

Lower Airfares Keeping Families Closer Together

It's easier - and cheaper - than ever for family members who live in different locations to get together these days. Though flight costs once impeded frequent get-togethers, they are now spurring family reunions.

The Internet, with its e-mail, webcams and instant messaging continues to transform work, retirement and communication. People no longer feel isolated if they live in different cities or even different countries. Now, people can work, study or retire anywhere and still feel connected to those they love. With more people living further away from family, it's become a boon to the airline and travel industries.

Many retirees in search of abundant year round sun are retiring in locations that take them further from "home." Lower airfares now allow family to visit them more in their new habitat. They afford opportunities for the retirees to get back home more often.

Today's global marketplace and the opening up of borders mean increased career opportunities away from home. This is especially true in Europe with the expansion of the EU eastward. Workers can migrate across the continent freely in search of employment. It's become the new reality.

This phenomenon goes beyond Europe, though, with the United States also a career and retirement destination. For retirees, the southern states of California, Arizona and Florida are prime retirement States.

When it comes time to retire though, many Europeans still seek their place in the sun in Spain. The mainland of this country, along with its beautiful islands remains a popular retirement option.

Spain is the third most popular travel destination in the world. The mainland boasts a wonderful Mediterranean climate. The summers are hot. Moderate temperatures are the norm along the coast in the winter, with the islands warmer. Those wanting to escape winter's clutches now choose Spain more than ever. Consequently, when people retire, they are choosing Spain as home, and not just for a holiday spot.

The Balearic Islands, which belong to Spain, offer the exact comforts that many retired people seek. The main islands that compose the Balearics, in the Mediterranean, are Majorca, Menorca, Ibiza and Formentera. Those looking to change their lifestyle to one of contemplative, as well as active leisure, increasingly choose one of them. It's no wonder, with the Balearic's enjoying approximately 300 hundred days of sunshine a year.

Menorca is the second largest of these islands. Known for its lovely beaches and relaxing atmosphere it beckons those that want life sunny side up. The island has 120 beaches in an exotic environment of coves, cliffs and forest backgrounds. Mahon, the capital of Menorca, sits by a splendid natural harbour. Low cost airlines have brought the cost of [Menorca flights](#) to her airport down considerably in recent years.

Majorca, a sister island to Menorca also known by its Spanish name Mallorca, offers a tapestry of locales for those wishing to travel or retire there. Again, it's a lure to those seeking retirement where sun is a constant companion. This island comprises impressive mountains in the interior and verdant countryside. It is home to the capital city, Palma - which is of a slower pace - and deemed a 'walking city.'

Of course, Majorca has a lively resort area, an equally lively nightlife and fantastic beaches. Culturally speaking, it contains many churches and mansions of great architecture in the historic section of Palma. The island is all things to all types of people who visit it or choose to make it their permanent home.

No matter where one lives in the world, low airfares are making it easier for families to congregate regularly.

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