



Tour de Majorca, Spain

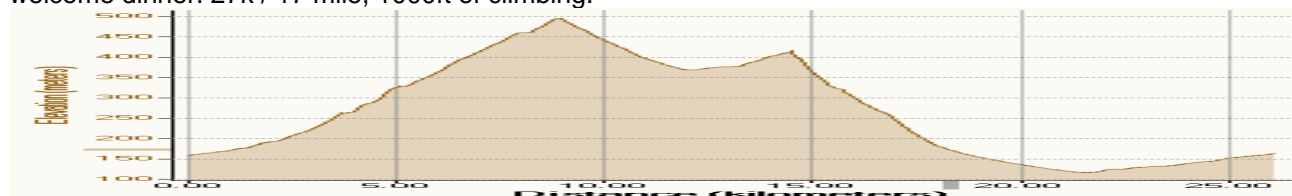
The Mediterranean Cycling Dream

Majorca is one of the prime cycling destinations on this planet. If Disneyland had to invent a bicycle ride, they would take the roads of Majorca. Cycling the switchbacking roads up and down the Colls (passes) of the Sierra Tramuntana will be an unforgettable experience and is must-do in the lifetime of any passionate cyclist. We have developed a tour with 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.

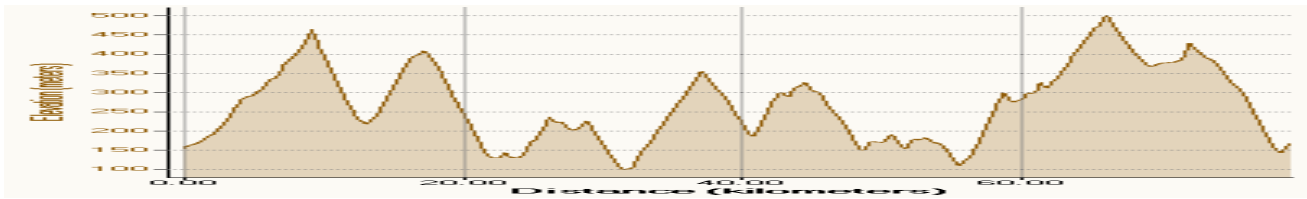
Over the last couple of years, the island of Majorca, situated off the Spanish coast in the Mediterranean Sea, has developed into Europe's road-biking heaven. The perfect climate, an abundance of quiet little back roads, spectacular mountain vistas and secluded beaches make it easy to understand why many of the world's professional road-biking teams choose this island as their training ground. On the tour, 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.

Arrival day (Saturday): Plan to arrive in Palma de Majorca on Saturday, the day before the tour. This allows you to acclimatize and spend some time in the old city of Palma. We can book you a hotel in Palma.

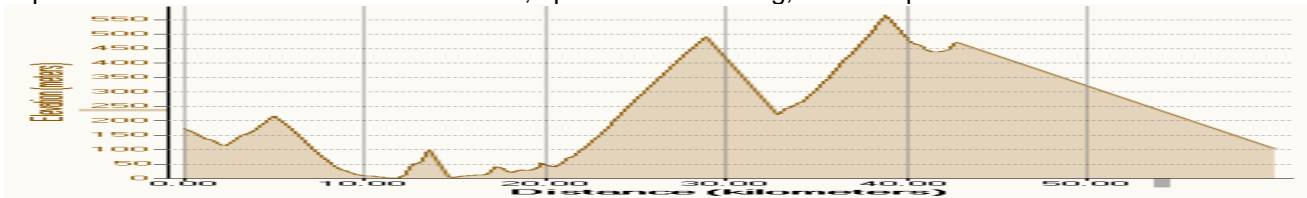
Day One (Sunday): Take a short taxi ride and meet us in a country hotel (Finca) near the village of Esporlas in the foothills of the Sierra Tramuntana. Here you will be fitted with your bike and will have a chance to get used to the climate on a short trip to the countryside. Blue skies and Mediterranean landscapes are awaiting you. We begin with a gradual ascent into the Sierra Tramuntana mountain range toward the village of Valdemossa. Here you have a chance to marvel at the historic architecture of the most beautiful village on Majorca. Many artists have made Valdemossa their home, among them Frederic Chopin! You will stay overnight in a beautifully restored country-style lodge (finca) and get to know each other during a tasteful welcome dinner. 27k / 17 mile, 1000ft of climbing.



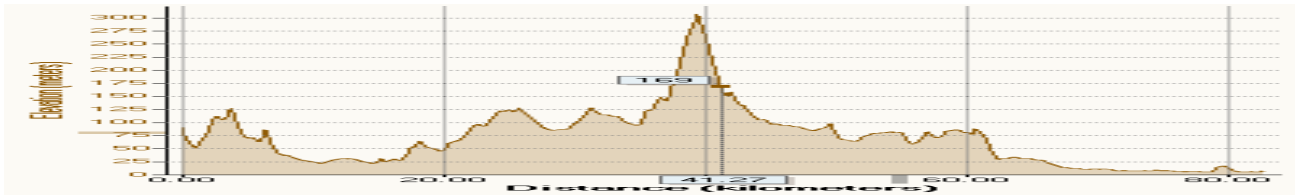
Day Two:! An epic ride takes us through the Southern Tramuntana mountains. 5 passes with seemingly endless switchback climbs on moderate grades and exciting downhills await. You will experience Majorca's truly spectacular coastline for the first time. On your way to Deia, you will enjoy amazing views of the Mediterranean from high. We stay overnight in an exquisite Mallorquin mansion, the famous La Residencia. (selected in "100 places to go"). Distance 50-100 km / 30-60 miles, up to 7000ft climbing. Shorter options available.



Day Three: 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 / 4,800ft. 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. Distance 60-90 km / 40+ miles, up to 5000ft climbing, shorter options available.

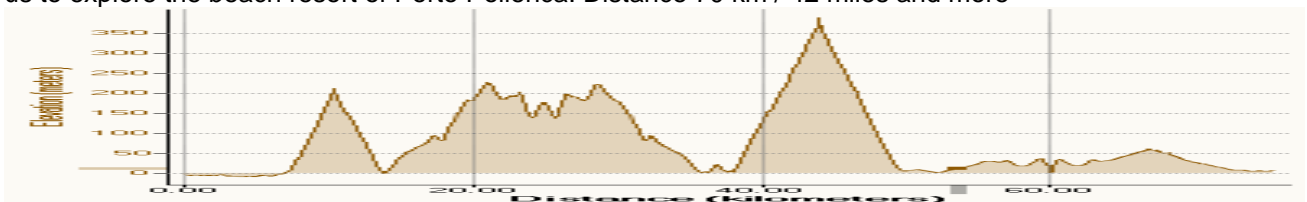


Day Four: Today we ride on very quiet country roads through orchards, fields and small villages toward the agricultural center of the island. Wednesdays is market day in Sineu and with a little imagination you are taken back to a medieval setting. You can buy anything from donkeys to silverware in the narrow walkways and plazas around the church on the island's largest market. Today's only and optional climb takes you up to the monastery of Bonany where we enjoy quietness and an awesome view across the interior of Majorca. We will be staying in the luxurious, beautiful Club Pollensa resort, our base for the next four nights. The club is perfectly situated on the gorgeous north coast of Mallorca and is strictly managed as an environmentally conscious resort. Distance 60-80 km / 40+ miles.



Day Five: Today your cycling muscles get a well-deserved break and you may enjoy the luxury of the resort. However, the bikes are available to you in case you want to explore the nearby markets and beaches. Alcudia, ringed by an intact Roman Wall is only 5 minutes by bike and Pollenca with its quiet historic inner city are well worth exploring. Alternatively sea kayaking can be arranged or you can join one of our guides for a ride to the monastery at Betlem. Optional 100k/60miles

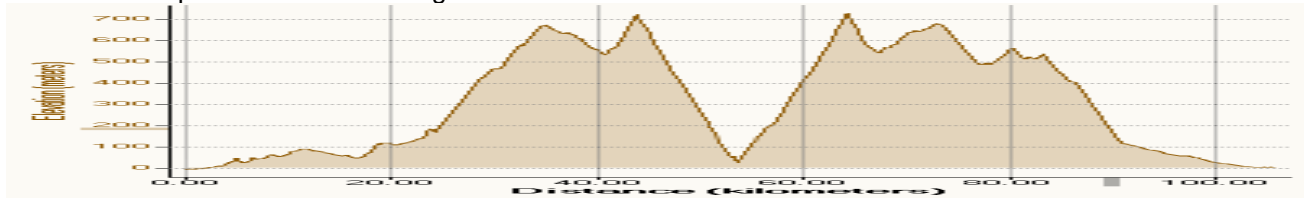
Day Six: Cap Formentor, the very northern tip of the island, is our destination for today. A winding road along steep cliffs offers an entertaining ride with breathtaking views of the deep blue sea. On our way we will rest at a secluded beach and have a look at the world famous Hotel Formentor, a hide out for political refugees during WW II. On today's trip 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. Our return journey will allow us to explore the beach resort of Porto Pollenca. Distance 70 km / 42 miles and more



Day Seven: On our last day of cycling we will cross the northern Sierra. 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 a an exciting downhill back to Pollenca. Have a coffee on the plaza at the base of the 365 stairs leading up to the church at Calvary Hill.

Those who are opting for the long version will 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 bicycle Disney

ride. It is the Majorquin road builder's masterpiece and for many cycling greats, including Lance Armstrong, the climb back up was a favourite spring training ride. It is a great measuring stick for cyclists from all around the world. After you top out you will be rewarded with another fast descent to Pollenca. Distance 70-120 km / 40-72 miles. Up to 6600 ft of climbing.



Day Eight: 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.

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2010 Trip Dates:

October 3-10

Trip starts in Esporles near Palma and finishes in Palma de Mallorca, Spain

2010 Prices:

Trip Cost	\$2,895 CAD per person in Four and Five Star accommodations New Lower Price because of weak EURO
Single supplement	\$700 CAD
Bike Rental	\$240 CAD

Includes:

- 7 nights accommodation in traditional fincas and luxury resorts
- All meals (7 breakfasts, 1 lunches, 5 dinners, refreshments and snacks)
- Professional guide services
- Support vehicle & luggage transport
- Admissions
- All transfers

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