Mallorca Cycling Explorer

Trip Code: SGMC

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Cycle a varied circuit around the stunning island of Mallorca
- Ride along beautiful coasts and discover sleepy rural inland villages
- Feast your eyes on the magnificent Tramuntana mountain range
- Swim in the inviting turquoise waters of C'an Picafort

AT A GLANCE

- 6 days cycling and sightseeing
- Upgraded bike hire included
- Saturday departures
- Join at / End in Playa de Palma

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

VIEW DATES, PRICES & BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY HERE

Introduction

Mallorca is certainly the seducer of the Balearics for cyclists and hikers alike. With sunshine almost all year round, hidden coves, turquoise waters, breath-taking mountains, and miles upon miles of quiet roads just waiting to be explored. We have designed this one week self-guided cycling holiday so you can experience some of our favourite spots on the island. Starting in Playa de Palma you will first cycle along the southern coast, taking in the history of the island and the enchanting botanical gardens of Ses Salines, before following the east coast to Cuevas del Drach to discover the island's fascinating geology. Heading north you can delight in the quieter beaches and fantastic views across Alcudia Bay. The second part of your adventure provides an insight into island life away from the tourist resorts as you escaping to the centre of the island to enjoy the slower pace of rural life here, surrounded by orange plantations and olive groves as you pedal through the awe-inspiring Tramuntana Mountains.

You will spend 3 days touring the beautiful bustling coast, staying in a selection of fantastic 4-star hotels on a bed and breakfast basis, before retreating to the hinterland to unwind in the tranquillity of our finca-style hotel for two nights, also on a bed and breakfast basis so you can enjoy the nearby traditional restaurants in the evenings. As your week draws to a close you will cycle back to the beaches of Playa de Palma for one last dip in the inviting ocean and to explore the island's capital, Palma.

Is this holiday for you?

This trip is ideal if you are looking for a week of quite challenging cycling in the warmth of the Mediterranean sun. Cycling an average of around 55km per day on quiet roads, rural tracks, and cycle paths, you will ride through traditional villages, beneath stunning peaks, and along rugged coastlines. We have designed this trip specifically to give you the opportunity to experience all aspects of your destination - to enjoy the many cafes and facilities of the popular tourist resorts, relax in hidden coves away from the hustle and bustle, and find solitude in the centre of the island amongst the impressive Tramuntana Mountains. Staying in 4-star accommodation along the way means you have all the comforts and conveniences to really relax and unwind after a busy day of exploring.

Itinerary

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Holiday Information

What's Included

- All accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Self-guided information pack containing your route notes
- Mallorca guide book
- Luggage transfers
- Upgraded bike hire
- Welcome briefing
- Navigation App and GPX tracks available

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Travel to / from Playa de Palma
- Visas (if applicable)
- Tourist taxes may apply and are usually under 5 Euros per person per night
- Some meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Local transfers
- Personal equipment
- Bike helmet
- Any e-bike upgrades
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional

Your Self-Guided Pack & Route Notes

Each self-guided holiday comes with comprehensive route notes and a map or pocket guidebook of the area you are exploring. The route notes contain information about the places you will visit and the local transport you might need, along with the detailed route notes for your daily walks or cycle rides. We even include some tips for the best places to stop for lunch.

You can expect to receive your Self-Guided Pack containing your route notes, a map or guidebook, and all your relevant documents, no later than 3 weeks before your holiday start-date. We will send your documents using a signed-for courier so that you can track your package and know that it is safely on its way to you. For bookings of more than 4 people we will send an additional Self-Guided Pack. If you do not need this additional pack please inform our Sales Team. Your pack will be sent to the lead booker, so please remind them to pack it before setting off.

Should your self-guided trip be part of a longer adventure requiring you to leave home more than three weeks before your holiday start-date, please inform our Sales Team so that we can make alternative delivery arrangements.

GPS Travel App

This holiday includes a GPS navigation app, which contains the routes for you to follow each day, as well as attractions, coffee stops and points of interest along the way. The app does not need to have Wi-Fi connection to work, you simply follow the instructions we provide you to download the app to your personal smartphone device before you leave home and you are ready to go.

While the travel app is running, your phone battery charge can be consumed faster than normal, so we strongly recommend that you pack a power bank with you just in case you require it.

Self-Guided Families

Our Self-Guided Holidays are perfect for your next family holiday and are suitable for children of all ages.

Our partner hotels and accommodations are able to provide cots for young children, and some offer family rooms. We can also arrange hire of children's bikes and tag along bikes for most of our self-guided cycling trips and with trips such as Lake Constance and the Danube offering routes on designated cycle paths you can rest assured in keeping your family safe.

As a parent we trust that you know your own child's capabilities, so please read the itinerary details to ensure the distances covered each day are suitable for your family. If this is a first time walking or cycling holiday for your family, a centre-based trip is a fantastic option as it allows you to easily opt out of a day's walking if a day of building sand castles, swimming in the pool, or visiting museums is calling instead.

Please discuss this further with our Sales Team who will be happy to assist in picking the best trip for your family.

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

This trip starts and ends at Playa de Palma. All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. The nearest airport for this trip is Palma de Mallorca Airport, which is well-served with many departures from UK regional airports.

If you are flying to Palma de Mallorca Airport you can travel via public transport (bus) or the airport shuttle bus to and from Playa de Palma - the fastest journey takes approximately 5 minutes - for more information please visit www.tib.org or https://www.rome2rio.com/. Alternatively you may wish to take a taxi for approximately €20.

Meal Plan

This trip is on a bed and breakfast basis to allow you the most flexibility during your holiday.

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

Food & Water

Water from the taps may not be drinkable in all locations on this trip - please check with your guide. We recommend taking water purification tablets and a reusable bottle with a filter such as **Water-to-Go**, which can both be used to help make safe other water sources. Please note that we do not encourage the purchase of single use plastic bottles.

This trip is on bed and breakfast basis, allowing you to sample the local delicacies of the area. We have also included a typical Mallorcan light lunch on day 4 of your trip so you can enjoy more of the local delights.

As in most Mediterranean countries, Mallorcan cuisine includes a delicious array of locally grown fresh vegetables, fruits, olives, and nuts. Food on the island is simple, clean, and tasty. Breakfast tends to be continental, consisting of fruits, fresh breads and pastries including the popular ensaimada - a sweet coiled pastry filled with anything from custard to fruit, or even sliced sobrasada sausage.

Along your route you can enjoy a picnic with a view, or sample the local tapas in a nearby cafe. Our tip: if you would like a mixture of different tapas, then just ask for a tapas variadas! As you would expect, seafood is a popular ingredient on the island, with a favourite dish being caldereta de llagosta, a pleasant stew made with lobsters caught between Mallorca and Menorca. Other popular dishes include hearty rice soups, and pork loin in a yummy Mallorcan sauce. Vegetarians are well catered for on the island, with vegetables in abundance. A particularly tasty dish is tumbet, which is similar to ratatouille.

Accommodation

We have hand-picked a selection of excellent 4-star hotels for you on this trip, all chosen for their great locations, hospitality and amenities. Each hotel offers comfortable bedrooms and lovely communal areas including a restaurant and bar. All offer a good buffet breakfast to fuel you ahead of your rides, and some also have a pool area where you can cool off after a day in the saddle.

We have included two nights at a more traditional finca-style hotel in the centre of the island to give you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the 'real Mallorca', away from the hustle and bustle of the coast.

We can arrange additional nights' accommodation in Playa de Palma before or after your trip if you would like to explore this fabulous island a little more - please contact our Sales Team for more information.

Bike Hire

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Upgraded 'Bike Plus' bike hire is included in the cost of this holiday.

Upgraded bikes are lighter than standard hybrid bikes and have a crossbar for improved stiffness and stability, offering a sportier ride. Utilising higher-grade bike components such as hydraulic brakes and Shimano 20/27-speed gears, you can enjoy more precise handling and smoother gear changes. High-quality front suspension forks and a more athletic saddle offer increased comfort over a variety of surfaces and distances.

Upgraded bikes are available in the following frame sizes: 46 / 50 / 51 / 55 / 60 / 63 cm. These bikes are suitable for rider heights between approximately 155cm and 205cm.

All bikes come equipped with a pannier and handlebar bag for your daily essentials, plus a milometer, bike lock, pump, repair kit, and spare inner tube. Hire bikes do not come fitted with bottle cages as these impede with securing the bikes during transportation.

We strongly recommend that you bring your own helmet with you for the best comfort. We also recommend packing a gel seat for extra comfort or a pair of padded cycling shorts as whilst there are plenty of opportunities to stop and explore, it is always nice to have some padding for a more comfortable ride.

We are also able to arrange children's bikes, trailers, and child seats. Please ask our Sales Team for details.

Upgrade to an E-bike

If you are looking for an extra boost whilst in the saddle, you can upgrade to an e-bike to make your ride more leisurely. Equipped with a battery and motor, these electric bikes give you a helping hand whilst you are pedalling, making it easier to climb hills and travel further with less effort and more comfort.

E-bikes have four different modes and an 8-speed internal gear hub with back-pedalling brake, along with disc brakes and front suspension. E-bikes are suitable for rider heights between approximately 148cm and 190cm.

E-bikes are available on this holiday at a supplement of £110 - please request this upgrade option from our Sales Team at the time of booking.

Baggage Allowance

Your main luggage will be transferred between each of your hotels while you are out on your ride. We ask that you please ensure that each piece of your luggage is under 20KG and that your luggage is ready for collection in the morning on the day of each hotel change. You will also need a daypack to carry your daily essentials with you whilst you are riding.

General Information

Passport & Visas

Europe

Your passport must meet 2 requirements. It must be:

- less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

For the latest details on visiting countries within the EU or the European Economic Area (EEA), please check the UK Government website

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders.

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required**,** and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates *(see Health & Vaccinations below),* **and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for **each country visited** before travel.

Health & Vaccinations

Vaccinations:

You should be up to date with the routine vaccinations recommended in the UK for overseas travel.

You must also contact your doctor or travel clinic to check if there are specific vaccinations or other preventive measures that you need for the area you are visiting, in good time before you are due to depart.

Please ensure you are looking at the recommendations for all countries visited on your holiday plus recommendations for any borders you cross.

On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dental check-up.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates.

Please check the FCDO and Travel Health Pro. For all of your intended destinations for up-to-date advice.

Severe Allergies:

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips.

Currency

The currency for part or all of this holiday is the Euro.

Preparing for your Holiday

The advantage of a self-guided cycling holiday is that you decide the pace. This trip is designed for regular leisure cyclists as the routes do contain some slightly hillier terrain. You should be comfortable with cycling 40-60 km a day on rural roads, side roads and cycle paths. It is always sensible to get some additional exercise before going on an active holiday and we advise you to dust off your bike and head out on a few rides before your holiday. After all, the fitter you are the more enjoyable your cycling will be.

Climate

Mallorca is the largest of the Balearic Islands and has a typical Mediterranean climate, with mild winters and hot summers. It makes the perfect spring or autumn getaway, when temperatures are around 20 - 30 degrees centigrade and you can enjoy a welcome breeze coming off the sea, or the slightly cooler air amongst the inland mountains, as you pedal along. Although there are plenty of sunshine hours in spring, remember to pack extra layers for the evenings as they can get quite cool. Autumn is slightly cooler than spring and has fewer hours of sunshine as the days get shorter, however there is still plenty of time to be out cycling and taking advantage of these slightly quieter months. In summer the islands become extremely hot with temperatures reaching 35 degrees centigrade and more, and winters are mild often with periods of strong winds and rain, particularly in the mountains.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's **'Travel Aware'** campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. All other nationalities should check their government websites for relevant information.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Books

- Snowball Oranges - Peter Kerr
- One Mallorcan Summer - Peter Kerr

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our Travel Insurance page for further information and to get a quote.

Equipment Information

SelfGuided Cycling Equipment List

- Cycling shorts

- Cycle helmet
- Functional base layer
- T-shirts
- Scarf
- Hat
- Windproof jacket
- Fleece / extra layer
- Rain protection
- Rucksack (approx. 20 l)
- Small first aid kit for your rucksack
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle or hydration pack
- Camera (batteries/memory card)
- Mobile Phone (ensure your data package covers your destination)
- Handlebar mount that is compatible with your smartphone
- Power bank
- Waterproof phone cover
- Sun glasses
- Personal wash kit

- Reusable cloth bag for shopping to avoid the use of plastic bags
- Tupperware for picnics

Land Only Information

Please note that our 'from' price listed is based on 4 persons on twin or double occupancy, however we can quote for any number of travellers including solo travellers - contact our Sales Team for a quote.

This trip is available for departures on Saturdays throughout the dates listed.

When considering your travel dates, you might like to investigate any seasonal opening times of attractions and points of interest.

All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. You may even wish to make this holiday part of a bigger adventure or pair it with one of our other holidays. We can arrange additional nights' accommodation before or after your self-guided trip - please ask our Sales Team to find out more about this.

Our Sales Team will be happy to provide you with a quote for scheduled flights, or alternatively you may wish to book your own flights with a low cost carrier from your nearest regional airport.

Please DO NOT book your flights before you have received your booking confirmation and your deposit has been taken.

We offer some transfers to your accommodation from the nearest airports - please refer to the 'Joining Arrangements & Transfers' section for further details for this trip.

Flight Inclusive Information

Limited seats are available at the advertised flight price, please book as early as you can. If we are unable to secure seats at the price shown, or you have requested regional departures and/or upgrades, we will provide you with an alternative quote. It is likely that flight payment will be in advance of your final holiday balance. Booking a flight inclusive package means you will benefit from full financial protection, eases your holiday planning, and leaves us to deal with airlines and schedule changes. If you book flights through KE Adventure Travel we will offset the carbon of your flight.

Regional departures and/or alternative carriers are available on request.

Why Choose KE

Why KE?

On this adventure we've combined the beautiful coastal destinations Mallorca is famed for with a taste of the contrasts of its rural interior, ensuring you get the true Mallorcan experience.We have included upgraded bike hire in the cost of your trip so you can relax knowing that this is all taken care of for you, and E-bike upgrades are available if you would like that extra boost.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 19/11/2026 and the trip is subject to change