

## Irish Tourists Staying At Home - But They Love Menorca

The recession has hit Ireland hard, and more people are expected to vacation within the country this year than usual.

But for those who do venture abroad, Menorca and Majorca are two of the top destinations on their list.

The good weather, immaculate beaches and natural beauty constantly beckon. Menorca alone has in excess of 100 beaches, so the only problem is choosing one. No wonder the island is also referred to as 'The Island of Pleasant Breeze.'

Other attractions and activities in Menorca include the following:

\* Visits to museums: Two popular museums in Menorca are the Museu Municipal de Ciutadella and Museu de Menorca. The first has an interesting display of artifacts from when the Muslims, Romans and Talayots lived on the island.

\* The Los Delfines Aquapark: Children and the young at heart will be especially happy with the offerings here. The 12,500 square meter water park is situated just outside the city of Ciutadella. Some of the features that visitors seem most taken with at Delfines are Adventure River, the Black Hole and Hydrotubes.

\* The Xoriguer Gin Distillery: A real gin distillery allows visitors to see how the product is made and even try a sample. Tourists who want to take home samples can buy bottles of the product. The family-owned company has been in the gin distillery business for over a century.

\* Hiking: When visiting a tropical paradise, it is best to take in all it has in store. The natural beauty and landscape of Menorca makes the island ideal for nature hikes and tours. The terrain also offers much that appeal to

\* Water Activities: With so many beaches it is no surprise that lots of water sports activities are available to choose from. Some of the most well-known beaches on Menorca are Cala Binibeca, Son Xoriguer and Son Bou. The latter has the reputation of being one of the most beautiful on the island.

Scuba diving and snorkeling offer underwater experiences hard to find anywhere else in the world. Even beginner scuba divers are not excluded, as there are classes just for them in some areas.

After a day or week of sightseeing and other activities, nothing helps a tourist relax more than a spa treatment. Many professional spas on the island help visitors unwind. Some hotels have first class spas and facilities.

Majorca also has its own unique appeal for visitors, whether from Ireland or other countries. Like those who take [Minorca holidays](#) Majorca has lots to offer tourists who come to her shores.

A rich history has left behind hints of a past that still intrigues visitors. For a relatively small place, Majorca's many villages all have something unique about them.

The island has not lost its appeal since it became popular in the 1950's. The dolphin and sea lion shows are always crowd pleasers. In addition, the beaches, natural habitats and cuisine entice locals and tourists alike. Majorca even has children's beaches, making it the perfect place for family vacations.

The islands offer accommodation of varying types, ranging from five star hotels to simple bed and breakfasts. With minimal rainfall even in the wettest season, Menorca and Majorca are the perfect holiday spots for beach lovers from Ireland.

## About the Author

Menorca is a popular island for those who like villa holidays, and yourmenorca.net has details for [villa holidays in Menorca](#)

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