

Cycling Safaris

SPAIN

Balearic Islands 2018 - From Mallorca to Ibiza Guided Tour

8 days/7 nights, approx. 94 mi./160 km by bicycle; Level 2 - 3



Come with us to the probably best-known and most popular group of islands in Europe! With the two-mast-clipper the “Atlantis” you get to know the Balearic Islands by way of the sea. The cycle tours take you to the most beautiful spots and the most impressive sites on Mallorca, Ibiza and Formentera.

Past medieval fortresses, isolated villages and watch towers, you cycle through the ever-changing landscape of the archipelago, stopping at beaches with enticing, crystal-clear water or at tapas bars offering a rich selection of Spanish specialties. The nights are spent anchored at sea near ports or in secluded bays. On board, you are welcome to pitch in with the rigging or just relax and enjoy the fresh sea breeze under full sails.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sun) Embarkation at Port de Soller- Mallorca

Individual arrival and group transfer from airport to the port of Soller. Your proud **ship is ready for boarding at 6 pm**. If you arrive earlier, you can leave your luggage on board after 2 pm and spend the afternoon as you wish. Take a walk along the bay to Port de Soller or let the ancient tram swing you through orange groves to the town centre. Here, you can watch the lively scene while drinking a cup of coffee in the Placa de Constitucio before the first communal meal lures you back on board. During a welcome drink on deck, you receive a brief introduction to life on board and get to know the crew. Overnight stay in the harbour of Soller.

Day 2 (Mon) Soller –Valdemossa –Port d’es Canonge –Sant Elm (approx. 19 mi./30 km – 2,624ft/800m elevation)

The first stretch of cycling takes you from Soller along a curving coastal road to Valdemossa, a small town at an elevation of 400 m with its famous Carthusian monastery. The route is lined with highlights, such as the picturesque artist’s village of Deya and the former Son Marroig Estate. After an extensive lunch break in Valdemossa we continue on the bikes rapidly descending to the sea where the ship awaits us. The command is called: “Cast off”! We cruise along the impressive cliff coast of the Tramuntana Mountains on our way to Port Andratx. Noble yachts and original fishing boats lying closely side by side lend a very special charm to this harbour.

Day 3 (Tues) Port d’Andratx – Sant Elm – Port d/Antratz (Round tour approx. 38 mi. /24 km – 2,300 ft/700m elevation)

Today’s round trip leads us along the coastline till we reach the holiday resort Peguera. We continue cycling on calm country roads across a 240m-high pass until Andratx, a community that managed to preserve its original charm. We are heading to the likeable and quiet resort of Sant Elm, where we spend the afternoon as we please. Go for a swim at the beautiful local beach or join a walk to the old watchtower. In the afternoon we finish off our bike tour with a small climb and arrive back in Port d’Antratz.

Day 4 (Wed) Mallorca Island - Ibiza Island (Sailing Day)

We lift anchor early in the morning and head towards Ibiza. After an extensive breakfast, the helmsman gives you an introduction to the art of sailing and explains the most important functions of the rigging. Now sailing enthusiasts can take an active part in the sailing of the ship. For those who would rather watch, it's enough to enjoy the fresh sea breeze or to settle down with a book they have always wanted to read. After arriving Ibiza, there is time for a refreshing swim in the sea or a walk along the untouched, rugged north coast of the island. Framed by steep rocks you stay on your proud ship anchoring overnight in the bay of Benirras.

Day 5 (Thurs) Ibiza Island: Benirras – Es Canar – Formentera (approx 19 mi. /30km – 1,476 ft/450 m elevation)

Today’s cycle tour takes you at first along a wooded mountainous stretch at an elevation of 300 m to the beautiful beach of Sant Vincente, where you take a coffee break. You continue first along the coastline and later on through the agricultural centre of the island. We stop for lunch in a little village called Sant Carlos coming up with a large amount of Ibizan specialities. Afterwards we cycle a few more miles to the ship which takes us to the next island: Formentera. It is the smallest inhabited island of the Balearic Islands and often quite justly called the Caribbean of the Mediterranean. You also should not miss ending the day with a relaxing cocktail at the beach bar (Kiosko) of Es Calo to let the day fade away.

Day 6 (Fri) Formentera Island: – Es Calo – La Svina – Ibiza Island (approx. 22 mi. /35 km – 820 ft/250m elevation)

In the morning, you take a side trip by bicycle to the lighthouse La Mola, which Jules Verne mentions in one of his novels as “the lighthouse at the end of the world”. The cliffs behind the lighthouse fall off steeply for 140 m, and it is said that in good weather conditions one can see all the way to Africa. You continue cycling to the fantastic island capital Sant Francesc passing cubic houses and wheat fields already recaptured by wild flowers. You meet your ship at the northernmost point of the island to sail to your overnight stay at the marvellous bay of Cala d’Hort on Ibiza. Take the chance to go ashore for a swim or simply to enjoy the view at the myth-enshrouded rocky island of Es Vedra.

Day 7 (Sat) Cala d'Hort – Es Jondal – Ibiza town
(approx. 16mi. /25 km – 1,312 ft/400m elevation)

The last cycle trip of the tour starts with a short but severe uphill climb out of the bay of Cala d'Hort onto the cliff coast. Here we go on a short walk to an inspiring pirate tower sitting enthroned high above the cliff. Afterwards we cycle tour into the interior of the Island. Fennel-lined streets takes us around the highest point of the Island. We will cross the foothills of Sa Talaias on our ride towards the sea passing vineyards and white-washed fincas. After lunch and a stop for swimming, we sail to Ibiza Town, where we go on a sight-seeing tour of the UNESCO-protected Old Town. Among the walls of the mighty fortification system, the grand past of the island metropolis becomes alive. The last evening is traditionally spent in a cosy get-together of guests, crew and tour guides. We spend the night in the harbour of Ibiza Town.

Day 8 (Sun) Ibiza (Disembarkation)

After breakfast, check-out until 9.00 am and individual journey departure.

Alterations/Changes:

We reserve the right to make changes to the planned route due to changing wind and weather conditions and where required by organizational necessities. Due to wind and weather in the open ocean, changes to the described itinerary are to be reckoned with. Quiet coves and bays are preferred for a peaceful night's sleep on anchor and crossings will only take place if sailing conditions are authorized by the captain. If external circumstances and weather conditions allow it, it is possible to cover longer distances during the night. The extra time thus gained could be used during the day for extending the cycling program.

2018 TOUR DATES

Saturday start:

Mallorca to Ibiza

August 26
September 9, 23

Ibiza to Mallorca (separate itinerary available)

September 2, 16, 30

2018 TOUR PRICE

€1,570.00 per person sharing cabin

Single cabin - on request, subject to availability:

+€500.00 single cabin supplement

A limited number of E-bikes are available at a supplement of +€80

WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 8-day-trip on a tallship with crew
- 7 nights on a tallship in a standard double cabin with shower/toilet
- Catering as mentioned in the itinerary (7 x breakfast & 7 warm dinners on board)
- Guided or individual cycling tours as described in itinerary
- Bed linen and towels (incl. change of towels once a week)
- 21-gear hybrid bicycle incl. Ortlieb pannier
- Overview-maps for the daily tours (on board)
- English speaking tour guide

Not included in the tour price:

- Journey to Mallorca
- Drinks onboard (Tally sheet to be paid to the captain).
- Insurance against theft and damage of the rental 21-speed hybrid bike €10 / per week or rental E-bike €20 / week (not insured deliberate damages)
- Tips for tour guides and crew
- Entrance fees for sights not included in the tour price

Atlantis Tall Ship

Three-masted barque

At 57 x 7.5 m, 14 sails and over 750 sqm sail surface the Atlantis is a guaranteed eye catcher in every harbour. Built in 1905 and christened Elbe 2, the Atlantis served faithfully as a light vessel in the North Sea, Germany. Afterwards she was elaborately restored as a tall ship for passenger cruises.

The renovation featured a charming salon, spacious upper deck including seats and a cocktail bar as well as 17 comfortable air conditioned guest cabins including a shower and toilet. The unique charm of the Atlantis is due to the loving care of a helpful and greatly experienced crew.





Bike hire is included in the tour package.

- **Frames** - Our bicycles are available in four different frame sizes; 2 ladies (for up to 160cms (5 ft. 3 in.), and above that) and 2 men's (up to 6 ft., and above) to cater for all body heights.
- **Wheels** - Very stable 28 inch hollow chamber rims with Continental Top Touring tyre (easy turning and solid).
- **Gear change** - 21-gear derailleur, Alivio
- **Further Equipment** - Shimano V-brakes with strong "bite", partly inclination-adjustable stem, carrier, very stable chainstays stand (HEBIE), comfortable touring saddle of Selle Royal, safety mudguards with releasing mechanism.
- **Please Note:** You can bring your own saddle (without the post) or your own click pedals, and the tour guide will attach them to your rental bicycle.

The cycle tours require a basic level of fitness from participants, which they should have acquired from steady cycling. The tours take you up to a height of 853 – 2,460 ft./ 260 and 750 m above sea-level. The daily tours from 19 - 31 mi. /30 to 50 km lead you through hilly and mountainous terrain and will be completed without any time-constraints. Participants also need to master long and steep climbing's. Streets are mostly asphalted and less traffic occurs during the off seasons. You are free to set aside a half or full day to swim or spend on board the boat, instead of taking a planned cycle-tour. Each day you can either decide to cycle alone, using the information and maps provided, or join the tour guides. **Helmets use is mandatory in Spain. You are strongly encouraged to bring your own well-fitted helmet. Rental helmets are available on board in limited number (on request).**

WHAT TO BRING

Specialised cycle clothing may be handy but not strictly necessary. What you do need (among other things) is the following:

- shorts/ long trousers/ track suit/ leggings
- shirts/ sweater/ rain clothing
- good shoes
- sunglasses/ cap/ swimming costume
- extra towel for swimming
- soap/ insect repellent/ sunscreen
- own helmet

GROUP, GUIDE AND BACK-UP SERVICE

On this tour there will be a guide cycling with the group.

Our tour guides will inform you beforehand of the nature and difficulty of the tour so you are able to decide if you want to cycle with or rather relax on board. If you would like to cycle on your own, the guide will provide you with maps and tips for routes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meals

The cook that travels along is a member of the crew and prepares breakfast and two warm dishes a day which take into account the requirements of active cyclists. The ample breakfast comprises bread, butter, jam, cheese, sausages, coffee, and tea as well as some extras.

Please let us know beforehand if there are any foods you may or will not eat, and we will do our best to accommodate your wishes and to provide alternatives.

Electricity, water and telephone on the ship

Electricity and water are available on board, of course, but within limits. All ships have a generator for 220V, which will however not work around the clock, e.g. to ensure your night's rest it will be switched off overnight. The plugs are ordinary flat European plugs with two round pins of 4.8 mm in diameter.

The water tanks are large enough to provide sufficient cold and warm water for washing and showering for everyone, if it is used with consideration, i.e. if you turn it off while soaping, and do not leave it on unneeded. All countries have access to a local GSM 900 mobile telephone network that you can log into if your phone is GSM compatible.

Arrival to tour start

- It is possible to fly to PalmaMallorca/Ibiza Airport, both are a taxi ride to your port of embarkation. From the airport you can take a taxi to the ship (Port de Soller, Mallorca, approx. 34 km & Ibiza town port, Ibiza approx. 15kms).