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BALEARIC ISLANDS – THE FOUR BEAUTIFUL SISTERS

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Discover the many facets of the Spanish islands in the Mediterranean.

Mallorca, Menorca, Ibiza and Formentera are united by their Mediterranean climate, contrasting landscapes and rich wildlife - and yet they are very different. On their turquoise-blue coasts, in small mountain villages and magnificent towns, we meet people who live the modern lifestyle just as much as their traditions. An average of nearly 18 million people visit the Balearic Islands each year. They are all attracted by the sun, beaches and party fun. The 4-part documentary shows that the islands have more to offer. It focuses on flora and fauna off the beaten tourist track - and the people who want to preserve or even improve these environments.

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1. Mallorca, the Queen

"Mallorca, the Queen," showcases the full range of the island: from the rescue of the monk vultures along the Tramuntana Mountains, where people still live in close connection with nature. We venture out onto the deep blue sea with environmentalists to explore the life around the island. And with Palma, we discover one of the most beautiful Spanish cities.

2. Menorca, the Little Sister

"Menorca, the Little Sister," proves that the smaller neighboring island is just as impressive as the larger one. The entire island is a biosphere reserve with great biodiversity. Here, we explore the UNESCO World Heritage talayotic structures and get to know the traditional Menorcan equestrian art.

3. Ibiza, the Radiant

"Ibiza, the Radiant," shows us an island full of pine forests and magical sunsets. We meet people dedicated to protecting animals and nature: from the rescue of the native Podenco dogs to spectacular fire safety drills in the forest, and freediving into the island's deep underwater caves. Ibiza's glamorous side is also revealed in the historic old town of Eivissa and its sophisticated marina.

4. Formentera, the Secluded

In "Formentera, the Secluded," we travel to the smallest of the Balearic Islands. To experience the island's characteristic crystal-clear water—thanks to the lush Neptune grass meadows off the coast—tourists must arrive by boat, as Formentera has no airport. This remoteness also allows for an unparalleled view of the starry sky. The joint nature reserve of Ibiza and Formentera, with its unusually large number of bird species, is also a paradise for ornithologists.