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IBIZA, A HERITAGE TO BE DISCOVERED



Ibiza has always been a crossroads through which many civilizations have passed throughout the centuries. Ibiza has been an enclave of passage for Phoenicians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs ... and already in the twentieth century place of pilgrimage of artists.

All of them have left their mark on the island and this allows to enjoy a mosaic of cultural heritage as varied as fascinating.

Ibiza celebrates in 2019 the 20th anniversary of the World Heritage declaration: "**Ibiza, biodiversity and culture**".

UNESCO declared in 1999 that the island retains conspicuous vestiges of its long history: the archaeological remains of the first **Carthaginian settlement in Sa Caleta** and the **necropolis of Puig des Molins** bear witness to the important role played by Ibiza in the Mediterranean economy in the Phoenician-Carthaginian period and the historic center of Ibiza, **Dalt Vila**, is an enclosed walled city perfectly preserved - an extraordinary example of Renaissance military architecture - which exerted a great influence on the conception of the fortifications of Spanish settlements in the New World. Dalt Vila offers today, with its medieval narrow streets, its small squares and its white facades, an incomparable setting to enjoy, in a historic environment, a great outdoor dinner, buy handicrafts or the latest trends in unique charming shops or visit museums, real hidden gems, such as the Contemporary Art Museum or the Puget Museum.

In addition to these cultural assets, the seabed around the island has also been included in the UNESCO declaration. Ibiza offers an excellent example of the interaction between marine and coastal ecosystems and their dense **Posidonia Oceanica meadows** - a plant on the seabed endemic to the Mediterranean basin - offer refuge and feeding to a wide variety of marine species and these meadows are responsible for the transparency and purity of the Ibizan marine waters.

