Mallorca Villages Self-Guided Cycling Holiday /9 nights

<u>Sunday 6th Nov - Arrival</u>

We pick you up from Palma airport (arrival 15:55) and transfer you to the hotel Almudaina in Palma.

Accommodation: Hotel Almudaina 4*, Palma de Mallorca

Monday 7th Nov - Alcudia

We pick you up from Palma (details TBC) and transfer you to the town of Alcudia. Self-check-in following th hotel instructions reveived by emial.

Alcudia is one of the oldest towns on the island having been founded by Phoenician colonists 2,500 years ago.

You can also explore the tightly packed old town, hemmed in by the 14th century Medieval walls and imposing city gates. Depending on your arrival time, there is also the possibility of doing a short ride around the Alcudia Bay.

Depending on your arrival time and preference, you can pick up the bikes from the local shop in the afternoon and do a short ride to Alcudia peninsula or pick them up following morning.

Bike shop opening hours: 9-13h & 14-19h.

Accommodation: Boutique Hotel Can Tem 4*, Alcudia



Cycle Fiesta is registered with the Department of Tourism. Travel Agency Registration number: CV Mm1554-A

Tuesday 8th Nov – Cap d'Alcudia & Pollentia

The first day in the saddle begins by riding out to Cap d'Alcudia - a stunning peninsula jutting out into the sea. The gently rolling road has beautiful views across the Pollensa Bay and is one of the most spectacular parts of the coast on the whole island.

Your route continues by riding along a coastal cycle lane to the town of Pollensa, before returning to Alcudia on quiet country lanes. On the edge of Alcudia you pass the site of Pollentia. This was the first Roman settlement to be built on the island, with the ruins dating to the 2nd century BCE. The decision to conquer Mallorca was made as part of Roman attempts to eradicate piracy in the Mediterranean.

It's fascinating to explore, with the forum area and parts of the basilica among the ruins.

Alternatively, if you wish to cycle further, there is a great opportunity to extend the route by climbing up the Cap de Formentor – one the most picturesque rides in the whole of Mallorca. It is definitely recommended to climb at least the first 4km to the first view point (Mirador Es Colomer)! You can turn back at any point you feel you had enough, however, the views are well worth of the effort!

Accommodation: Boutique Hotel Can Tem 4*, Alcudia

Cycle Routes

Short Route: 28km + possible extension do Cap d'Alcudia (+13km)

Long Route: 60km



CYCLE FIESTA

Wednesday 9th Nov - Tramuntana Natural Park & Prehistoric Caves

The ride today heads inland, following delightful roads lined with traditional dry stone walls. Your route follows the southern edge of the Tramuntana mountains, and the hills make for a picturesque backdrop.

The ride itself though is mostly flat, as you pass through the villages of Campanet and Moscari. Near to Campanet you can visit some spectacular caves, which have dramatic rock formations and magnificent stalagmites.

The cycling ends in Caimari, a charming town dating back to the 13th century; it is known for its 'olive festival' due to the abundance of olive trees in the area. Here you can relax by the hotel pool, or visit one of the town's tapas bars to taste the local produce.

Accommodation: Hotel Petit Caimari, Caimari

Cycle Routes

Short Route: 30km

Long Route: 37km

Thursday 10th Nov - Vineyards & Villages

The ride today heads into Mallorca's wine country. From Caimari you follow narrow lanes that wind between olive groves and orchards. Before long you arrive at the town of Binissalem, which is home to Mallorca's finest wineries.

We recommend visiting one for a tasting, before you continue on your ride through the vineyards. The longer route extends the ride to the town of Alaró, which has a beautiful historic center that makes for a great coffee or lunch stop.

Accommodation: Hotel Petit Caimari, Caimari

Cycle Routes

Short Route: 32km

Long Route: 47km

Friday 11th Nov - Historic Sineu

Your ride today continues along beautiful narrow country lanes, almost completely free from traffic. You pass olive groves, vineyards and orange fields as you head south towards the village of Llubi. The charming square here is a nice place to take a breather in front of the imposing church.

Your destination is the town of Sineu. Dating back to Roman times, Sineu rose to prominence under the 14th century king Jaume II. He built his palace in the middle of the town, and it still remains today, although it was later transformed into a convent. Sineu is also famous for its weekly market that takes place every Wednesday; it is the best place to buy Mallorcan fruit, wine, oil and local artisanal products.

In Sineu you stay in a traditional villa, housed in a historic building in the heart of the old town. You can relax in its swimming pool and beautiful patio gardens.

Accommodation: Villa Sa Barcella 4*, Sineu

Cycle Routes

Short Route: 28km

Long Route: 38km



Saturday 12th Nov - Talaiot & Randa Circle

The final day in the saddle heads south on quiet routes through wheat fields and arable farmland. On the ride you pass the Son Fornés archaeological site, where you can see the remains of a settlement from the Talaiot culture. This was the predominant culture on Mallorca 3000 years ago, and you get an idea here of what life was like on the island before the arrival of the Romans.

There is also an excellent archaeological museum in the nearby village of Montuiri, which is housed in a converted windmill.

The longer route continues with an extension to the town of Randa, where you can climb up to the hilltop sanctuary. From this impressive 13th century building you get panoramic views over the entire island.

Both routes then return to Sineu, where you can have a well deserved rest. In the evening we recommend heading to one of the excellent restaurants that are clustered within the narrow streets and plazas of the old town.

Accommodation: Villa Sa Barcella 4*, Sineu

Cycle Routes

Short Route: 39km

Long Route: 58km





Sunday 13th Nov - Circular ride

This circular ride visits more of the historic villages and monuments of Central Mallorca, as well as riding once more through the vineyards of the Binissalem region.

Accommodation: Villa Sa Barcella 4*, Sineu

Cycle Routes

Short Route: 42km

Long Route: 57km

Monday 14th Nov - Palma

The cycling tour finishes after breakfast.

We will transfer you to Palma at 12:00.

Accommodation: Hotel Almudaina 4*, Palma



Tuesday 15th Nov - Departure

The holiday finishes after breakfast. Transfer on your own to the airport. The hotel will be happy to arrange a Taxi for you in time for your flight 12:25.



What is Included:

- 9 nights accommodation with breakfast
- Transfers from Palma airport and to Palma city
- Luggage transfer between hotels
- Route information pack (detailed description of the routes, including step by step guide, altitude map and annotated map, points of interest, restaurant recommendations, other useful contacts and information)
- GPS tracks and mobile app to follow the routes stress free
- Daily extensions if you wish to cycle further
- Hybrid bike hire

Price: €1,350 EUR per person (based on two sharing a room)

- + 120EUR extra night in Sineu
- + 280EUR two extra nights in Palma
- + 40EUR extra transfer from Palma airport at the start