

Spanish Islands Are Number 1 For British Tourists In 2008

Opinion poll research shows most Britons prefer Spanish holidays over any other when planning their 2008 vacations. This comes as no big surprise, considering Spanish holidays have been favourites of the Brits for years.

Their favourite areas are the Balearic Islands, Barcelona and the Canary Islands. More specifically, Brits most often choose Mallorca, Minorca and Lanzarote.

The British are a classy people. They tend to envelope the extravagant. Whether they are going away for a short weekend trip or an extended holiday, you will usually find them on one of the Balearic or Canary Islands.

Mallorca and Minorca are Mediterranean islands directly south of France and east of Spain. Their convenient location makes them the perfect weekend getaway or holiday destination.

Mallorca and Minorca are hot holiday destinations for many reasons. Both islands are rich in Spanish culture and boast amazing white sand beaches. Marvelous 4 and 5 star hotels and resorts border their beaches and offer every amenity. Their shopping and gaming are as exciting as their adventurous night life.

Many celebrity couples own homes in Mallorca, the largest of the Balearic Islands. Michael Douglas and wife Catherine Zeta-Jones own a castle style mansion on a secluded hillside near Deya in Mallorca. When asked why he and his family purchased there, Douglas replied 'The splendor of the landscape and history of the island bewitched me.'

Mallorca is a very modern island with modern delights, yet somehow manages to retain its old charm. Its many beaches are the envy of other beaches world-wide.

Each year royalty, celebrities and tourists alike revel in the relaxing atmosphere. The northern coast of Mallorca is spotted with high mountains, dramatic cliffs and private coves. Some of Mallorca's busiest beaches may become crowded during the summer. Those who do not enjoy crowded areas may opt for several smaller, more secluded beaches.

Menorca - also known as Minorca locally - is the smaller of the two most visited Balearic Islands. Do not let its size fool you! Menorca is home to some of the nicest beaches, hiking trails and scuba diving tours in the world. Many shops teach scuba diving and take tourists to shipwrecks just off the coast.

If golf is more your sport, you are in luck. The Son Parc area is located on the northern side of the island and is home to the only golf course on Minorca. The full 18-hole course was designed by Dave Thomas Ltd. Its lush turf, beautiful greens, sand traps and a flock of peacocks living behind the third green attract more than just golfers. The peacocks are accustomed to humans and often offer up an amazing display of colour. It's a great Minorca holidays area with villas, apartments and hotels, and for golfers especially it's made for their [holidays in Minorca](#)

Lanzarote is the easternmost of the Canary Islands and an exceptional holiday destination. Lanzarote is volcanic in origin, like the other Canary Islands. It is 37 miles (60km) long and 12 miles (20km) wide. Its mild, dry climate and year round temperatures ranging from 21 degrees Celsius (69.8 degrees F) to 29 degrees Celsius (84 degrees F) make Lanzarote the perfect holiday destination any time of year, and is a favourite for the winter as well as the summer.

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Information for the Spanish island of Minorca can be found at [YourMenorca.net](#) and includes the weather and a Minorca map, Mahon Airport flight arrivals and other airline and [flight to Minorca](#) information.

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