

Discovering Your

Inner Style



For many people, living on Ibiza is a dream come true. Attracted by the beauty of the island, many have left their home countries to create a new life here. However, living in Ibiza doesn't mean you have to adopt the Ibicenco style of interiors. But if your previous interior style decisions had the helping hand of Scandinavian-inspired stores to guide you, decisions in Ibiza may be a bewildering challenge, particularly if you're not entirely sure what your style is. Turn the challenge into the opportunity to discover your inner style, bearing in mind that your style will be as individual as you are.

Interiors in Ibiza run from chic cosmopolitan spaces that wouldn't look out of place in any of the style capitals of the world, all the way through to traditional rustic charm. You can find yourself transported to another country, or in a place where it appears that time has stood still.

Discovering your inner style is an intuitive process. Browsing through interior books and magazines, pay attention to the things you instinctively like or dislike. Even magazine covers will give a good indication of your style – you may find yourself drawn towards sleek minimalist covers or those with a cosy country feel. Books and magazines are a great source of inspiration and ideas, full of tips to recreate in your home. An excellent book that delves into some of the most beautiful properties on the island is "Ibiza Style" by Ingrid Rasmussen and Chloe Grimshaw. Packed full of stunning photos and a mixture of styles, the book is an inspirational peek into the homes of some of the most style-savvy inhabitants of the island.

A tour of the island's interiors shops will also help define your style. A few years ago, shopping on the island was restricted to traditional Ibicenco styles of furniture or ethnic pieces from Asia. However, in recent years contemporary interiors shops have sprung up on the island, providing additional choice and selec-

tion for the island's residents. Pieces from all over the world can be found across the island. If you don't have the time to visit far-flung places yourself, let these stylish globetrotters bring the best selections for you to browse.

For sleek contemporary designs, Becker and Ibermaison stock many of the key designers, including Cassina, Kartell, Ligne Roset, Minotti and Vitra. At Becker, you can also find furniture by the Spanish designer of the moment Patricia Urquiola, in a range for the Italian company Moroso. Other shops with a contemporary



feel include Casa Turquesa, Interiores y Diseno and Vivenda.

For modern interiors with a slight country feel, head over to Magazin. This is one of a trio of shops from the same stable, the other two being Etno and Lotus. All three are dotted along the road from Ibiza to Santa Eulària and make for easy hopping between three distinct styles. Etno, as the name suggests, stocks mainly ethnic pieces from Asia. Lotus is a more colourful affair with a distinctly Indo-China feel. The vibrant saris and exotic colours transport you to India and Pakistan in an instant.

Moving continents to Africa, Galerias Elefante is full of tribal art and handicrafts from all over Africa, particularly west Africa. Colourful rugs sit alongside wooden masks and many of the pieces work beautifully in traditional-style fincas, as well as in high-gloss minimalist homes.

Bringing a touch of Parisian chic to Sant Antoni, La Puerta Olvidada includes furniture, fabrics and wall coverings. For a style described as playful glamour, Sluiz will jolt your senses with its riot

of colours and patterns and sometimes sheer decadence! The shop caters for all ages, including furniture for the little ones.

Tucked away in Cala Carbo is a beautiful shop by the name of KSAR, Arabic for "palace". The owners personally select all of the pieces in the shop and the eclectic range comes from around the world, blending modern and ethnic styles under one roof. They also stock tiles, stone baths and basins for high-end bathroom glamour.

Finally for something unusual and unique, De Moto make bespoke metal furniture for the home and garden. All the pieces are made in the studio next to the shop and items can be made to your specifications.

One style or an eclectic mix of styles?

Your home doesn't need to rigidly follow one particular style. In fact, some of the most beautiful homes are the ones that successfully blend and combine different styles – old and new, vintage and retro, east and west, minimalist and ethnic, industrial and glamorous. Mixing styles brings individuality to the home and prevents a place from feeling like a showroom. Homes that are uber-minimalist can end up feeling clinical and soulless just as homes crammed full of ethnic pieces can feel dark



and heavy. However, a carved wooden piece against a minimal white wall can look stunning, adding warmth to the interior and providing a perfect backdrop to showcase the artistic piece.

Mixing styles is an art – some tips on getting it right:

- Pick pieces that are instinctively beautiful to you, regardless of their style
- Create focal points – for example, if you have an intricately carved wooden bed, keep your bed linen simple and make a focal point of the bed
- Don't overdo it – a few key pieces look better and are more harmonious than lots of different styles all jumbled together

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Interior style directory:

Becker – Santa Gertrudis Tel: 971 197 737

Casa Turquesa – C/Molins de Rei 2, Santa Eulalia
Tel: 971 331 352

De Moto – Ctra Ibiza-San Jose km 10 Tel: 971 800 837

Etno – Ctra Ibiza-Santa Eulalia km 3.5 Tel: 971 319 215

Galerias Elefante – Ctra Sant Miguel km 3.2, Santa Gertrudis Tel: 971 197 017

Ibermaison – Ctra Ibiza-San Antonio km 4, San Rafael

KSAR – Cala Carbo Tel: 971 808 659

La Puerta Olvidada – C/Ample 28, San Antonio
Tel: 971 347 932

Lotus – Ctra Ibiza-Santa Eulalia km 7.8 Tel: 971 338 340

Magazin – Ctra Ibiza-Santa Eulalia km 3, Tel: 971 338 061

Sluiz – Ctra Ibiza - San Jose, km 8, Tel: 971 800 00

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