

Cycling Safaris

SPAIN

Balearic Islands 2017 - From Ibiza to Mallorca Guided Tour

8 days/7 nights, approx. 106 mi./170 km by bicycle; Level 2 - 3



Come with us to the probably best-known and most popular group of islands in Europe! With the two-mast-clipper “Sir Robert Baden Powell” or the “Atlantis” you get to know the Balearic Islands by way of the sea. The cycle tours take you to the most beautiful spots and the most impressive sites on Mallorca, Ibiza and Formentera. Past medieval fortresses, isolated villages and watch towers, you cycle through the ever-changing landscape of the archipelago, stopping at beaches with enticing, crystal-clear water or at tapas bars offering a rich selection of Spanish specialties. The nights are spent anchored at sea near ports or in secluded bays. On board, you are welcome to pitch in with the rigging or just relax and enjoy the fresh sea breeze under full sails.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sat) Embarkation at Ibiza town

Individual arrival at the airport and journey to the port of Ibiza town. Your proud ship is **ready for boarding at 6 pm**. If you arrive earlier, you can leave your luggage on board after 2 pm and spend the afternoon as you wish. Go for a stroll through the Old Town with its narrow lanes and numerous attractions. Enjoy the magnificent view from the walls of the mighty fortification system. The first communal meal lures you back on board. During a welcome drink on deck, you receive a brief introduction to life on board and get to know the crew. Overnight stay in the port of Ibiza.

Day 2 (Sun) Ibiza island: Sa Caleta –Cale d’Hort (approx. 16 mi. /25 km – 1,312 ft/400m elevation)

After a good breakfast a guided sightseeing-tour takes you across the UNESCO protected old town. Take a walk between the walls of the mighty fortress, where the grand past of the island metropolis becomes alive. Afterwards it's time to “Cast off!” Your ship takes you to the Bay of Sa Caleta, which is framed by fishing boats. Your cycling tour leads you along fennel-lined streets, around the highest point of the Island towards the sea passing vineyards and white-washed fincas as well as the lovely little town of St. Josef. Breathtaking views onto the bay and at the rocky island as well as onto the ship passing by will make you dream as soon as you reach the cliff coast. You reach the marvellous beach of Cala d’Hort in the afternoon, which invites you to take a swim in this temptingly turquoise blue water. If you like, you are allowed to swim back to the ship. Overnight stay on anchor close to the myth-enshrouded and fascinating rocky island of Es Vedra.

Day 3 (Mon) Formentera Island: La Savina – La Mola Lighthouse – Es Calo (approx. 22 mi. /35 km – 820 ft/250m elevation)

In the Morning your ship takes you on a two hour cruise to the north of Formentera Island. If you're keen, get some practise in sailing. Formentera is the smallest inhabited island of the Balearics and often quite justly called the Caribbean of the Mediterranean. Your cycling tour takes you to the islands capital Sant Francesc and along white cubicle houses to the lighthouse La Mola, which Jules Verne mentions in one of his novels as „the lighthouse at the end of the world“. The cliffs behind the lighthouse fall off steeply for 140 m, and it is said that in good weather conditions one can see all the way to Africa. You will have some time in the late afternoon to go for a swim at one of the most beautiful beaches of the Balearic Islands. You also should not miss ending the day with a relaxing cocktail at the beach bar in the bay of Es Calo to let the day fade away.

Day 4 (Tues) Ibiza Island: Es Canar - Benirras (approx 19mi. /30km – 1,476ft/450m elevation)

Your sailing ship takes you in the morning to Es Canar. Today's cycle tour takes you through the agricultural centre of the island, where numerous almond, fig and carob trees grow. Here we are also going to see the typical red soil of Ibiza. We stop for lunch in a little village called Sant Carlos coming up with a large amount of Ibizan specialities. Afterwards you cycle along the mountainous and wooded north of Ibiza at an elevation of 300 m to the secluded bay of Benirras. One's pirate heart will jump for joy! Framed by steep rocks, you stay here on your proud ship overnight anchoring.

Day 5 (Wed) Ibiza Island: Benirras – Mallorca island (Sailing Day)

You lift anchor early in the morning to spend the day sailing. You are heading towards Port d’Andratx, which is situated in the southwest of Mallorca. After an extensive breakfast sailing enthusiasts can take an active part in the sailing of the ship. For those who would rather watch, it's enough to enjoy the fresh sea breeze or to settle down with a book they have always wanted to read. After arriving Mallorca Island, there is time for a refreshing swim in the sea or a walk along the promenade of Port d’Andratx. To be side by side to noble yards as well as native fisher boats creates a special atmosphere to enjoy. Try one of the good fish restaurants for dinner today. What could be nicer than eating delicious food in a place with a view?

Day 6 (Thurs) Port d'Andratx – Peguera – Sant Elm –Port d/Antratz (Round tour)
(approx. 24 mi. /38 km – 2,300ft/700m elevation)

Today's round trip takes you along the coast to the holidays resort Peguera. From here we cycle on less frequented country roads, while passing a 240 m-high mountain pass to Andratx; a place which kept its pristine charme. You continue cycling to the likeable and quiet resort of Sant Elm, where you can spent the afternoon as you like. Go for a swim at the beautiful local beach or join a walk to the old watchtower. In the late afternoon you finish off your bike tour with a small climb and arrive back in Port d'Antratz.

Day 7 (Fri) Mallorca Island : Port d'Antratz – Port de Soller
(approx. 25mi. /40 km – 2,624ft/800m elevation)

Early in the morning your proud ship takes you along the impressive steep coastline to a sheltered cove in the northwest of the islands to go on your journeys final cycle tour. It takes you from Port des Canonge along a lovely mountain road across the pass of Coll de Claret (450 m of altitude). Many beautiful views high above the sea will soon make you forget all the exertion. We finish or morning cycle tour at the picturesque town Valldemossa with its famous Carthusian monastery. Take your time to stroll through the flower decorated town during your extensive lunch break. In the afternoon, you continue along a lovely mountain road down to Port de Soller. The route is lined with highlights, such as the picturesque artists village of Deia and the former Son Marroig Estate. After arriving Soller, you can watch the lively scene while drinking a cup of coffee in the Placa de Constitucio before the last communal meal lures you back on board. The last evening is traditionally spent in a cosy get-together of guests, crew and tour guides. You spend the night in the harbour of Soller.

Day 8 (Sat) Mallorca Port de Soller (Disembarkation)

After breakfast, check-out until 9.00 am and individual journey departure.

Alterations/Changes:

We reserve the right to make changes to the planned route due to changing wind and weather conditions and where required by organizational necessities. If external circumstances and weather conditions allow it, it is possible to cover longer distances during the night. The extra time thus gained could be used during the day for extending the cycling program.

2017 TOUR DATES

Saturday start:

August 27*

September 3, 10*, 17, 24*

October 1

*- Reverse route: Mallorca to Ibiza

2017 TOUR PRICE

€1,570.00 per person sharing cabin

Single cabin - on request, subject to availability:

+€500.00 single cabin supplement

A limited number of E-bikes are available at a supplement of +€80

WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- 8-day-trip on a tallship with crew
- 7 nights on a tallship in a standard double cabin with shower/toilet
- Catering as mentioned in the itinerary (7 x breakfast & 7 warm dinners on board)
- Guided or individual cycling tours as described in itinerary
- Bed linen and towels (incl. change of towels once a week)
- 21-gear hybrid bicycle incl. Ortlieb pannier
- Overview-maps for the daily tours (on board)
- English speaking tour guide

Not included in the tour price:

- Journey to Mallorca
- Drinks onboard (Tally sheet to be paid to the captain).
- Insurance against theft and damage of the rental 21-speed hybrid bike €10 / per week or rental E-bike €20 / week (not insured deliberate damages)
- Tips for tour guides and crew
- Entrance fees for sights not included in the tour price
- Limited numbers of e-bikes available for a supplement of €80

Atlantis Tall Ship

Tour dates: August 21, September 4, 18

With a length of 57 m boat and width of 7.5 m offers 17 comfortable, air-conditioned cabins, each with twin beds and shower/toilet for up to 34 guests, the pristine tall ship and experienced crew meet the highest of expectations. Guests are welcomed to witness or even lend a hand when the crew are setting the sails, and view the proud barque starting to steer through the water.



BIKE & FITNESS



Bike hire is included in the tour package.

- **Frames** - Our bicycles are available in four different frame sizes; 2 ladies (for up to 160cms (5 ft. 3 in.), and above that) and 2 men's (up to 6 ft., and above) to cater for all body heights.
- **Wheels** - Very stable 28 inch hollow chamber rims with Continental Top Touring tyre (easy turning and solid).
- **Gear change** - 21-gear derailleur, Alivio
- **Further Equipment** - Shimano V-brakes with strong "bite", partly inclination-adjustable stern, carrier, very stable chainstays stand (HEBIE), comfortable touring saddle of Selle Royal, safety mudguards with releasing mechanism.
- **Please Note:** You can bring your own saddle (without the post) or your own click pedals, and the tour guide will attach them to your rental bicycle.

The cycle tours require a basic level of fitness from participants, which they should have acquired from steady cycling. The tours take you up to a height of 853 – 2,460 ft./ 260 and 750 m above sea-level. The daily tours from 19 - 31 mi. /30 to 50 km lead you through hilly and mountainous terrain and will be completed without any time-constraints. Participants also need to master long and steep climbing's. Streets are mostly asphalted and less traffic occurs during the off seasons. You are free to set aside a half or full day to swim or spend on board the boat, instead of taking a planned cycle-tour. Each day you can either decide to cycle alone, using the information and maps provided, or join the tour guides. **Helmets use is mandatory in Spain. You are strongly encouraged to bring your own well-fitted helmet. Rental helmets are available on board in limited number (on request).**

WHAT TO BRING

Specialised cycle clothing may be handy but not strictly necessary. What you do need (among other things) is the following:

- shorts/ long trousers/ track suit/ leggings
- shirts/ sweater/ rain clothing
- good shoes
- sunglasses/ cap/ swimming costume
- extra towel for swimming
- soap/ insect repellent/ sunscreen
- own helmet

GROUP, GUIDE AND BACK-UP SERVICE

On this tour there will be a guide cycling with the group.

Our tour guides will inform you beforehand of the nature and difficulty of the tour so you are able to decide if you want to cycle with or rather relax on board. If you would like to cycle on your own, the guide will provide you with maps and tips for routes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meals

The cook that travels along is a member of the crew and prepares breakfast and two warm dishes a day which take into account the requirements of active cyclists. The ample breakfast comprises bread, butter, jam, cheese, sausages, coffee, and tea as well as some extras.

Please let us know beforehand if there are any foods you may or will not eat, and we will do our best to accommodate your wishes and to provide alternatives.

Electricity, water and telephone on the ship

Electricity and water are available on board, of course, but within limits. All ships have a generator for 220V, which will however not work around the clock, e.g. to ensure your night's rest it will be switched off overnight.

The plugs are ordinary flat European plugs with two round pins of 4.8 mm in diameter.

The water tanks are large enough to provide sufficient cold and warm water for washing and showering for everyone, if it is used with consideration, i.e. if you turn it off while soaping, and do not leave it on unneeded.

All countries have access to a local GSM 900 mobile telephone network that you can log into if your phone is GSM compatible.

Arrival to tour start

- It is possible to fly to PalmaMallorca/Ibiza Airport, both are a taxi ride to your port of embarkation. From the airport you can take a taxi to the ship (Port de Soller, Mallorca, approx. 34 km & Ibiza town port, Ibiza approx. 15kms).