

Mallorca Cycle Challenge Itinerary

Day 1, Thursday 12 September 2019:

UK to Palma, Mallorca

After a short flight from the UK, we'll pick you up and transfer you to our hotel, situated in the historic town Alcudia. Once we have checked in and grabbed some lunch, we have a short briefing before the bike fittings (for those that have hired bikes). In the afternoon we have our first chance to test our bikes on the smooth and cycle-friendly roads of Mallorca with a 50km ride to the charming village Pollensa. We are back in time for our first evening meal together.

Distance: 50km (31 miles)

Evening meal included.



Day 2, Friday 13th September 2019:

Cap de Formentor

Our first challenge sees us tackle one of Mallorca's most famous rides on the island.

The ride out to Cap de Formentor, the most northerly tip of the island, is through a sweet-smelling alpine forest. The views of the Mediterranean Sea are truly spectacular. Riding on quiet country roads, passing olive groves and almond trees, we head north towards the foothills of the Tramuntana Mountains. Don't be fooled by the rolling roads though, this ride has a sting in its tail!

After a beautiful morning's ride, which has taken us through farmland in the northern part of the island, we pick up the quiet country road from Campenet to Old Town Pollensa where we stop for lunch in the old town square. After lunch we head for Port Pollensa.

Our first climb starts almost immediately from Pollensa, climbing hairpin bends up to 220m with average gradients of 7-10%. This climb can be

challenging but there are a few passing places where you can stop to take a breather. The road twists and turns, providing stunning views of hard-to-access beaches and Pollensa Bay.

You will ride 300 metres through a tunnel in the mountains which takes you to the final descent.

You have a moment to catch your breath before you make the final push to the lighthouse. Built in 1863 the lighthouse is an attractive, bright white building that sparkles in the sunshine. It's a great place to rest and take in the majestic scenery you've just ridden.



The return journey to Port de Pollensa provides more stunning views with a better opportunity to view the Cala Figuera beach with its turquoise waters. There are two noticeable pain points, the rapid descent to the Lighthouse, now becomes a punchy ascent rising 90m in less than a kilometre with several 15% kicks, and the 3.4km climb back up to El Mirador, before descending back to Pollensa.

Distance: 104.5km (65 miles)

Total Ascent/Descent: 6,263ft / 6,263ft

Breakfast and evening meal included.

Day 3, Saturday 14th September 2019:

Lluc, Coll dels Reis and Sa Calobra

Day three will see us tackle 3 infamous Colls on the island. Our day begins with a flat picturesque ride to warm up the legs, along the bay of Pollensa.

The challenge then starts with one of the most scenic climbs in Mallorca – the Coll de Femenia. This is a fantastic climb which you can use to either test your climbing ability or just take it easy and admire the incredible views. We continue towards the stunning UNESCO World Heritage Serra Tramuntana Mountains until we see the sign post for the infamous Sa Collabra. The Sa Collabra isn't just one of the best climbs in Mallorca – it's rated as one of the top 10 climbs in the world!

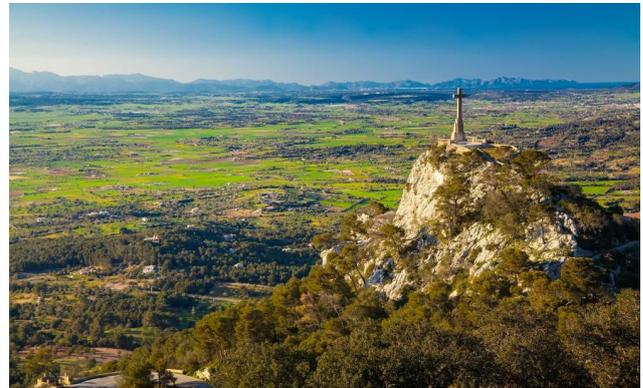


First we take a short and steady climb up the Coll dels Reis. Once you reach the top, brace yourself for unforgettable views of the spaghetti road of Sa Collabra. Here you can stop for a rest at the café and decide whether to test yourself on the mighty road itself. For those that choose to take on the challenge, you will descend to the beautiful bay and old fishing village of Sa Collabra, before starting the climb with its 26 hairpin bends and breath-taking views. Rumour has it; Sir Bradly Wiggins holds the unofficial record for completing the climb in 22 minutes and 30 seconds! For those that decide to leave the Sa Collabra for another time, you descend back down the Coll dels Reis for a relaxing lunch at Coll de sa Batalla and wait for the others to re-join us. After lunch we make our way down to the pretty country village Caimari where we pick up the wonderful rolling roads through Selva, Moscary and Buger on our journey back to the coast.

Distance: 112.5km (70 miles)

Total Ascent/Descent: 8,966ft / 8,959ft

Breakfast and evening meal included.



Day 4, Sunday 15 September 2019:

Sant Salvador Monastery

Our final day is filled with incredible rolling hills as we head inland to the iconic Monastery of Sant Salvador, built in 1348. Situated on a mountaintop, this place of pilgrimage offers outstanding panoramic views over the rural landscapes of Mallorca and Felanitx. We take the coastal road to Can Picafort before turning inland and taking a flat route through beautiful countryside and farmland. There are a couple of small hills to help us warm up the legs in preparation for Sant Salvador.

On reaching the rural town of Felanitx, we start the 5km tough yet steady climb. The roads are perfect and offer stunning views around every corner – it's like it was designed especially for cyclists! After stopping for photos and a well-earned rest, we descend from the Monastery and pick up an easy rolling route towards the sleepy village Petra. This ride is the perfect way to end your trip, with spectacular scenery that will leave you with a long-lasting memory of your amazing challenge in Mallorca. Tonight we celebrate the end of our epic journey and look back on our achievements with a special dinner!

Distance: 116.5km (72.5 miles)

Total Ascent/Descent: 4,616ft / 4,616ft

Breakfast and evening meal included.

Day 5, Monday 16th September 2019:

Palma, Mallorca to UK

Transfer to the airport for your return flight or choose to continue your time in Mallorca.