

Bike Mallorca – “La Isla de la Calma”

September 18-28, 2023

This Mediterranean island off the coast of Spain is every cyclist’s dream destination. It also features a network of hiking trails, vineyards, traditional Mallorcan restaurants with local specialties, and significant historical sites.

Art and culture are plentiful! Something for everyone! Enjoy azure ocean vistas, small villages perched on hillsides, peaceful coves, lemon trees, and almond orchards. Excellent roads & bike paths traverse the island; the terrain varies from flat coastal paths and gentle hills to mountain climbs.

The trip is designed for cyclists of all levels, as well as those simply wishing to relax in beautiful surroundings while enjoying wonderful amenities. We’ll spend the first 3 days in Sineu, a centrally-located village, providing easy access to many parts of the island. Known for its medieval streets, historic quarter, ancestral homes, and interesting monuments, Sineu is also home to the island’s oldest and most traditional market. We’ll ride through the rolling hills of the island’s interior, with pastoral settings, orchards, vineyards, and windmills.

Next we’ll spend 4 days on the northeast coast of the island. Mediterranean cuisine, anyone? We’ll do the iconic ride to the Cap de Formentor lighthouse, and explore the coast from Port de Pollença to Alcudia. Inland just a few kilometers, we’ll discover Pollença, an ancient town of attractive narrow streets and an impressive main square lined with cafes and restaurants. El Calvari, an 18th century monastery, is reached by climbing 365 steps lined with cypresses and gardens, with a stunning view from the top. Ponta Roma (a Roman bridge still in use) and Puig de Pollensa (a small mountain topped by a monastery) are nearby. Sa Calobra is another famous ride for those wanting the island’s biggest cycling challenge.

Finally, we’ll spend 4 days in Alaró, 15 miles northeast of Palma at the foot of the Sierra del Norte. The coastal road from Deià to Valldemossa and the Coll de Soller are epic rides for cyclists with strong legs (or e-bikes)! Soller is an authentic town situated in the Valley of Oranges, in the Tramuntana mountains. A tram meanders the 5 km to Port de Soller, both a working harbor and seaside resort.

A train or taxi can provide an afternoon in Palma, the capital city, exploring La Seu (the cathedral, known as the symbol of Palma and a masterpiece of Catalan Gothic architecture), the Arab Baths, the royal palace, the fortress, and vibrant harbor. The historic old town boasts medieval courtyards and alleyways, while the busy central area has art-nouveau buildings, 19th century townhouses, and cultural exhibits. Shopping? Mallorca is known for its pearls and leather.

Cost: Est. \$2,599 (based on 12 participants min.) Single supplement: est. \$600. Includes airport transfers at designated times, 10 nights lodging with breakfasts, 6 group dinners including a paella cooking class, luggage transfers, some local entries/activities, and mechanical assistance. Ground support by the incomparable Ana, our Mallorcan connection since 2002. (Airfare and bike rental are NOT included. We’ll provide recommendations on rentals.)

Our hotels (4*)

Hotel Can Joan Capo - Sineu

Hotel Cala Sant Vicenc – Cala Sant Vicenc

Hotel s'Olivaret - Alaró

To register, email kimslifetours@outlook.com. A **non-refundable deposit of \$400 (payable by check or Zelle) is required**. Register early as group size is limited! A payment schedule will be sent on receipt of your registration & deposit. See additional terms & conditions at

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