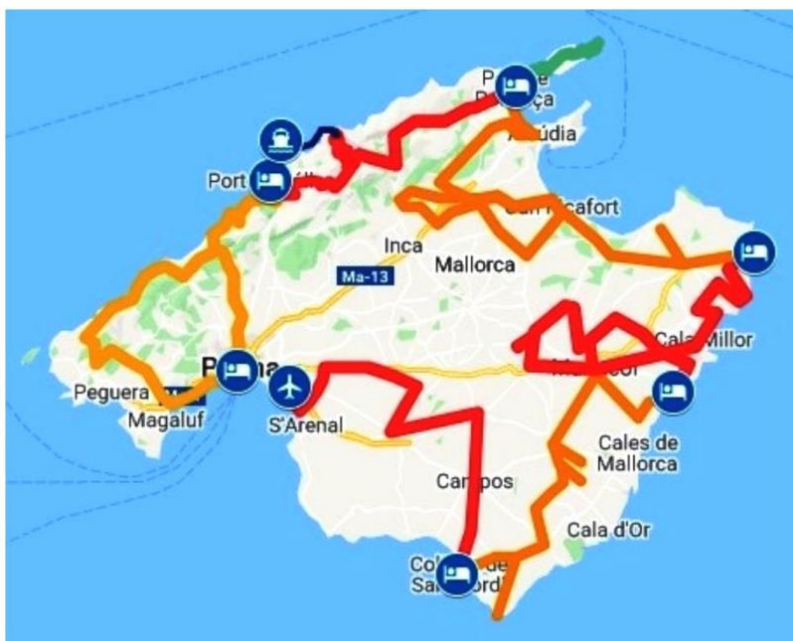


# Cycling Safaris

## MALLORCA Mediterranean Road Bike Tour

Self Guided Tour 2024

495 - 655km | 8 days / 7-nights



Mallorca is one of the prime road biking destinations in the world. Many professionals choose to train here.

It has so much to offer. Flat riding, great mountain ascents, coast and countryside. The Mediterranean Sea is always close by and all our hotels on this circuit of the island are seaside hotels.

### TOUR ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Arrive in Palma de Mallorca

Arrival in the capital of the island and transfer to the beachfront hotel. Ca'n Pastilla has an excellent long beach and a fantastic cycle path along the promenade leading to the beautiful city of Palma de Mallorca. Spend the rest of the day enjoying the beach or visiting the city

#### Day 2 Palma de Mallorca to Colonia de Sant Jordi

84 km

From Ca'n Pastilla, we head south-east along the cycle path of the beautiful Bahía de Palma. Then the route turns inland and we ride through the Mallorcan countryside with narrow lanes, windmills and almond trees. An ascent takes us to the Santuari de Cura with tremendous panoramic views. Towns of Llucmajor and Poerreres, followed by another ascent to the Santuari de Monti-Sion. Then it's back to the coast and the beach resort of Colonia de Sant Jordi at the end of the magnificent Es Trenc beach.



### Day 3 Colonia de Sant Jordi to Porto Cristo

106 or 65 km

First we pass Ses Salines, where the Romans extracted salt. A short side tour takes us to the lighthouse set on beautiful and rocky coastline. Then to the picturesque village of Santanyí, close to the Parc Natural de Mondragó with its rich birdlife and pretty beach of Cala Mondragó. The coastline is one of the most beautiful to be found on any Mediterranean island. Porto Cristo is a charming little resort with the famous Cuevas del Drac nearby. The caves are well worth a visit to enjoy a concert and a unique boat trip on the underground lake.



### Day 4 Porto Cristo to Cala Ratjada

82 km or 115 km



Another delightful ride to the charming resort of Cala Ratjada. An inland loop leads to Manacor, home to the Rafael Nadal Academy and Museum Xperience.

Back along the coast we have the Cuevas de Artà, with the entrance to the cave overlooking the sea and huge chambers with spectacular stalactites and stalagmites. There is a beautiful beach at nearby Canyamel and then the impressive castle of Capdepera.

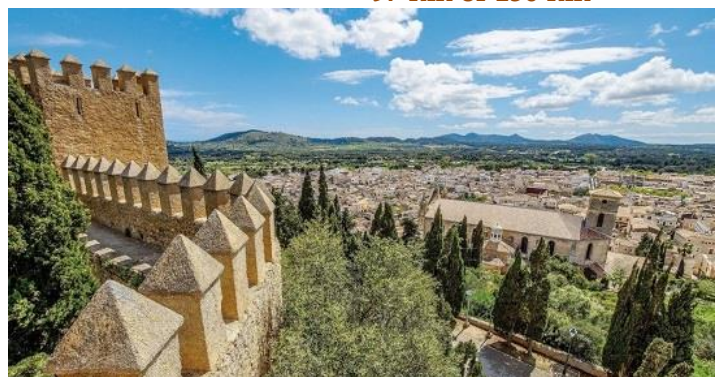
In Cala Ratjada we can spend time at the beach of Cala Agulla or Cala Mesquida or take the road to Cala Gat and the lighthouse of Capdepera with views over to Menorca.

### Day 5 Cala Ratjada to Port de Pollença

97 km or 130 km

Artà is a charming village of narrow medieval streets, cafés and a fine 15<sup>th</sup> century fortress. A beautiful extension takes us to the Ermita de Betlem monastery, with the most spectacular views across the sea towards Alcúdia and Formentor.

Then the huge expanse of the Bahía de Alcúdia with the birdlife of the Parc Natural de S'Albufera and the fantastic beach of Playa del Muro, next is the village of Alcúdia with its medieval walls and Roman ruins of Pollentia, the spectacular bay of Pollença and our hotel in Port de Pollença.



**Day 6 Port de Pollença to Port de Pollença**

**40 km**



Today's ride is somewhat shorter than usual and takes us out to the Cape of Formento lighthouse. This is one of the most famous routes on the island and is truly spectacular riding with the impressive cliffs plunging into the deep blue sea. A shorter version takes us out to the beach of Platja de Formentor.

Alternatively, take a short ride to the beautiful village of Pollença, or just enjoy a free day on the seafront at Pollença and our hotel in Port de Pollença.

**Day 7 Port de Pollença to Port de Sóller**

**88 km or 64 km**

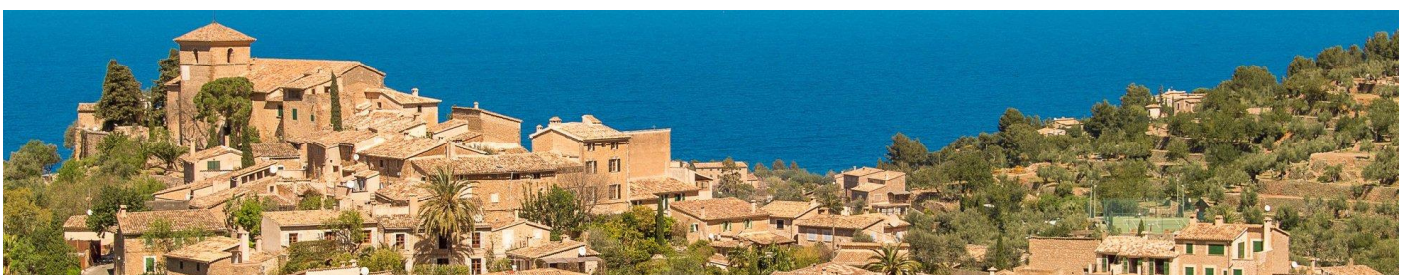
The mountains of Sierra de Tramuntana have some of the most spectacular scenery on the island. The first ascent leads to Lluc and its famous monastery. Then pass the famous descent of Sa Calobra. It's one way, so if we descend then we have the pleasure of doing one of the most famous climbs in the world back up to the top. It is possible to take a boat from the bottom to Port de Sóller (sea conditions permitting - recommended to book beforehand). The land route leads through the beautiful villages of Fornalutx and Biniraix before reaching Sóller and Port de Sóller.



**Day 8 Port de Sóller to Palma de Mallorca**

**63 km or 92 km**

Our final ride takes us through more spectacular scenery of the Sierra de Tramuntana. Deià is one of the prettiest villages of the sierra and once home to the writer Robert Graves. Valldemossa was home to Chopin and the novelist George Sands. The stunning coastline and olive trees, oranges and lemons and almond trees finally lead us to our final destination, Palma de Mallorca to reflect on a marvellous tour and to start making plans for our next visit to this beautiful island.



**Day 9 Departure from Palma de Mallorca**

Depart from Palma de Mallorca, or maybe take an extra day or two just to relax and enjoy this lovely city

### Compatible with other tours

This particular tour is designed to be compatible with the Mallorca - Mediterranean regular cycling Tour with shorter distances. Both tours begin on the same day and use the same itinerary for the 8-night duration of the tours. The only difference is that the rides on this particular tour between each stopover are shorter. Thus, riders can choose to take shorter routes or longer routes. It also means the tour can accommodate riders of differing abilities.

### 2024 TOUR PRICES

Season	Prices	Arrival Days (Saturdays only) Groups of 4+ can set their own departure day
Season 1	<b>€1075 per person sharing</b> <b>€1310 single room</b>	2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 4, 11 May 28 September 5, 12, 19 October
Season 2	<b>€1185 per person sharing</b> <b>€1420 single room</b>	18, 25 May 1, 8, 15 June
Season 3	<b>€1225 per person sharing</b> <b>€1460 single room</b>	22, 29 June
Season 4	<b>€1300 per person sharing</b> <b>€1530 single room</b>	6, 13, 20, 27 July 3, 10, 17 August
Season 5	<b>€1215 per person sharing</b> <b>€1450 single room</b>	24, 31 August 7, 14, 21 September

Bike rental is not included in the prices above ( helmets included )

## 2024 TOUR DATES

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Tour runs from March 2 to October 19.

Arrival day is every Saturday and departure day every Sunday.

Groups of four + may set their own departure day.

## WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

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### Included

- › 8 nights Accommodation with ensuite bathroom in 3\* - 4\* star hotels with breakfast
- › All Luggage transfers
- › Information Pack (Route Guide, maps, GPS files)
- › Optional transfe to Lluc on day 7

### Not included

- › Bike rental
- › Taxi transfers to and from hotels on arrival and departure days.
- › GPS device
- › Evening meals
- › Seaview (some hotels charge a supplement). Please enquire on booking
- › Half board - available in most hotels, please enquire on booking

Clients may bring their own bikes - this will incur a €85 bike case transfer supplement

## BIKE RENTAL

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### E-bikes

#### Various models AVAILABLE

Over the last few years, the e-bike has revolutionised cycle touring. Tours are made so much easier and differences between riders' abilities are minimized.

#### Equipment supplied with trekking bikes and E-bikes:

These bikes are supplied with: helmet (obligatory in Spain), rear luggage rack and pannier (40 litres), mudguards, odometer, pump, basic toolkit, 0.75 litre, water bottle, lock.

#### Equipment supplied with road bikes

All bikes are supplied with: helmet (obligatory in Spain), rear seat post bag, odometer, pump, basic toolkit, 0.75 litre water bottle.

## BIKE RENTAL



### **Ridley Noah Disc Carbon**

Sram Etap (35/48 front, 10-36 back, 12-speed)

7 days - 245 €

Additional day - 20 €



### **Ridley Fenix SL Disc**

Carbon, Sram Etap (35/48 front, 10-36 back, 12-speed)

- 7 days - 215 €
- Additional day - 20 €



### **Ridley Fenix SL Disc**

Carbon, Shimano Ultegra (34/50 front, 11-32 back)

- 7 days - 185 €
- Additional day - 20 €



### **Eddie Merckx Lavaredo**

Carbon, Shimano Ultegra (34/50 front, 11-32 back)

- 7 days - 155 €
- Additional day - 15 €



### **Ridley SLA Disc**

Aluminium, Shimano 105 (34/50 front, 11-32 back)

- 7 days - 145 €
- Additional day - 15 €



### **Velo de Ville Trekking bike**

- 7 days - 100 €
- Additional day - 15 €



### **Prorace Breeze E-racer**

Carbon, Shimano 105

- 7 days - 255 €
- Additional day - 25 €
- Extra battery - 70 €
- Extra day battery - 10 €



### **Ridley Elykx E-MTB -**

Aluminium, Shimano XT (500w battery)

- 7 days - 185 €
- Additional day - 20 €



### **Velo de Ville AEB800**

Trekking e-bike, Shimano Deore (500w battery)

- 7 days - 175 €
- Additional day - 20 €

## BACK-UP SERVICE

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As this is a self led trip you do not have the back-up of a guide and support van. Our aim is to allow you feel like an independent traveller, free to cycle each day at your own pace while at the same time having the security of knowing that your luggage will be waiting for you in your next accommodation.

If you experience small problems with the bike (e.g., a puncture) you will have a spare tube, pump and tyre lever. You also have access to a 24 hour helpline.

## ACCOMMODATION

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### Sample hotels:

Ca'n Pastilla	<a href="#">Hotel THB El Cid</a>
Colonia de Sant Jordi	<a href="#">Hotel THB Sur Mallorca</a>
Porto Cristo	<a href="#">Hotel THB Felip</a>
Cala Ratjada	<a href="#">Hotel THB Guya Playa</a>
Port de Pollenca	<a href="#">Sis Pins Hotel</a>
Port de Sóller	<a href="#">Hotel Los Geranios</a>
Ca'n Pastilla	<a href="#">Hotel THB El Cid</a>

## WHAT TO BRING

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Mallorca enjoys mild temperatures throughout the year. July and August can be hot and humid. The ideal season for cycling is spring and autumn.

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

- shorts/ long trousers/ track suit/ legging
- shirts/ sweater/ rain clothing
- gloves (only when you book a tour in April. It can be chilly in the morning that time of year!)
- good shoes
- sunglasses/ cap/ swimming costume
- extra towel
- soap/ insect repellent
- swimwear

## OTHER INFORMATION

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### **Terrain / Gradients**

The island is not flat. Terrain is undulating and at times flat.

### **Arrival points**

Arrival point for this tour is Palma de Mallorca. The city is very well linked to both national and international destinations. The airport is of course [Palma de Mallorca Airport](#).

It is also possible to arrive by ferry. There are regular services from Denia, Valencia and Barcelona.

### **Extra nights**

Extra nights can be added anywhere along the route so you can enjoy longer stays at each destination. For example, you might decide that you would like to spend more nights in Cala Ratjada. Charges for extra nights will depend on where and how many. Please [email](#) for availability.

### **Special departures**

Special departures may be organised for groups of 4 or more riders. Please [email](#) for availability.