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Balearic Islands form an exciting holiday location for those who want adventure from the past. There are many pre-historical findings available on Balearic Islands that would thrill any history buff. The composition of islands caters to numerous historical findings that are rich and meaningful to not just this region but also to Europe.

Historical findings

The largest of Balearic Islands is Menorca; over 500 historical findings were discovered over a long span of time to have this island nicknamed â€˜the open air museum on pre-historical treasuresâ€™. There are many exquisite monumental stone constructions found in Menorca that had been used in ancient ritual ceremonies; these include Talayots, Navetas and Taulas.

One of the important ancient monuments in Menorca is the Asentamiento de TrepucÃ³ which is located about 2 kilometers away from MahÃ³n, the capital of Menorca. The Talayot de Trebaluger is located somewhere near Villacarlos while the Naveta des Tudoms is situated near Ciutadela. These historical monuments are the largest pre-historical monuments that have been well conserved for public display.

In Mallorca, one can find the interesting Talayot de Sa Canova while the remains of several ancient settlements could be located to identify the past inhabitants of Balearic Islands. These ancient settlements include Capocorb Vell, Claper dels Gegants and Ses Paises.

History

The historical monuments are the results of the impact from the various diverse cultures from the Phoenicians, Moors, Greeks, Carthagineans, Romans, Byzanthinians and Christian Re-Conquest groups. Various epochs established their own scope of influence on the island with their respective culture, traditions and folklore which are widely practiced up till today.

Jaime I from Aragon kingdom conquered Mallorca in 1229. He bequeathed Mallorca to Jaime II his son to be established as a separate kingdom but the island became part of Aragon in 1243.

Menorca also came under the Aragon kingdom in 1231. There were frequent pirate attacks on the island which accounted for the numerous fortifications still standing. Menorca was presented to the British during the 18th century under the Utrecht treaty. One can view the distinct British architectural style in MahÃ³n.

However, the French dominated Menorca for a short while before a return to Spain in 1802 through the Amiens treaty.

There are valuable historical findings in the island of Ibiza to prove its importance and significance as a Carthaginean colony. However, the Romans conquered Ibiza before it fell to the Moors in 707 but Jaime I ousted them out. Due to the heavy pirate attacks, Ibiza was quickly deserted along with Formentera.

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