

Mallorca Cycling Weekend

Trip code: ML



Overview

 Total 3 days

 Hotels

 Difficulty: 

 Cycling 3 days

 Spain

 January - December

Cycling in Mallorca is an absolute delight - challenging climbs, plenty of sunshine, epic descents, fantastic hotels and some of the finest cycling roads in Europe. On this cycling weekend you'll experience the some of the best of the island including the iconic *Sa Colobra*, the stunning coastal road to the Formentor Lighthouse, and several other classic climbs in this fabulous cycling destination.

Highlights

- Visiting the Formentor Lighthouse passing through dramatic coastal scenery
- Epic descents through the Tramuntana mountain range
- Tackling the infamous *Sa Colobra*, a climb from sea level to 682 metres
- Relaxing in comfortable, high quality hotels and restaurants at the end of each day
- Ascending 787m along the highest climb in Mallorca, *Puig Major*
- Climbing two lesser-known colls - *Coll de Soller* and *Coll d'Honor*



Detailed Ride Itinerary

Day 1: Transfer to Port Pollença, Formentor Lighthouse loop, overnight Playa de Muro (53km & 1200 metres ascent)

You will be met by the More Adventure team at Palma Airport where you'll be transferred with your bike and luggage to Port Pollença. Here we'll assemble bikes (or if you've hired a bike visit the hire shop to collect), get changed into cycling gear and begin our trip with a loop out to the Formentor Lighthouse and back. This stunning peninsula is the perfect introduction to cycling in Mallorca as the road meanders above the sea below with several shorter climbs to get stuck into. There's also a cafe at the lighthouse so we'll hopefully drop in for coffee before beginning our ride back to our hotel for the night in Playa de Muro near Port d'Alcudia.

Day 2: Playa de Muro - Sa Colobra - Port de Soller (98km & 2600m ascent)

After a good night's rest we begin our second day cycling in Mallorca. Today is a challenging route into the Tramuntana mountain range as we leave the sea behind and begin the longest climb on the island, *Puig Major*. Our ascent begins just after the town of Pollença as we head south-west to the top of our first climb, the *Coll de Femenia*. At around 45km we break off the *Puig Major* and head north-west towards the most famous climb in Mallorca, *Sa Colobra*. We'll descend this iconic climb to sea level at Sa Calobra for coffee then begin back up a road regularly ascended by the Sky Team and Sir Bradley Wiggins. By this point you'll be familiar with the seemingly endless switchbacks but with an average gradient of 7% over 10km, there will be plenty of opportunity to enjoy the scenery, sheer cliffs faces and road cutouts in the rock. The top of the climb is the *Coll des Reis* where we'll have a well-earned breather overlooking the valleys below. From here we'll complete the final few kilometres of the *Puig Major* climb before an exhilarating 18km descent to our hotel in Port de Soller.

Day 3: Port de Soller - Coll de Soller - Coll d'Honor - Palma airport (72km & 1400m ascent)

From Port de Soller we're straight into our first climb of the day, the *Coll de Soller*. Since a tunnel was built through the mountainside, this fantastic climb sees far less motorised traffic. From the 2km marker we turn off the busier road and begin the 22 consecutive switchbacks which are not too dissimilar to those of the *Alpe d'Huez*. From the col, an incredible and technical descent leads to the small town of Bunyola, nestled in the Serra de Tramuntana where we'll stop for coffee. From Bunyola we'll tackle our second major climb of the day, the *Coll d'Honor*. This is a 5km climb with some steeper sections, but with plenty of tree-cover it has a completely different feel to most other climbs on the island. We reach the col at around 27km where we'll begin our final descent back down to the plains below. Our route ends at Palma Airport where the More Adventure team will assist you with repacking bicycles for your flights home, or, if you have hired bicycles, they will return them to the hire shop for you. Here the trip ends and we say our goodbyes.

Included

- Cycle guide
- Support driver/bicycle mechanic
- 2 x night's hotel accommodation (single room)
- 2 x breakfasts
- Transfer from Palma Airport to Port Pollença
- All luggage transported during your trip
- GPX files of the route

Not Included

- Bicycle and Helmet
- Transport to and from pick-up and drop-off points
- Evening meals, lunches, drinks and snacks
- European Health Card (www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/home.do)
- Insurance

This itinerary is a guide only and can sometimes be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Whilst we endeavour to uphold the proposed daily mileages, this cannot be guaranteed due to changes to hotel bookings.

Trip Notes

Trip suitability

You will be cycling for between six and eight hours each day but this is not a race! This is a group trip and we like to cycle as such. You will be cycling through rolling countryside which will be hilly, and the pace will be determined by your Cycle Leader. If you are unable to keep to this moderate pace, you will be asked to travel in the support vehicle.

You must prepare before coming on the trip, anything cardiovascular will help as will of course cycling. Importantly you need to do some 6+ hour cycles so you will know what is required. **You will need to get some hill practice in!**

A link to our trip grades that explains in depth our star rating is here: www.moreadventure.co.uk/cycling-grades

Weather & Climate

The weather in Mallorca is largely stable throughout the year with plenty of sun and high temperatures. **It is absolutely essential that you are prepared for high temperatures, strong sunshine and are able to carry up to 2 litres of water.** However it is also essential that you are prepared for colder temperatures (particularly for the descents), it can rain at any time of the year and mornings can be chilly. Our recommendations on what clothing to bring will be issued upon booking.

Health

Your health and safety is our number one priority during any trip with More Adventure. For this reason, our leaders are the very best in the business, they all hold relevant outdoor First Aid Certificates and have hands-on practical medical experience in a variety of environments.

It is recommended that you visit your GP well in advance to discuss your trip and any pre-existing medical conditions you have. We will require a comprehensive medical declaration form that may need to be verified by your GP.

Insurance

Personal travel insurance is compulsory on any More Adventure trip. As a minimum, we require your cover to include medical expenses including emergency repatriation. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and damage/loss of luggage and personal effects (including your bicycle). [John Lewis](#) have Single Trip Cover Insurance plans for between £7 and £15. Click [here](#) to find out more.

If you're looking for reasonably-priced, specialist bicycle insurance, we have teamed up with [Yellow Jersey Cycle Insurance](#). They offer specialist cover for bicycles includes all the standard cover you'd expect but also cover other things like race fee cancellation, crash damage, wheels cover and even theft from inside a vehicle. Use the code MORE5ADV for up to 15% off.

You must also bring a European Health Card (www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/home.do) which are free and give you access to free healthcare anywhere in Europe.

Please be aware that your More Adventure leader will be checking your insurance documents on the first day of this trip and may refuse you to join the trip if your insurance cover is insufficient. The insurance company's 24 hour emergency contact number will need to be seen by your leader.

Money

Lunches and evening meals tend to cost between £10 and £15. You will need Euros to spend in Spain.

Accommodation

Accommodation for this trip is in good quality, comfortable hotels, they have hot water showers and excellent amenities. It is also based upon a single room occupancy.

Food

Breakfast will vary each morning but will generally be continental-style with hot drinks and juices. Lunches will be eaten in local cafes along the way. We will also be stopping at shops and cafes along the way for you to buy snacks and drinks.

Lunches, evening meals and drinks are not included in the price and we will eat out as a group at a local cafe/restaurant. Approximate costs per lunch/evening meal £10-£15.

Equipment

We recommend road bicycles for this trip. Please contact us if you are unsure whether your bike is suitable.

Bikes are not included in the price. It is very important that your bike is in good working order and that you bring plenty of spares. Please bring at least two spare inner tubes. Your Cycle Leader will assist you with any minor bicycle repairs.

You must bring suitable, reasonably new tyres (e.g. Continental Gatorskin, Bontrager AW2; Schwalbe Marathon Plus). We recommend using [Wiggle \(click HERE\)](#) or [Chain Reaction Cycles \(click HERE\)](#) for the best value and quality in cycling clothing and equipment.

We do not provide helmets but we strongly recommend you bring your own to wear.

If you wish to hire a bicycle instead of bringing your own, please visit <https://www.procyclehire.com> where you can hire excellent quality carbon bikes from between €60 - €100 for the trip. We will visit the hire shop on Day 1 to pick your bike up and the More Adventure team will drop it back off on the final day.

Clothing

It is crucial to be prepared for the weather! The trip will continue in all but the absolute worst of weathers. Generally the best clothes to wear while cycling are light and comfortable. Please bring a lightweight waterproof top and a lightweight windproof top for the long descents. Make sure you bring enough clothes for each day cycling and for evening meals. Better to "have and not need than to need and not have"!

Luggage

All luggage will be transported between hotels as you cycle but you will need to carry inner tubes, snacks and water. Bike boxes and bags can be transported on the support vehicle throughout the trip if needed.

Leaders

This trip is led by at least one experienced and qualified cycle leader who will cycle with the group at all times. They guide and encourage the group, and help deal with any bicycle mechanicals. In addition to this, another leader drives the support vehicle offering assistance where necessary and transfers all luggage from one hotel to the other.

This trip will run on a minimum number of 7 persons. Please do not book any transport to/from the trip until it has been confirmed by email that it will run.

How to book

1. Find a date that suits you on our website
2. Click 'Book Now'
3. Fill in your personal details (if you are booking for a group, there is an option here to do so)
4. Fill in your medical details
5. Invite your friends if you wish!
6. Click on 'Make Payment' and securely pay a 40% deposit through Worldpay
7. **Congratulations - you've now secured your place!**
8. You will receive a confirmation email and further information about the trip
9. The remaining balance needs to be paid no later than 5 weeks before the trip begins