

# RIGHT HERE,

*Over the decades, Ibiza has been a kaftan-wearing boho, wide-eyed club kid and mainstream player. Now, with its ramped-up villas and clean-living kicks, it's been recast as the enlightened sophisticate. Island resident MAYA BOYD drops her white-label mix*

# RIGHT NOW



The infinity pool  
at Villa Atlantis  
**Opposite:**  
Outdoor living  
at the villa



# THE LONG-LUNCH SPOTS

## IBIZA'S BEST BEACH CLUBS

### BEACHOUSE

Less brash than the Blue Marlin but slicker than Salinas, Beachouse opened in 2014 on the sands of Playa d'en Bossa. It's from the team behind Es Cavallet's El Chiringuito (famous for its Chilli Coconut Mojito) and while the white-on-wood look is similar, the crowd is livelier and days are longer. A new brunch menu draws in sunbathers early, and it's still buzzing at dinner. The Sunday parties (and accompanying "who'll be there" hype) are back this summer, with a hush-hush roster of top DJs and the Balearics' version of a Coachella crew, all skinny tanned limbs and tasselling. Wind down with a stroll to Torre de Sal Rossa, the 16th-century defence tower built to ward off Berber raiders.

0034-971-39 6858, [beachouseibiza.com](http://beachouseibiza.com)

### EXPERIMENTAL BEACH

Part of the hip Parisian Experimental Group (Experimental Cocktail Club; Grand Pigalle Hotel), this laid-back spot on Cap des Falc6 is effortlessly cool. So cool, in fact, that no one bats an eye at its identity crisis: Is it a beach club? Restaurant? Nightspot? It's all the same to the stylish 30-somethings in Mara Hoffman swimsuits who come for the oversized day beds, three-hour lunches that blur into epic sunsets – as you'd expect, the cocktails are cracking – and DJ-fuelled dinners. While most beach clubs close at sunset, Experimental Beach is as much somewhere to rock up at night as it is when the sun is shining. There's no beach exactly, but a headland made of sea-smoothed stones. Last summer's addition of a wooden jetty makes swimming less of a wobbly walk to the water, while kayak and paddleboard hire allows the less languid to explore the surrounding Las Salinas nature reserve.

0034-664-33 1269, [eccbeach.com](http://eccbeach.com)

### COTTON BEACH CLUB

Despite its peculiar location in family-friendly timeshare haven Cala Tarida, this clifftop hangout has slotted in nicely to the seaside scene since it opened three years ago. Its German-Dutch owners didn't plough the ubiquitous boho groove, and instead the look (and crowd) is glossy and perfectly pressed. It's always popular for lunch-with-a-view and for smart suppers at Asian restaurant Fay, but check out the recently added Amphi-Lounge, a terraced sunset viewpoint at the end

of the bar. Down at the beach, service continues as usual in the sweet private cabanas, a first for Ibiza. The same team have just opened Cotton Lounge Club – a laid-back restaurant that also includes a pizzeria, coffee shop and juice bar – in up-and-coming Figueretas, the waterfront promenade south of Ibiza Town.

0034-971-80 6180, [cottonbeachclub.com](http://cottonbeachclub.com)

### CALA BASSA

Somewhat confusingly, there are nine quite different hangouts here, although when you see the sprawling space it all makes sense. Tucked into the northern end of its pine-fringed namesake beach, the club adapts to its surroundings – meaning cocooning day beds in the sandy Taittinger Lounge, rustic *hamacas* beneath the juniper-shaded Coronita Lounge and white-table-clothed fine dining (try the sea cucumber with parsley pesto) in the elevated Chiringo. Less confusing is the beach itself, a golden horseshoe of blinding loveliness with views across to the inaccessible Illa Conillera. A frequent ferry service from San Antonio means Cala Bassa's bath-warm waters are heaving in high summer but blissfully deserted during the closing parties.

0034-902-30 0444, [cbcbizaba.com](http://cbcbizaba.com) ▶

### DETOX

Reboot with the island's sharpest feel-good fixes

#### THE OVERHAUL

##### The Body Camp

Kate Winslet's instructor heads up the yoga alongside LA-style bootcamp training in a pretty villa. There's a top veggie chef and spa treatments, too.

[thebodycamp.com](http://thebodycamp.com)

#### THE MIRACLE WORKER

##### Trish Whelan

A shamanic healer and master of Kundalini yoga, which works on the nervous and glandular systems.

[souladventures.co.uk](http://souladventures.co.uk)

#### THE CLEANSE

##### Potion Juicery

Cold-pressed juices available in-store in Ibiza Town or delivered to your door. Get on the charcoal-packed Black Magic to flush out late-night excesses.

[potionjuicery.com](http://potionjuicery.com)



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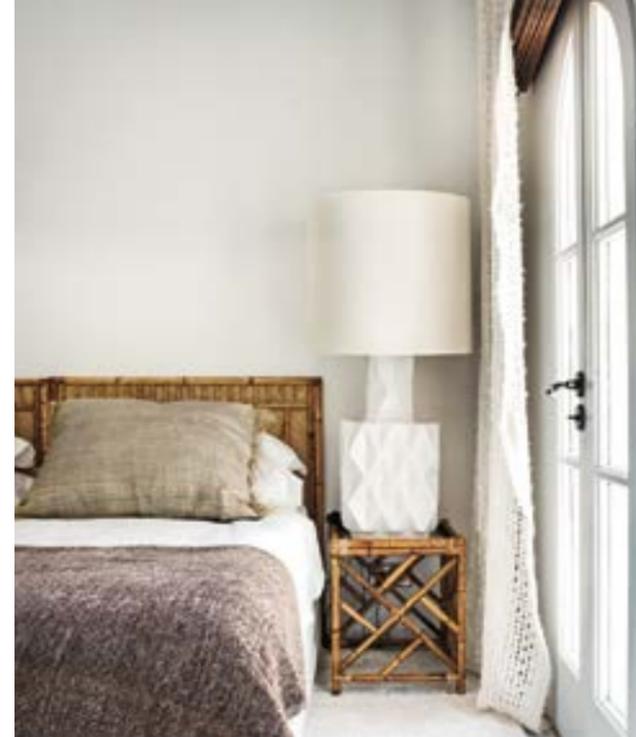


**This page:** A fresh menu beckons at Beachouse. **Opposite, clockwise from top left:** Oversized day beds at Experimental Beach; the club is known for its cocktails, too; Cala Bassa brings cool style to the beach; Cotton Beach Club serves lunch with a view

# THE SLICKEST VILLAS

THIS YEAR'S HOUSES TO RENT

Villa Atlantis is  
cut into the San  
José cliffs



### CAN MIMOSA

From the cabana guesthouse, papered in the Beverly Hills Hotel's banana-leaf print, to the bamboo furniture, British interior-designer owner Caroline Legrand has the retro-tropical look so bang on you'll want a tiki cocktail as soon as you arrive. In the main house, marble floors make the coolest foil for mid-century and quirky Seventies finds. Outside, the terrace unfolds into gardens, scented by mimosa, with a pool tiled in Yves Klein blue. Overlooking it is a tiered chill-out and dining spot that's sun-soaked by day and lantern-lit by night, with its own bar and barbecue. The house is near San José in the heart of the south-westerly Golden Triangle (the best beaches, sunsets and a hop from Ibiza Town and the airport), and five minutes' drive from seafood star Es Torrent and the Blue Marlin beach club.  
*Price on request; 0034-971-19 7767, deliciouslysortedvillas.com*

### CAN CARLOTA

From the crazy (a huge metal sculpture) to the sublime (a series of delicate Zodiac sketches), this art-filled clifftop estate has it all. Each of the eight bedrooms mix antique furniture with fascinating objects (a miniature car collection, a pearl-studded lizard) and a curator's eye for detail. Bathrooms in white poured concrete are softened by local basketry and Panamas on rustic hooks. Despite its size, the house is effortlessly liveable: the living room has deep sofas and easy chairs, with art books and board games stacked on an ottoman. The family-sized kitchen has a pretty breakfast nook, the infinity pool is surrounded by squishy day beds and vintage theatre seats line the cinema room. Got a yacht? Just as well, then, that there's a cove with a jetty accessed from the house via an old pirate's tunnel.  
*Price on request; uniquepropertiesandevents.com*

### IBIZA VILLA

With rough stone exteriors, a curved pool and smoky pines, this sea-view lookout is soft-edged simplicity at its most striking. The three bedrooms – one in the main house and two in adjoining *casitas* – have raw wooden furniture and earthy-hued kilim rugs. Straw hats hang on the kitchen wall: grab one as you go out to pick almonds, figs and asparagus in the gardens before dozing in the hammock. This is the northern coast at its most savagely beautiful, and five minutes away are the twin beaches of Cala Salada and Cala Saladeta. The former has a tasty *chiringuito*. The latter is a deep blue cove where a long-haired Brazilian shakes five-euro caipirinhas from a cooler.  
*From AED 16,430 per week for six sharing; 0049-163-737 2509, welcomebeyond.com*

### SPEED DIAL

The emergency address book for villa deliveries

#### RELAX

Dissolve into the hands of masseuse and craniosacral therapist Amanda Tizard, whose restorative treatments are intensely intuitive.  
*0034-639-15 2912*

#### FEAST

Chef Sid Shanti's Ottolenghi-style dishes – chargrilled courgette, almond and mint; wild thyme and lemon roast chicken – arrive in slick packages you'll want to upcycle.  
*0034-971-57 8518, sidshanti.com*

#### DRESS

Nothing to wear? Dutch stylist Renu Kashyap will magic up a personal edit straight to your door.  
*0031-628-45 3010, styledbyrenu.com*

#### PARTY

Ibiza Delivers brings the club to you, with a Funktion One soundsystem, Grey Goose cocktail bar, lights and DJ.  
*0034-971-10 0757, ibizadelivers.com*

#### RECOVER

For the ultimate hangover cure, summon the super-smart doctors in Marina Botafoch's MedSpa to hook up a VitaminDrip.  
*0034-871-87 0261, medspaibiza.com*

### VILLA ATLANTIS

Despite consecutive rock-star owners (Mike Oldfield and Noel Gallagher), the rhythm of the ocean plays loudest here. Cut into the San José cliffs, the villa's seven suites have an air of a design hotel and the layout is more party pad than home – this is a place for gangs of friends rather than tanned, toddler-toting families. It surrounds a sundeck from where the eagle-eyed can spot dolphins in the bay below. From the terrace, there are steps to a private jetty, or it's an easy scramble to the adjoining beach. Above is Es Cubells, a *pueblo* with an atmospheric chapel and two buzzing restaurants. Or stay in for pizza night, when a *pizzaiolo* takes the helm of the outdoor stone oven. But it's the setting that's the real star – it clings to the rocks like a clam with views that are among the most sensational on the island.  
*From AED 250,580 per week for 18 sharing; 0044-203-411 3675, dynamiclives.com ▶*

From far left: Retro-tropical décor at Can Mimosa, by interior-designer owner Caroline Legrand

"WITH ROUGH STONE EXTERIORS, A CURVED POOL & SMOKY PINES, THIS SEA-VIEW LOOKOUT IS SOFT-EDGED SIMPLICITY AT ITS MOST STRIKING"



The dining room at Ibiza Villa. **Opposite:** The villa's pool



### THE GIRI RESIDENCE

Just five suites make up this renovated farmhouse in the northern hippy haven of San Juan, the August hangout for an arty international crowd – the boho types who Christmas in José Ignacio and Easter in Tulum. The rich design is a refreshing break from the usual whitewash: carved Balinese doors, mid-century cane lamps and pebbled floors. And there's a small but chic slate-tiled pool and deliciously steamy spa. Slip through the hidden alleyway that links the hotel's courtyard to sleepy San Juan, whose main street comes to life on Sundays with a craft market. On the way back, grab a slice of walnut, mushroom and courgette pizza at Sabores Naturales, saving supper for the hotel's standalone restaurant, the Giri Café. This jewel-hued space in an ancient townhouse gives organic Ibicenco superfoods a decadent twist: try the braised mackerel with cauliflower purée and caviar or spicy corvina and octopus ceviche with avocado and sweet potato. *Doubles from AED 1,620; 0034-618-54 0983, thegiri.com*

### CAN XUXU

This grown-up spot en route to Cala Tarida in the south-west (don't think about going car-free here) feels more ravishing private villa than hotel, which makes sense when you learn it used to be the owner's holiday home. Kate Moss need only step a foot in a place for it to bill itself as her regular haunt, but she really is a long-time fan here, milling with the rest of the mature Primrose Hill set – the sort who would have hit up Space in the Nineties but now spend days at Experimental Beach. The scene here is centred around a 14m pool. Twelve bedrooms open on to tropical grounds, dotted with orange and fig trees. Several are part of the original 100-year-old *finca*, with its twisty juniper beams and higgledy-piggledy layouts; others are housed in restored Javanese pavilions. But it's the bamboo-shaded bar and terrace that are the places to soak up Can Xuxu's secret weapon: the psychedelic sunsets. *Doubles from AED 870; 0034-971-80 0584, canxuxu.com*

### CAS GASI

The owners bought this sprawling rural estate near Santa Gertrudis 26 years ago, adding to it *poco a poco*. The result is a book-strewn, art-filled country home filled with squishy sofas and big fireplaces. Rooms range from sunny doubles with balconies to the vast suite with towering Moroccan doors and private library. Where some of Ibiza's hotels are almost painfully, studiously cool – this is couldn't-care-less comfort, like the family home of a dear friend, the inherited floral upholstery layered with their hodgepodge of global finds. Organic veg is grown in the gardens, there's morning yoga on the deck and massages to be had in the North African-styled wellness area. Or explore the surrounding olive-clad *caminos* on one of the hotel's electric bikes, weaving your way to Forada with its famous tapas bar Can Tixedo and farmers' market. *Doubles from AED 2,565; 0034-971-19 7700, casgasi.com*

### ES CUCONS

A locals' favourite, this is the place where even those with a villa roll up to on a Saturday, and their first port of call to offload guests they've run out of space for. It's a pitch-perfect bolthole decorated in moody blue, where former party people (now with toddlers in tow) laze away the days sipping mojitos and reading by the stone-circled pool. The main *finca* dates from 1652, with rooms and suites peeling away from a vaulted hallway. Bedrooms are rustic, with oatmeal linens and stone walls that turn pink when the sunset pours in. Eat at the hotel's fairy-light-strewn restaurant or stroll through the blossomy valley to Santa Agnes, where Can Cosmi serves Ibiza's best *tortilla de patatas* in the church square. For spectacular sundowners, it's a 10-minute drive to the terrace of Hostal La Torre; recently taken over by the Café Mambo team. *Doubles from AED 1,000; 0034-971-80 5501, escucons.com*

### JARDINES DE PALERM

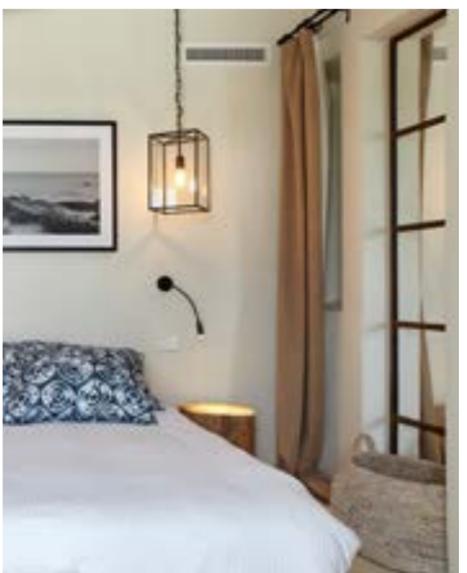
All sleek lines and white-on-white-on-white interiors, this was Ibiza's first minimalist boutique hotel. And it takes itself as seriously as the *Wallpaper*-flicking guests it attracts. It's tucked up in a 17th-century *finca*, but apart from low-slung ceilings and a few rough stone walls, you wouldn't guess. Bedrooms have polished concrete floors and are peppered with softer pieces – here a rattan chair, there a bamboo sculpture. Two pale, slender swimming pools are shaded by palm trees in the hotel's namesake gardens; some larger pines were stripped back this year to make the most of lovely sea views – drink them in with an ice-filled tumbler of local Hierbas liqueur from the honesty bar. San José is on the doorstep, its dinky main street packed with restaurants (try Destino for Moroccan-influenced tapas) and boutiques selling local ceramics. *Doubles from AED 1,170; 0034-971-80 0318, jardinesdepalerm.com*

### LA TORRE DEL CANONIGO

You'd have to really know Ibiza to stay here, but once you're in on the secret this is a gorgeous break from the rest of the *finca*-fest: an eight-room hideaway at the heart of Ibiza Town, housed in a 14th-century defence tower and part of an even older Roman acropolis. Serene and reserved, with soaring archways and candlelit pillars, La Torre is a living museum. Albeit a rather sexy museum, where canopied beds billow in front of huge windows, opening on to the harbour below. The rooftop is where you'll find the pool, cocktail bar and Kyupiddo, a smart (and eye-wateringly expensive) Japanese restaurant that's an offshoot of the popular B.For near the marina. The enviable location (at the peak of UNESCO-listed Dalt Vila) is not one for high heels or the weary, but golf buggies that zip to and from the waterfront can be booked in advance. *Doubles from AED 1,100; 0034-971-30 3884, latorredelcanonigo.com* ▶

# THE FAVOURITE STAYS

## SMART SLEEPY SCENES



Opposite, clockwise from top left: La Torre Del Canonigo; Jardine de Palerm; Can Xuxu; eclectic interiors at Cas Gasi; The Giri Residence is set within a renovated farmhouse; Can Xuxu lies in the south-west; housed in a 14th-century defence tower. La Torre Del Canonigo is also set in the heart of Ibiza Town; Cas Gasi lies on a sprawling estate; The Giri Residence offers five suites

# THE TABLES TO BOOK

RESTAURANTS WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE



## LA PALOMA

Family-run La Paloma is an Ibiza institution, a restored *finca* hidden behind technicolour bougainvillea in the one-horse hamlet of San Lorenzo. By day, it's a sun-drenched café with the best falafel salad this side of Beirut and regular afternoon hangout of Ibiza mothers post school-run pick-up. By night, however, it's the very definition of laid-back bohemian indulgence, the haunt of Ibiza's gypset – all Aquazzura pom-pom flats and beaded Manoush dresses – along with designers, musicians, artists and aristos. Painted wooden tables are piled high with Tuscan antipasti and aubergine parmigiana, balsamic-glazed steak and flower-filled salad, and Spanish guitar music ripples out across the lavender-scented terrace.

From AED 140 for two; 0034-971-32 5543, [palomaibiza.com](http://palomaibiza.com)

## LA BELLE IBIZA

The recent overhaul of this huge spot in San Rafael (formerly North African-themed Noughties crowd-puller El Ayoun) revealed an easy breezy space filled with long wooden tables and colourful *ikat*-print chairs. Just as popular among residents in winter as it is with incomers in summer, the big hit is BBB (Brunch, Bazaar and Barbecue), a family-friendly Sunday shindig with crafty stalls selling jewellery and clothes, a dedicated kids' club and a bubbly buffet for the grown-ups (sushi, modern tapas and an Argentine *parrillada*). A new Tuesday-night fixture is Cabaret Pigalle, a burlesque dinner revue, but it's the modern French cooking (the chef's CV includes stints in Joël Robuchon and Alain Ducasse's kitchens) and buzzing bar scene that make this the sassiest Gallic go-to.

From AED 375 for two; 0034-971-19 8335, [labelleibiza.com](http://labelleibiza.com)

## LIVE THE LOOK

Bring home the island's interiors

Suitcase-friendly they are not, but serious, genre-defining pieces (exotic antique furniture, carved stone bathtubs, oversized lighting) at **Ksar Living** ([ksarliving.com](http://ksarliving.com)) are sure to make a statement. Owner Alberto Cortes is behind The Giri (see "Hotels"), where you'll find similar cowrie-shell tribal necklaces and Balinese bowls. Layer with soft furnishings from **Tanis** ([tanisibiza.com](http://tanisibiza.com)), whose luxurious striped linens and hems in earthy hues are found around Ibiza's prettiest pools. For a pop of colour to balance out those whitewashed *finca*-inspired walls, head to Dutch design warehouse **Sluiz** ([sluizibiza.com](http://sluizibiza.com)), where reworked industrial cast-offs and pallet furniture are set alongside colourful, tongue-in-cheek homewares – giant neon lobster, anyone? Or stock up on new line Casa B at **Cocoq** ([cocoqibiza.com](http://cocoqibiza.com)) for candle holders and bowls made from petrified wood. For a few global treasures stop into **La Galeria Elefante** ([lagaleriaelefante.com](http://lagaleriaelefante.com)), whose pom-pom cushions, shell-encrusted mirrors, Indian *lassi* goblets and mother-of-pearl bowls make whimsical finishing touches.

## TALLER SA PENYA

In the heart of Ibiza Town's gypsy *barrio*, this atmospherically restored townhouse (knock on the huge, unmarked wooden door for entry) is home to Danish/Italian chef Boris Buono and his word-of-mouth dining club. Everything from the design (sheepskins and candlelight) to the food (six courses, market-dependent) and the music (subtle deep house) is part of Buono's vision. A Noma alumnus, he's passionate about foraging, and Ibiza's herbs and flowers are star ingredients alongside interesting (often natural) wine pairings. Forget the brash, over-priced Sublimotion in San José: with its speakeasy atmosphere and clued-up crowd of locals, foodies and DJs, this is the Balearics' most exciting eating experience.

Prices on request; 0034-622-78 4914

## AUBERGINE

On the road between Santa Gertrudis and San Miguel, this restaurant opened last spring and became an instant hit with its hip, earnest appeal. The huge, airy and pretty space – all duck-egg-blue-painted chairs and distressed wood – has a farm-to-table menu (aubergine salad with pumpkin, feta cheese, roasted tomatoes and Dijon vinaigrette), much of it plucked from the surrounding vegetable gardens. It's not just organic eating, though: new this year is a shop by World Family Ibiza, whose fringed bags, Indian slippers and kaleidoscopic Moroccan clothing are snapped up by fashion editors worldwide.

Prices upon request; 0034-971-09 0055; [aubergineibiza.com](http://aubergineibiza.com)

## GETTING THERE

Emirates ([emirates.com](http://emirates.com)) and Etihad Airways ([etihad.com](http://etihad.com)) both fly direct to Madrid, from where Iberia ([iberia.com](http://iberia.com)) or Air Europa ([aireuropa.com](http://aireuropa.com)) connect to Ibiza

Brunch, barbecue or shop the bazaar at La Belle Ibiza; World Family Ibiza. **Opposite:** Aubergine offers a farm-to-table menu