

HeartCycle Bicycle Touring Club
THE ISLAND OF MALLORCA

- Dates:** Arrival Saturday, May 4, 2019. Ride Sunday, May 5 - Friday, May 17 with departure Saturday, May 18, 2019.
- Orientation:** Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 5:00 PM
- Leaders:** Rich Crocker & Polly Page
- Rating:** Intermediate with relaxed options (see route details)
- Riders:** 28 max (plus 2 leaders)
- Price:** \$2750.00 (Double Occupancy) \$800.00 at registration. Balance due Feb 1, 2019. Single supplement fee is \$687.00 (25%)

Cancellation: The cancellation fee is \$50.00 before November 30, 2018. Due to vendor contracts, the cancellation fee is \$400 after November 30, 2018 until January 31, 2019 (unless we have a replacement, then \$50). There will be no refunds for cancellations after January 31, 2019.

Travel insurance is strongly recommended.

The Mediterranean island of Mallorca is known as the Mecca of European Spring cycling for good reasons. Spring brings warm, sunny weather (You can expect an average low of 55 and a high of 75 degrees Fahrenheit in May) and the island provides a wide variety of routes on excellent roads with extremely low automobile traffic. An extensive system of signed bike routes has been established which uses small single lane farm roads (*camis*) and low traffic two lane roads. Our cycling routes will vary from flat terrain to rolling hills to long climbs as we ride along the coast, through the plains and foothills and into the mountains. The beautiful landscape includes secluded pine forests, olive, almond and citrus groves, spectacular sea cliffs and Spanish architecture. On days when you may choose not to ride there are many options for other tourist or sport activities including enjoying the beach, winery tours, spa visits, golf, and visits to historic Palma, Soller, Alcudia, and Pollenca.

Hotels and Meals:

This will be an 'almost fixed-base' tour. We spend the first week at the 3 star Hotel Taurus Park in the beach community of S'Arenal just south of Palma, riding the quiet, rural southwestern part of the island. On Friday afternoon we turn in our bikes and on Saturday morning we board a private, comfortable, air conditioned bus for a 1 hour trip to the northwestern part of the island to the 5 star Hotel Zafiro Palace where we get fitted with new bikes and settle in for the second week of riding.

Breakfast and dinner are included at both hotels. Meals are served buffet style with a wide variety of main courses, salads, fruits, and desserts that change each day. Dinner beverages including bottled water, wine and beer are at your own expense.

Mallorca has a Tourism Tax of about 30 euros per person per week. This will appear on your final bill from both hotels when you check out and is your responsibility.

Riding and Rental Bikes:

Two routes will be offered each day to accommodate riders of various styles. You'll have a choice of the relaxed ride of 30-40 miles with 1,000-1,200 ft of elevation gain or the more challenging 50-60 mile route with 2,000-5,000 ft of climbing. Detailed maps and cue sheets will be provided for both routes as well as .tcx file routes for your Garmin or smartphone.

These will not be 'guided rides with a ride leader' like are often offered in Europe. Everyone can ride at their own pace and take breaks where and when they like. There can be lots of twists and turns, especially when passing through small, historic towns, SO a Garmin with a European map card or a smart phone with the Ride With GPS app is **STRONGLY** recommended.

There will not be a SAG vehicle - instead we will be enjoying the many cafes along the way for group rally points. If you have a mechanical or physical failure, call the bike rental folks and you will be rescued.

All the rental bikes are high quality, low mileage, well maintained models with Shimano components. Both road bikes and hybrid bikes (men's and women's) will be available. Electronic Shimano Di2 equipped road bikes, hybrid electric bikes, and tandems may be available with a surcharge.

Plan on bringing your own pedals, helmet, under the seat saddle bag and perhaps a handlebar bag. If you ride a particular, special shaped saddle, you may want to bring it along as well. If you desire to bring your own bike, you certainly may, but there will not be a reduction in the tour price.

Details:

Plan to arrive at Palma de Mallorca Airport (PMI) during the morning of Saturday, May 5 and take a taxi (about 20 Euros) or public bus (3 Euros) to the Hotel Taurus Park in the beach community of S'Arenal. Plan to depart PMI on Saturday, May 18.

Included in the tour price is your lodging, daily breakfast and dinner buffets, a high quality road or hybrid bike, a bike jersey from each week, transportation from the 1st hotel in S'Arenal to the 2nd hotel in Port d'Alcudia, and then transportation back to the airport at the end of the tour.

Out of pocket expenses include the 30 euro Tourist Tax at each hotel, lunches, hotel beverages, tourist activities, and taxi or bus fare from the airport to the 1st hotel.

Week One Routes from Arenal: Sunday through Friday

Orientation to Lluçmajor 47 miles/1700 feet Time to get over jet lag, take a test ride on the rental bikes and get an orientation to the central town of Lluçmajor, the Ciclo Turística routes of the south island, and Mallorquin signage. Return to the hotel in time for any bicycle adjustments. **Relaxed Lluçmajor is 31 miles/900 feet.**

Randa-Porerer-Campos 60 miles/3900 feet A ride that includes two climbs: the Cura Sanctuary and the Monastery de Monte-Sion, and an option to visit the pearl outlets in Montuiri. **Relaxed Randa is 42 miles/1500 feet.**

Cala Pi 54 miles/1650 feet A ride along the southwest coast to the beach towns of Cala Pi and Sa Rapita, then back along the cycle route to Lluçmajor. **Relaxed Cala Pi is 37 miles/1250 feet.**

Orient Valley 68 miles/4400 feet A ride north past Palma airport to the south side of the Serra de Tramuntana through Alaro, Orient, over the Coll d'Honor and down through Bunyola. An option for extra climbing is Col Soller. **Relaxed version TBD.**

Calvia- Puigpunyent -Esporles. 50 miles/3000 feet A ride along the beach bikeway to Palma, then immediately up into the Serra de Tramuntana and into the olive groves, pine forests, hills and valleys with great views of the Mediterranean Sea. **Relaxed Algaida is 35 miles/1100 feet.**

Northwest Coast 54 miles/5000 feet We will take a shuttle to Port Andratx and ride the northwest coastal road with spectacular views of the Mediterranean Sea and climbs through pine forests through Estellencs and Banyalbufar to the lovely town of Valdemossa. **Relaxed version TBD or train excursion to Soller.**

Week Two Routes from Port d'Alcudia: Sunday through Friday

Orientation to Pollenca, Sa Pobla 51 miles/ 2100 feet. A test ride on our new rental bikes and an orientation to the north-central towns of Pollenca and Sa Pobla along with the Ecovies route system of the north island. **Relaxed Pollenca is 36 miles/1100 feet.**

Lluc Monastery 52 miles/2950 feet. A visit to the most important pilgrimage site on Mallorca since the thirteenth century which is still active and has beautiful buildings and an interesting museum. After a challenging climb into the Serra Tramuntana, we'll have a long descent into Pollenca before returning to our hotel. **Relaxed Coves de Campanet is 31 miles/1000 feet.**

Cap Formentor / Cala Sant Vicenc 46 mile/3500 feet. A classic ride to the remote lighthouse on Cap Formentor with a return stop at the beach village of Cala Sant Vicenc. **Relaxed Cala Sant Vincenc is 27 miles/900 feet.**

Sineu Velodrome 50 miles/1800 feet. A ride along the longest bike route on the island through Sencelles, Costitx and Santa Margalida, with an opportunity to test yourself on the outdoor velodrome in Sineu. **Relaxed Shuttle to Els Calderers is 28 miles/1000 feet.**

Sa Colobra 67 miles/5000 feet. Another classic ride as an out and back from Port d'Alcudia. Other options will be to go with a guide, on your own route, enjoy the beach, or go on a catamaran sail in the bay. **Relaxed Son Real is 32 miles/1000 feet.**

Petra 46 miles/2000 feet A ride, mostly on roads instead of camis, to the beautiful town of Petra. **Relaxed Llubi / Muro is 30 miles/1100 feet.**

Transportation to the airport in Palma (PMI) will be provided on Saturday, May 18. It is a 24/7 shuttle service that will be scheduled to depart approximately 4 hours before your flight departure time.

REMEMBER.

Travel insurance, including coverage for medical expenses and evacuation back to the US is STRONGLY encouraged.

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with questions or for any further details.