

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM TAX



Since 1st July 2016, the Sustainable Tourism Tax has been applied to all stays in tourist accommodation on the Balearic Islands. Thanks to the contribution of tourists, we can make investments to offset the territorial and environmental impact of tourism. Our islands are no exception in this respect: top tourist destinations such as Barcelona, Paris, Rome, Florence, Vienna or Prague have a similar tax, which has brought undisputed benefits for visitors and residents alike.

Aims

Environment

Protection, preservation and recovery of the environment through improvements in protected natural areas and investments for the conservation of natural ecosystems and indigenous fauna and flora, among other things.

Sustainable tourism

Projects to promote sustainable tourism and extend the tourist season, such as the recovery of cycling and hiking routes and better signposting.

Historical heritage

Recovery and rehabilitation of historical and cultural heritage (historic buildings or sites of archaeological value) and making them more accessible to tourists and residents.

Scientific research

Investments in research to combat climate change, pollution and preserve biodiversity in order to maintain the islands as they are today, surrounded by a living and healthy sea.

Training and employment

The improvement of training and employment quality, and the promotion of low-season employment.

Council housing

Investment in the acquisition and refurbishment of council housing with energy sustainability criteria and the expansion of the number of council houses available for rent.

PROJECTS IN IBIZA

Since the entry into force of the tax in 2016, projects such as the following have been launched:

- The creation of the Escuela de Hostelería de Ibiza (Hotel and Catering School of Ibiza).
- Project for the rehabilitation of the Ses Figueretes promenade (in the city of Ibiza).
- The promotion of the electric car.
- Preventive measures against forest fires.
- Marine Reserve Programme.

The latest projects approved last October to start being implemented in 2019 are:

- The new Portinatx wastewater treatment plant.
- The restoration of the stained glass windows and other architectural elements of Ibiza Cathedral.
- Acquisition and restoration of the des Verger defence tower.