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Self-Guided Cycling in Mallorca

8 days

Mallorca, Spain - Trip code CSMA

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On this self-guided cycling trip you explore attractive Mediterranean landscapes on the beautiful island of Mallorca. Ride on quiet roads through the fertile rolling inland countryside, past sandy beaches, impressive cliffs and woods of pine, carob and oak. The final three nights are based in the beach town of Port de Pollença from where you can explore the Albufera wetlands.

Trip highlights

- ★ Medieval villages, located on hilltops with breath-taking views

ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

Standard

Our standard, mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service, often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en suite facilities.

CYCLING GRADE:

Easy

Suitable for anyone who enjoys easy and relatively short rides on flat or gently undulating terrain. Ideal if you simply want to explore a region by bike at a relaxed pace.

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Holiday starts in Palma de Mallorca Airport; transfer to Algaida or Randa

Your cycle holiday starts in Palma de Mallorca Airport where you will be met and driven to the rural village of Algaida or Randa, where you will stay for the first two nights. After checking in to your hotel, you have the rest of the day to explore. Your bike will be delivered either today or tomorrow morning and you will be required to sign an agreement of care upon receipt of the bike. Details of how to reach the start point of your holiday can be found on our website in the tour specific 'dates and prices' section by clicking on 'Joining Info' and then the 'Show More' button.



Accommodation: Algaida Petit Hotel (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Dinner

DAY 2 - Circular ride around the Randa Puig via Lluçmajor and Montuiri

This morning after breakfast you will be able to admire plenty of classic Mallorquin windmills as you turn south toward Lluçmajor. You will have the option to extend your cycle by visiting three hermitages up Puig de Randa. Whether you choose to tackle the additional distance or stick to the more gentle ride through the rolling hills via Montuiri you will have plenty of time to soak in the beautiful scenery along the route. Your total cycling distance today is approximately 34 kilometres (275 metres ascent and descent) with the option to add a further 8 kilometres.



Accommodation: Algaida Petit Hotel (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 3 - Cycle from Algaida to Sineu via Sencelles

This morning you start by heading north to the villages of Pina and Sencelles. While cycling along, the landscape turns flat and more barren. This is the wine producing district of Mallorca and you can visit wineries as you cycle from Sencelles via Santa Eugenia. Towards the end of this ride you will pedal through the hills before making your way to your cosy hotel in the centre of Sineu. Once you arrive in Sineu you can appreciate the mediaeval town with its impressive Gothic Church, narrow lanes and lively outdoor terraces. Your total cycling distance today is approximately 33 kilometres (150 metres ascent and 225 metres descent) with the option to add a further 22 kilometres.



Accommodation: Hotel Leon De Sineu (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 4 - Circular ride from Sineu to Petra

From Sineu you first cycle via Sant Joan to Petra, birthplace of Fray Juniperus Serra (the European 'founder' of California), where the monastery and iconographic museum are worth a visit. The hilltop hermitage of Bonnay is a prime spot to stop for lunch. During the last section of the route you can choose to cycle straight back to Sineu or make an interesting side excursion via Santa Margalida. Your total cycling distance is approximately 30 kilometres (175 metres ascent and descent) with the option to add a further 14 kilometres.



Accommodation: Hotel Leon De Sineu (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 5 - Ride from Sineu to Port de Pollençà

Today you bid farewell to the countryside of Central Mallorca to ride north to Port de Pollençà, one of the most enchanting beach towns of Mallorca. You cycle via Llubí to Campanet at the feet of the Tramuntana mountains and then through a quiet valley, among carob and almond orchards to the city of Pollençà. The last part of this cycle will see you gently descending towards the sea. Your total cycling distance is approximately 41 kilometres (200 metres ascent and 335 metres descent).



Accommodation: Hotel Sis Pins (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 6 - Circular ride from Port de Pollençà via Alcudia or St Vicenç

After so many days on inland routes today you definitely want to explore some beautiful beaches on the north coast, like Playa St Vicent or the hidden Playa de Col Baix, near Alcudia. If you are a more passionate cyclist, you may wish to do the famous circular route through the Sierra Tramuntana via Lluc, but be advised that the ascent is tough and traffic can be a nuisance! Your total cycling distance today is approximately 26 kilometres (50/ 125 metres ascent and descent) with the option to add a further 7 kilometres.



Accommodation: Hotel Sis Pins (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 7 - Circular ride from Puerto Pollençà via S'Albufera

Today's cycling route takes you to the wetlands of S'Albufera, a section where you can see many interesting birds. You also ride along the large beach of Alcudia and have an opportunity to visit this ancient roman town before you return to Port de Pollençà. Your total cycling distance today is approximately 38 kilometres (150 metres ascent and descent) with the option to add a further 17 kilometres.



Accommodation: Hotel Sis Pins (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 8 - Holiday ends in Port de Pollençà

After breakfast, the organised part of your holiday comes to an end. You can choose to take a taxi or local bus to Palma de Mallorca airport. Timings will depend on your return flight, but hotel check-out is likely to be midday or earlier.



Meals Provided: Breakfast

Cycling information

DAILY DISTANCE



General cycling information

During this trip you will cycle a minimum of 202 km during six days (and average of 33 km per day) with optional trips on day three, four and six. These cycling trips follow mostly well-surfaced tarmac roads and cycle paths. Inevitably, near the larger towns there is more traffic, but we have chosen alternatives wherever available in order to avoid busy roads. We have graded this trip as Easy.

Bike included

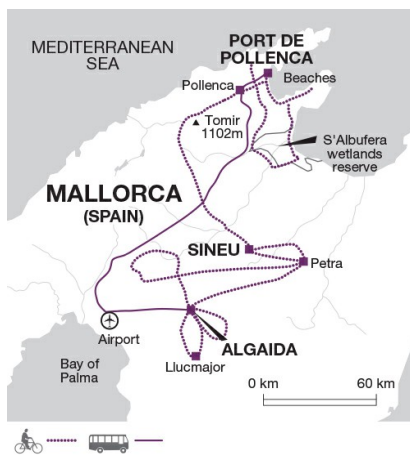
24 gear Giant Roam or 27 gear Gitane Play hybrid bikes with front suspension. Electric bikes (e-bikes) and road bikes are available for an additional cost for the duration of the holiday (£70). You will be required to pay a refundable deposit upon collection of the bike in country. Please contact us for more details or to request your e-bike.

Bike information

Your included bike is a 24 gear Giant Roam or 27 gear Gitane Play hybrid bike with front suspension and will be the correct frame size for your height. Women's frames available but limited in number - please request at time of booking. The bike is fitted with a lateral rear pannier bag, waterbottle holder and waterproof map carrier. A lock, pump, spare inner tube and puncture repair kit with tyre levers will be provided. All you need to bring is your own helmet. Electric bikes (e-bikes) are sometimes available for an additional cost for the duration of the holiday. A pannier can also be hired at extra cost. You will be required to pay a refundable deposit upon collection of the e-bike in country. Please contact us for more details or to request availability of an e-bike.

Cycling grade

Easy



Why book this trip

Unlike many other operators, we include the hire of your bike in the overall cost of the holiday: you don't need to bring your own or pay extra to hire one locally. We also provide a pump, lock, spare inner tube and tyre levers. All you need bring is your own helmet.

What's included?



Included meals

Breakfast: 7
Dinner: 1



Transport

Bus
Bicycle



Accommodation

7 nights standard hotel

Trip information

Country information

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Climate

Overall, spring, early summer and autumn are ideal times for a Spanish trip - though the weather varies enormously from region to region. The high central plains suffer from fierce extremes, stiflingly hot in summer, bitterly cold and swept by freezing winds in winter. The Atlantic coast, in contrast, has a tendency to damp and mist, and a relatively brief, humid summer. The Mediterranean south is warm virtually all year round. Spain's Islands the Canaries and Balaerics experience very mild winters and warm summers making them ideal year round destinations.

Time difference to GMT

+1

Plugs

2 Pin Round

Religion

Roman Catholic

Language

Castilian Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque

Budgeting and packing

Optional activities

Throughout the trip there will be opportunities to stop off and visit old local chapels or 'Hermitages'. Day 4 - Visit the Fray Junipero museum in Petra, or climb to the hilltop Sanctuary of Bonany to enjoy splendored views. Day 5 - Take time in to visit the Coves de Campanet and in the evening enjoy a stroll along the Port Pollenca beach boulevard.

Clothing

Bring cycling gear such as quick drying cycle tops, padded cycle shorts and cycle gloves. It can be hot in summer, but cool, especially at night and at the start and end of the season, so bring layers of clothing and remember a warmer jacket/fleece depending on the time of year. A raincoat is essential at all times in case of rain.

Footwear

If you are not bringing cycle shoes then try to bring stiff-soled shoes as these are better for cycling - transmitting your energy into the pedals more efficiently. This becomes more relevant and recommended the more demanding the grade and distances to cover. SPD cycle shoes are not well suited to tours that combine sightseeing with cycling. Comfortable shoes, trainers, sandals or flip flops are useful when not on the bike.

Luggage: On tour

Bring one main piece of baggage as per your airline luggage allowance, maximum 20 kg per person. Remember you are expected to carry your own luggage if using public transport so don't overload yourself. Luggage transfers between hotels are normally arranged by the hoteliers. Please note luggage transfers are restricted to 15 kg per person, any additional weight will need to be packed in your day bag or pannier bag. Mark your bags clearly and leave them at the place and time arranged with them. When travelling on public transport you should always take your luggage with you.

Luggage transfer

Included between each hotel.

Equipment

On all Explore cycle holidays we strongly recommend you bring along and wear your cycle helmet. It is a legal requirement in Spain to wear a helmet that meets current safety criteria. In case of an accident resulting in personal injury, certain insurance policies are invalidated in cases where a helmet was not being worn. Cycle glasses (to protect against dust, insects, pollen, sun etc) , cycle gloves (padded for more comfort) and a water bottle or water delivery system (eg camelback or platypus). You may choose to bring your own gel seat cover for added comfort. If a handle bar bag or pannier is not provided (check bike details) then you may like to bring a small rucksack to wear while cycling. Please carry some or all of your cycling equipment e.g. helmet as part of your hand luggage. Maps - Along with the destination manual and route notes you will be sent a set of maps that have been created specifically for this trip to help you navigate. The route is marked on each map together with a series of numbered waypoints which correspond with instructions in the route notes. Should you wish to purchase a more detailed commercially produced map we recommend the following:- Mallorca road map, scale: 1:100.000; Publisher: Freytag und Berndt. Mallorca, scale: 1:75000; Publisher: Kompass (English edition). Mallorca-Tramuntana, scale: 1:50000; Publisher: Freytag und Berndt.

Country Information

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Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Foreign Exchange

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Dinner price

£12.00 - 16.00

Beer price

£1.50 - 2.50 (depending on the region/area in Spain)

Water price

£1.4

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Euros

Recommended Currency For Exchange

We recommend you take the majority of your spending money in Euros cash.

Where To Exchange

We recommend that you change any currency into Euros prior to arrival. Bureau de Change are generally only found in major cities and large airports.

ATM Availability

In cities and most major towns.

Credit Card Acceptance

Visa and Mastercard are generally accepted in larger restaurants and some shops.

Travellers Cheques

Not recommended.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Transport Information

Bus, Bicycle

Accommodation notes

Booking a Single Room

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

Standard - Our mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en-suite facilities.

Essential information

FCO Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Essential Information

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Visa Information

Spain: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, US, New Zealand, US or Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office. All visa information is subject to change. You should confirm all visa related questions with the relevant Embassy prior to departure.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may consider applying through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

Transfers

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer click [here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

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Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory but Tetanus is usually recommended as a precaution. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel

health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at <http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/> and from your local healthcare provider. Vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed before departure.
