# Cycling Safaris

## MALLORCA Mediterranean Road Bike Tour

Self Guided Tour 2025 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

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 Lluccmayor 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. 84 km



#### 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 tour takes us to the lighthouse set on beautiful 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. From here we head inland and from Felanitx, two beautiful climbs lead to the Castell de Santueri and the Santuari de la Mare de Déu de Sant Salvador. 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.

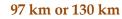
Back along the coast we have the Cuevas de Artà, with the entrance to the cave overlooking the sea and huge chambers with spectacular stalactites and stalagmites. There is a beautiful beach at nearby Canyamel and then the impressive castle of Capdepera.

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

Artà is a charming village of narrow medieval streets, cafés and a fine 15th 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 extense 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



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 Biniaraix before reaching Sóller and Port de Sóller.



## Day 8 Port de Sóller to Palma de Mallorca to Can Pastilla

## 102 km or 73 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 Palma de Mallorca and then along the coastal cycle path to return to Can Pastilla to reflect on a marvellous tour and to start making plans for our next visit to this beautiful island



## Day 9 Departure from Can Pastilla

Depart from Can Pastilla, 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.

## 2025 TOUR PRICES

Season	Prices	Arrival Days (Saturdays only)
		Groups of 4+ can set their own departure day
Season 1	€1145 per person sharing €1405 single room	1, 8, 15, 22, 29 March 5,12, 19, 26 April 3, 10 May 27 September 4, 11, 18 October
Season 2	€1260 per person sharing €1520 single room	17, 24, 31 May 7, 14 June
Season 3	€1305 per person sharing €1565 single room	21, 28 June
Season 4	€1375 per person sharing €1635 single room	5, 12, 19, 26 July 2, 9, 16 August
Season 5	€1290 per person sharing €1550 single room	23, 30 August 6, 13, 20 September

Tour runs from March 1 to October 18. Arrival day is every Saturday. Groups of four + may set their own departure day.

## WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

## 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 (see next page for prices)
- Option for helmet rental (€5 per day)
- Option for pannier bag rental (€5 per day)
- Personal insurrance
- GPS device
- Evening meals
- · Seaview (some hotels charge a supplement). Please enquire on booking
- · Half board available in most hotels, please enquire on booking

## **BIKE RENTAL**

## **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: rear luggage rack, mudguards, odometer, pump, basic toolkit, 0.75 litre, water bottle, lock.

## Equipment supplied with road bikes

All bikes are supplied with: rear seat post bag, odometer, pump, basic toolkit, 0.75 litre water bottle.

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**Ridley Noah Disc Carbon** 

Sram Etap (35/48 front, 10-36 back, 12-speed) 7 days – 275 € Additional day – 20 €

## **Ridley Fenix SL Disc**

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

- 7 days 315 €
- Additional day 25 €

## **Ridley Fenix SL Disc**

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

- 7 days 245 €
- Additional day 18 €

## Eddie Merckx Lavaredo

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

- 7 days 175 €
- Additional day 15 €

## **Ridley SLA Disc**

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

- 7 days 160 €
- Additional day 15 €

## Velo de Ville Trekking bike

- 7 days 120 €
- Additional day 11 €

## **Ridley R-Grifn E-racer**

Carbon, Shimano 105, disc

- 7 days 250 €
- Additional day 20 €

## Ridley Elykx E-MTB -

Aluminium, Shimano XT (500w battery) • 7 days – 205 € • Additional day – 15 €

Velo de Ville AEB800
Trekking e-bike, Shimano Deore (500w battery)
7 days – 195 €
Additional day – 15 €

## **BACK-UP SERVICE**

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

## Sample hotels:

Ca'n Pastilla	<u>Hotel THB El Cid</u>
Colonia de Sant Jordi	Universal Hotel Marques
Porto Cristo	Hotel THB Felip
Cala Ratjada	<u>Hotel THB Guya Playa</u>
Port de Pollenca	<u>Sis Pins Hotel</u>
Port de Sóller	<u>Hotel Los Geranios</u>
Ca'n Pastilla	<u>Hotel THB El Cid</u>

## WHAT TO BRING

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:

- Own helmet (its mandatory to wear a helmet in Spain)
- 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**

## 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 <u>Palma de Mallorca Airport</u>.

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 <u>email</u> for availability.

## **Special departures**

Special departures may be organised for groups of 4 or more riders. Please <u>email</u> for availability.