

## Scottish Tourists Boost Euro 2008 Vacation Bookings

The winter in Scotland this year has been a long and cold one, so perhaps it should come as no surprise that more and more of them have been taking a winter holiday in warmer parts of Europe, helping the European travel industry make a good start to the year, and escaping the dark nights back home.

The number of Scots taking a winter break has increased to new records this year, partly due to an economy that is still doing well but could be heading towards a period of decline, and lower cost flights from Scottish regional airports giving more choice and of course overall lower prices for a winter holiday.

Long haul destinations have also benefitted where the Scots are heading for include Orlando, Florida, and New York. The continued weakness of the dollar has helped to fuel demand for North American destinations from Scotland and other parts of the UK and mainland Europe recently.

Closer to home the Balearic Islands are seeing a surprising increase given that the weather is warmer in the Canaries. The Balearics consist of Ibiza, Majorca, and Minorca, the quietest of the three being Minorca, which doesn't have as many [Minorca flights](#) to Mahon Airport out of the holiday season.

Evidence of more holidays abroad has come from Edinburgh Airport, who reported recently their busiest year for to date for last year with some nine million passengers flying in or out, pretty impressive for a country with a population of around six million or so.

Popular destinations as well as Orlando, New York and Menorca include Tenerife and Majorca.

Tenerife is known in Europe for its good winter climate, which attracts nearly three and a half millions tourists a year. Most of Tenerife's tourism comes from the United Kingdom including Scotland, followed by Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Italy and France, among many others. The island is home to many beautiful resorts, including the Playas de las Americas and Los Cristianos. In fact, recent legislation was passed to ensure that any future resort construction must either be of five-star status or offer resort luxuries like golf courses or banquet facilities.

one of Tenerife's biggest draws for tourists is its white sand beaches, and with temperatures often in the high sixties and seventies over winter time it's a natural draw for Scots. A delightful mix of both man-made and naturally formed beaches, the island of Tenerife has a location for fun-in-the-sun activities - from snorkeling, to scuba, to hanging ten on a surfboard, to windsurfing or just for soaking up some sun. Secluded coves and wide open expanses of beach make Tenerife a great winter holiday destination.

Majorca has been a major summer holiday destination for several years and tourists are finding the excellent deals to be had out of the summer season. Winter visitors can stay at the same hotels and resorts for a fraction of the summer price. Winter holiday packages can be booked for as little as 320 Euros for a week's break.

Many Scots prefer the slower paced winter holidays to the hustle and bustle of the busy summer holiday season. Temperatures in the winter season on the island of Majorca ranges from 6 degrees Celsius (42 degrees Fahrenheit) to 19 degrees Celsius (66 degrees Fahrenheit). These mild temperatures help make Mallorca the perfect winter destination for those who enjoy cooler temperatures than Tenerife and mild winter weather.

Even a mild winter in Majorca is heaven for Scottish sun seekers compared to home, as they increasingly wave goodbye to the snow and say hello to the sunshine and winter warmth of Spain and her islands.

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Houses and other holiday villas are popular in the summer in Menorca and the guide has photographs of Menorca holiday villas plus companies who include [Menorca holiday villas](#) in their brochures.

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