

Bike Mallorca – “La Isla de la Calma”

March 24 – April 4, 2025

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 abilities, as well as those simply wishing to relax in beautiful surroundings while enjoying wonderful amenities. We’ll spend the first 2 nights near Palma, close to our local bike shop where we’ll pick up our rental bikes. An afternoon in Palma is optional, 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.

We’ll start out cycling around the central part of the island, and stay 3 nights in Sineu, a centrally-located village. 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 3 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 stay in 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.

The coastal road from Deià to Valldemossa and the Coll de Soller are epic rides! 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.

Finally, we’ll stay near Montuiri for our last 3 nights on the island. Perched on a ridge in Mallorca’s countryside and surrounded by old stone windmills, the village is full of traditional charm, made up of historic buildings, from old medieval houses to grand mansions built in later centuries. A world away from the usual tourist spots on the island, there’s a timeless feel to the village as it remains true to its Mallorcan roots. Between the streets, you are greeted with views of the countryside dotted with ancient farmhouses and old windmills

Your trip leaders, Kim O’Flaherty and Steve McClaran, have led numerous cycling trips to Mallorca as well as many other destinations in Europe.

Cost: Est. \$2,850 (based on 10 participants min.) Single supplement: est. \$600. Includes 11 nights lodging with breakfasts, 5 group dinners, paella cooking class, luggage transfers, and mechanical assistance. Note: Airfare and bike rentals are NOT included. We’ll provide recommendations.

To register, complete the attached form and email it to 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.

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