

## Scots Head South For Winter Sunshine

With temperatures in the winter frequently dipping below freezing point, perhaps it's no surprise that Scottish people take winter holidays in warmer climes.

But the number doing so has increased to new records this year, 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 where the Scots are heading for include Orlando in Florida, and New York. The weakness of the dollar has helped to fuel demand for North American destinations from 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 Menorca, the quietest of the three being Menorca. Flights to Majorca are year round while [Menorca flights](#) have reduced services between October and April.

Evidence of more holidays abroad has come from Edinburgh Airport, who reported recently their busiest year to date with some 9 million passengers flying in or out, pretty impressive for a country with a population of around six million!

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

Tenerife is known in Europe for its good winter climate, which attracts nearly three and a half millions tourists a year to its scenic 2,034 square kilometers. Most of Tenerife's tourism comes from the United Kingdom, 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 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.

Mallorca 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 Mallorca range 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 Mallorca is heaven for Scottish sun seekers compared to Glasgow and Edinburgh!

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Villa holidays are popular in Menorca, and [villa holiday Menorca](#) and other [Minorca holiday](#) details can be found at the travel and vacation guide.

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