming a pioneer in bringing together music, sensational sunsets and fun. Together with beautiful views over the Mediterranean, the original sunset bar began by serving tempting cocktails to ever-growing crowds with a majestic backdrop. Over 30 years later and it's still revered as a bustling pinnacle of the sunset strip. Café del Mar is now hugely famous around the world for its chill-out compilation albums which have been released annually since 1994, pioneering the chill-out genre at the time of the first release.
*****	Art Hotel Paradiso Ibiza	IlmioDesign	Es Caló, 70, 76, 07829 Sant Josep de sa Talaia	The 2018 interior design project developed for Art Hotel Paradiso Ibiza is based on two key inspirations: Miami Beach, which we identify as pastel colours that blend with urban art, and the style of the group of the Italian architects of the 70s, Archizoom. The nature of the project, which involved a total renovation of an existing building, has been determined by the material choices. The access hall is designed as a multifunctional space, where, in addition to the reception a library space, a cafe bar for events and a "Zero Suite" room have been added. This is a transparent space where one can sleep for free for one night, as long as they're willing to be seen at all times as in the reality series Big Brother.
****	Kumharas	VIEW-Sunset	Calle de Lugo, 2	Kumharas is spiritual little hotspot that undoubtedly takes the prize for the best bar in San Antonio Bay. It oozes calming vibes and has a crowd to match, with everyone congregating here come dusk to watch the sun in its final moments of glory, all while sipping on a sparkling cocktail. It's made up of three different hangout spots - a chill-out area, a lounge and a



				restaurant, with the latter serving up a magical fusion of world flavours that cause all kinds of sensations for your palette. This is a place to kick-back, forget your worries and marvel at the sky turning a kaleidoscope of colours in the background. People come here to chat, drink, eat and just generally to soak up the feel-good sunset vibes.
****	Cala Conta Beach	VIEW	Cala Conta	For many, Cala Conta needs no introduction. For those who've not yet experienced her crystal shores, you're in for a very special treat. Cala Conta has fabulous views of the little islands dotted near Ibiza's coastline, beautiful turquoise waters and several different areas to explore, making it one of the best beaches on the island. There are two stretches of sand, one backed by a rocky coastline, the other by sand dunes. The shallow water is safe for children and as clear as a swimming pool. Be careful when swimming into the open sea; there are very strong currents here - so even more experienced swimmers should avoid aiming for the island offshore. If you want to watch it from the Ashram restaurant make sure to make a reservation, it gets crowded.
*****	Cala Tarida Beach	VIEW	Cala Tarida	A sheltered bay at the tiny resort of Cala Tarida with the longest and widest beach of fine white sand on this side of the island. The clean, clear waters over a sandy bottom are shallow to quite a way out on the right, deeper and more rocky to the left. The colours of the sea here are truly magnificent; turquoise, azure blue and emerald green. Behind the beach are well-urbanised hills with the hotel club just behind, the convenience of this making Cala Tarida a popular family beach. There are also shops right on the beach to buy inflatables, snorkel gear and beach balls if sunbaking just doesn't cut it for you. If you're looking for a solitary spot, there are some small hidden coves north of the beach with a selection of interestingly shaped rocks to swim out to. The real beach is a little spot behind the cliffs.
***	Iglesia de Sant Jordi Church	-	Carrer Pirineu/Carrer Vicente Serra (Sant Jordi)	A visit to fortified church is a must, which was founded as a spiritual centre for the men and women who worked collecting salt in Ses Salines. It is believed that it was built before 1577, and it is characteristic for the sloppy walls and the battlements, which emphasise its defensive character. The neighbours would seek refuge in its walls when pirates attacked them. The side chapels were built in the 18th century, when the temple was no longer needed as a refuge from attacks. In the 19th century the inside was modified, and in 1990 the main altarpiece was installed.
**	Child School at Can Nebot	Rahola Vidal	Carrer del Pica-Soques, 42, 07817 Sant Josep de sa Talaia	The building, completed in 2009, has a nursery which is totally developed in the ground floor level. Located in Can Nebot, near Ibiza Village in a quiet neighbourhood of single-family houses, the project appears as one of them. The building site is a garden which also contains a small house for children in the middle. The user requirement programme is simple: four classrooms with a bath area, a multifunctional room, services and facilities, a changing room for the staff, kitchen and a small dining area for teachers and, also, the director's office. The structure is made of concrete walls which encloses different volumes and allows the classrooms to be connected with the outside towards the good orientation and the courtyard. A serial number of skylights drive light to the corridor and also classrooms while it offers qualified spaces and a variety of shapes.
***	Parroquia de Santa Gertrudis Church	-	Plaça de la Església, s/n Carretera Santa Gertrudis	Right in the heart of the island, you'll find this island in the centre of the town of Santa Gertrudis and it goes back to the 18th century. This church had a single semi-circle vault nave and six chapels, but it was extended to accommodate a larger number of parishioners and now it is "L" shaped. A noteworthy feature is its white coloured bell tower two bells, which is the biggest of all the rural churches on the islands. Its porch extends the whole length of the main façade. The parish festival is held on November 16th, the feast of Saint Gertrude the Great 16th.
*****	Es Vedrà		07830 Sant Josep de sa Talaia, Balearic Islands, Spain	Standing at almost 400 metres high, this uninhabited rock island made of limestone is situated 2 km off the south west coast of Ibiza and is right opposite to the beach of Cala d'Hort. Es Vedrà is shrouded in myths and legend, the most popular of which is that it is the third most magnetic spot on earth (after the north pole and the Bermuda Triangle). There is no evidence



