The Virgin Attraction of Cabrera

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Cabrera may be the smallest island amongst the Balearic Islands but it still holds a big punch as a holiday resort. Cabrera faces Mallorcaâ€™s southern coast and one might think that Cabrera may feel intimidated against the largest of Balearic Islands.

Nevertheless, Cabrera holds a special place in the hearts of locals and tourists who want to get away from the hustle and bustle of life in their concrete jungle at home. The lonely beaches at Cabrera may have one feel like the amazing Robinson Crusoe which is desired by those who are seeking solace and privacy.

Overview

Cabrera has been a declared nature preserve since 1991 with restricted access through ICONA or the Spanish authorities on nature conservation in the island. This archipelago comprises Cabrera and 18 other smaller islands.

There are more than 450 species of flora and fauna with 150 feathered species in Cabrera to make it a favored spot for a rich ecological system. Hence, only a small portion of Cabrera is allowed public access.

Some of the more popular and permitted water sports are scuba diving and swimming; even these are restricted to Es Dimoni and Cala GaliotaÂ bays which are truly the diversâ€™ paradise. No fishing, hunting and collecting of plants, animals or minerals is allowed on this island.

Getting to Cabrera

In order to visit Cabrera Island, permission from the local authorities must first be secured. Another option is to book with an authorized Mallorca travel operator who would make the necessary arrangements on behalf of the tourists. Only 200 tourists are permitted to visit Cabrera per day with 300 per day in August.

Many areas on Cabrera are forbidden to all tourists and locals; no fishing or bringing in of domestic animals is allowed. Tourists would come by boat through the island port. They should bring in their own supply of food and drinks as there is only a small canteen on the island.

Summer in Cabrera is especially busy with many tourists especially fromÂ Portopetro and ColÃ²nia de Sant Jordi, Mallorca. Tourists come by boat where small islands are passed by with the sighting of seagulls and dolphins. Na Foradada would be the first small island withÂ a big rock and lighthouse; this island would be sighted after an hourâ€™s boat ride before passing Sâ€™Illot Pla,Â Na Plana, Na Pob Conills and L'Esponja. The last island before arriving to Cabrera is Na Redona.

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