

Chic and bohemian IBIZA

Last month, **Jerome Stéfanski** went to Ibiza to discover one of the most unspoiled areas of the island, a veritable haven of peace in the midst of nature called Can Domo

Called 'isla blanca' because of its numerous traditional white houses, is known around the world for its nightclubs and DJ superstars. Here, electronic music is king, but the pearl of the Balearic is much more than that. Indeed, the main attractions are its authenticity, its preserved nature and eternal wind of freedom. In summer and in winter, Ibiza is the perfect place to escape the grey skies and recharge your batteries – and it's less than three hours by plane from Brussels.

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When she first settled on the island, Alexandra Vermeiren was only eighteen. She immediately fell in love with this unique place and its perpetual energy. She promised herself that she would return one day and make Ibiza her home.

Ten years ago, after an early career in events and fashion in Brussels, she decided to drop everything to live the dream. Today, the young mother is very contented: Can Domo, her agritourism project, is so successful that her husband came to join her to launch the new restaurant.

The nine rooms and suites in Can Domo are distributed around the different buildings of the old farm. Spacious and comfortable, each room is tastefully decorated in a chic bohemian style. The thick stone walls and small windows ensure that the temperature indoors is always cool – which is a real blessing since in Ibiza in the summer the climate can reach almost 40°C.

Around the pool, the shade of olive trees, tables have been decorated with care, the perfect spot to





share a good meal with your partner or friends. Alexandra's husband Pau Barba is a talented Catalan chef who has worked in several Michelin-starred restaurants. In May this year, he opened the Can Domo restaurant, which, without any publicity, was full all summer long! This is the place all the locals flock to. It's no surprise since the food is amazing, served up in a Zen setting in the middle of nature. Every morning, Pau heads for the market and brings the produce that will go into his tasty and light dishes – it's a real treat for the taste buds and the eyes. The 600 Can Domo olive trees produce the divine olive oil which Pau uses in his kitchen, and it will soon to be available in Brussels.

Just a 20 minute drive from Eivisa International Airport, Can Domo is located in a nature reserve and dedicates itself to preserving the serenity. There is no music, no TVs in the rooms (except on request for addicts), no hustle and bustle. Simply genuine contentment. And yet, less than five minutes drive away you will find the hottest beach bars, charming restaurants and the popular Llista Rica golf club.

Thanks to the combination of Alexandra's sensitivity, the refinement of the rooms and the joys of the kitchen, Can Domo promises a rejuvenating and memorable stay in winter and in summer. A real nugget.

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Alexandra recommends:

Beach: Amante Beach Club is a stunning Ibiza restaurant and beach club set in a beautiful rural cove. www.amanteibiza.com

Dining: Patchwork at Sa Punta rooftop is a new trendy Lebanese restaurant offering fine food and a wonderful view of Talamanca bay. www.sapuntaibiza.com

Shopping: Las Dalias has been the one and only hippie market since 1954. This is the best place to enjoy food, shopping and live music together in the evening. www.lasdalias.es