

## Bicycle Tours in Spain: Tour de Mallorca (TourzPlus™)

### OVERVIEW

Cycling the switchbacking roads up and down the colls (passes) of the Sierra Tramuntana will be an unforgettable experience and is a "must-do" in the lifetime of any passionate cyclist. We have developed an itinerary that is suitable both to very experienced riders who are looking for a serious challenge, as well as to intermediate cyclists who want to smell the roses and take it easy. Two options are offered every day and our support van is also available. Over the last couple of years, the island of Majorca, situated off the Spanish coast in the Mediterranean Sea, has developed into Europe's road-biking heaven. The perfect climate, an abundance of quiet little back roads, spectacular mountain vistas and secluded beaches make it easy to understand why many of the world's professional road-biking teams choose this island as their training ground. You will be treated to awesome Mediterranean cuisine, fantastic architecture and a place rich in history. Come on this exciting bike journey and find out why the Spanish Kings still spend their holiday's here.

Learn more about our **TourzPlus™ partner tours** and how they differ from regular **ExperiencePlus! bicycle tours**.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Palma de Mallorca, climb numerous famous passes, Sa Calobra, market day, Cap Formentor, 4 nights at one accommodation

### TOUR FACTS

<b>Tour Style</b>	■ <b>TourzPlus:</b> Learn more about our TourzPlus tours at <a href="https://www.experienceplus.com/choosing-the-best-tour/styles/tourzplus">https://www.experienceplus.com/choosing-the-best-tour/styles/tourzplus</a>
<b>Includes</b>	Quality 27-speed bicycle with Shimano Ultegra components; 7 nights accommodation; 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunches, 6 Dinners; professional guide services; support vehicle and luggage transport; all admission fees
<b>Countries</b>	Spain
<b>Begin/End</b>	Palma de Mallorca
<b>Arrive/Depart</b>	Palma de Mallorca Airport (PMI)
<b>Total Distance</b>	203 miles (329 km)
<b>Avg. Daily Distance</b>	24 - 45 miles (39 - 73 km) per riding day
<b>Tour Level</b>	▶▶▶▶
<b>Keep in Mind</b>	We work hard to maintain consistency across all of our tours, but some trips have unique differences. Here are some things to keep in mind about this tour. Challenging rides, secluded beaches, Mediterranean cuisine

**Please Note:** We may have small itinerary changes to this trip after you download this PDF document. If you have booked this trip and there are major changes, including changes to towns or activities, we'll email you directly. However, you should always be sure to refer to the ■ **online itinerary** for the most up-to-date trip information including arrival and departure tips before you depart for your trip:

<https://www.experienceplus.com/bike-tours/spain/biking-mallorca>

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**DATES & PRICES**

**DAILY RIDE SUMMARY**

Day	Distance/Gain	Terrain	Day Level	Notes
1	27km / 0m (17mi / 0ft)			
2	82km / 0m (51mi / 0ft)			
3	90km / 0m (56mi / 0ft)			
4	93km / 0m (58mi / 0ft)			
5	71km / 0m (44mi / 0ft)			
6	101km / 0m (63mi / 0ft)			
7	71km / 0m (44mi / 0ft)			
8	0km / 0m (0mi / 0ft)			

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**Highlights** Welcome dinner, your first ride

Take a short taxi ride and meet us in a country hotel (Finca) near the village of Esporlas in the foothills of the Sierra Tramuntana. We'll fit bikes and have a chance to get used to the climate on a short trip to the countryside. The ride begins with a gradual ascent into the Sierra Tramuntana mountain range toward the village of Valdemossa. Take time to marvel at the historic architecture of the most beautiful village on Majorca. Many artists have made Valdemossa their home, among them Frederic Chopin.

**DAY 1: Mon, Oct 8th**

**Distance** 27 km (17 mi)

**Meals** Dinner

**Esporlas to Deià**

**Highlights** Climb 5 passes, the coast

An epic ride takes us through the Southern Tramuntana mountains. Five passes with seemingly endless switchback climbs on moderate grades and exciting downhill await. You will experience Majorca's truly spectacular coastline for the first time. On your way to Deià, you will enjoy amazing views of the Mediterranean from high. We stay overnight in an exquisite Mallorquin mansion, the famous La Residencia.

**DAY 2: Tue, Oct 9th**

**Distance** 82 km (51 mi)

**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Deià to Monnaber**

**Highlights** More climbing, olive groves and orchards, dinner

Start the day with a long, winding and exhilarating downhill ride into Soller, before we begin the climb over famous Coll de Soller. Then we tackle the Coll de Horno in the shadow of Mallorca's highest mountain, Puig Mayor, standing at 1445m (4,800'). After a well-deserved rest in the mountain village of Orient we continue with a fast descent to Alaro and then through olive fields and orchards on to our luxurious finca at Monnaber. Here they produce their own olive oil from trees 500-1000 years old. Dinner will be an amazing experience.

**DAY 3: Wed, Oct 10th**

**Distance** 90 km (56 mi)

**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner

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### Monnaber to Pollensa

**Highlights** Market day in Sineu

Today we ride on very quiet country roads through orchards, fields and small villages toward the agricultural center of the island. Wednesday is market day in Sineu and with a little imagination you are taken back to a medieval setting. You can buy anything from donkeys to silverware in the narrow walkways and plazas around the church on the island's largest market. After the visit to the market we tackle the famous climbs to Santuari De Cura and Santuari de Sant Salvador. The first climb is optional, the second takes us to our mountain top retreat in the monastery of Sant Salvador, built in 1342. The monastery sits at an elevation of 500m/1650ft and offers sweeping views across the island and to the Mediterranean sea.

### Pollenca

**Highlights** Options abound.

Today is recovery day and we will be riding 70 km / 45 miles of mostly flat but scenic country roads through little towns and the wetland nature reserve Albufeira. We will have enough time to visit the ancient roman city of Alcudia, with its many picturesque shops and restaurants hidden behind medieval city walls and narrow alleys. For those who like to ride more, there is another mountain top monastery worth visiting! For the remaining three nights we will be staying at a family run 100 year old hotel right in the old town of Pollenca by the Knights Templar and the 365 steps up Calvary hill.

### Cap Formentor

**Highlights** This is the ride you've been waiting your entire life for.

Big mountains and big mileage await as we cross the northern Sierra Tramuntana. After some fast warm up cycling into the foothills, we will tackle the extremely scenic climb of Coll de Sa Bataia. Here you have the option of keeping on going for a truly epic ride or to have lunch at the monastery at Lluc, followed by an exciting downhill back to Pollenca. Those who are opting for the long version will climb up and descend down to Sa Calobra. This switchbacking and twisting road clings to the mountainside while descending into a steep canyon. You will feel like on a Disney ride. It is the Majorquin road builder's masterpiece and for many cycling greats, including Lance Armstrong, the climb back up was a favorite spring training ride. It is a great measuring stick for cyclists from all around the world.

### DAY 4: Thu, Oct 11th

**Distance** 93 km (58 mi)

**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 5: Fri, Oct 12th

**Distance** 71 km (44 mi)

**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 6: Sat, Oct 13th

**Distance** 101 km (63 mi)

**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner

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Cap Formentor, the very northern tip of the island, is our final tour on the island and what a way to finish. A narrow, winding road clinging to steep cliffs offers an entertaining ride with breathtaking views of the deep blue Mediterranean. On today's stage we are certain you will agree with us, that road biking could not possibly be any better! The road to Formentor easily ranks among the world's most scenic rides. On the way back one final climb to the high point of the peninsula awaits and you have time to explore the beach resort of Porto Pollenca and possibly have lunch at the fishing village of Cala San Vicenc.

**DAY 7: Sun, Oct 14th****Distance** 71 km (44 mi)**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**Transfer back to Palma de Mallorca****Highlights** Palma de Mallorca

It is time to say goodbye. In the morning you will be shuttled to the airport or your hotel in Palma for an extended stay. If you are staying in Palma make sure you visit the cathedral of Palma de Majorca, also known as the Cathedral of Light. It is the second largest cathedral in Spain and it took over 300 years to build. A walk through the narrow passages and pathways of Palma's old city is also a must.

**DAY 8: Mon, Oct 15th****Meals** Breakfast