

Bike Mallorca – “La Isla de la Calma”

September 15-26, 2022

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 a centrally-located village, providing easy access to many parts of the island. Alaro is 15 miles northeast of Palma at the foot of the Sierra del Norte.

From here we can bike to Soller, 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. The coastal road from Deià to Valldemossa and the Coll de Soller are epic rides for cyclists with strong legs!

Next we’ll spend 4 days on the northeast coast of the island, in a beautiful hotel overlooking the bay. 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.

Finally we’ll spend 3 nights near the vineyards of Binissalem and the town of Sineu, known for its medieval streets and historic quarter, ancestral homes, interesting monuments, and traditional market. We’ll ride through the rolling hills of the island’s interior, with pastoral settings, orchards, vineyards, and windmills.

A train or taxi can provide an afternoon in 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. \$2,499 (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 demonstration, 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.)

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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