

DAY 2 · PALMA CITY - VALLDEMOSSA - DEIÀ - PORT DE SÓLLER - SÓLLER - BUNYOLA - PALMA CITY

Today's route is a classic of Mallorca. It's unthinkable to leave the island without visiting its most famous and charming inland villages. The first destination is Valldemossa, just under half an hour away. The town centre is pedestrianised, with cobbled streets and stone-fronted houses. You can park in the streets to the right of the main road, in the pay & display area, but it's free if you keep going for a few more blocks. Stroll around and discover the charms of a town where the famous musician Chopin and the poet Rubén Darío both lived. Valldemossa also welcomed other poets, painters and writers such as Unamuno, Azorín, José Luis Borges and Santiago Rusiñol. Visit the Cartuja, a monastery originally built as a royal residence that bore witness to the relationship between Chopin and George Sand. The gardens, with carefully-manicured hedges and flowers, are designed like a maze and very popular with children. You can also see the Palau del Rey Sañç, built by King Jaime II for his son. There are some terraces and shops here, but make sure you try the local "horchata de la tierra", which in some places is still hand-made using almond milk, lemon and cinnamon. It's an absolutely delicious drink. You can accompany it with a traditional coca de patata, a slightly sweet bun typical of Mallorca. Valldemossa has a coastal outlet, known as Puerto de Valldemossa, which has a small boat ramp instead of a full-blown marina. The way down is very steep, along a winding and seemingly endless road. The pebbled beach isn't anything special, so we actually recommend admiring the views from the start of the descent, as that is definitely worth it. An unforgettable vista. Then head along the beautiful coastal road until you reach Deià, just under twenty minutes away. It's known as the town of artists, because many painters and intellectuals have resided here. But there's a must-see beforehand: the Sa Foradada viewpoint. It's a famous rock perched over the sea, with a hole at one end. There is a fantastic walk down to it, crossing through a stunning olive grove with incredibly shaped trees. Son Marroig is an estate once owned by Archduke Ludwig Salvator of Austria, whose house you can visit and where you'll usually see cute donkeys ambling around. A few kilometres beforehand, the Monastery of Miramar is also interesting. Founded in 1276 by Ramón Llull, the island's first printing press was installed here in 1485 and the building itself was bought by the Archduke in 1872. In its chapel, there's a marble-sculpted statue of Our Lady, a gift from the Empress Sisi of Austria, and another that was a gift from Pope Pius IX. The way back to Sa Foradada is up a very steep slope, so think about it before setting out. Whatever you decide, the viewpoint next to the parking layby is great for a photo with the rock in the background. Once in Deià, you simply have to stroll around its cobbled streets lined by houses with hundreds of flower pots hanging from their facades. You can also visit the chapel, with its beautiful organ, the cannons that point out to the horizon and, of course, the village's famous cemetery, which commands unbeatable views. There are also several restaurants and art shops to explore. You can head down to Cala Deià, a beautiful small cove but generally crowded. There's one beach bar, where you can savour paella and other local specialities, but the privileged location and exclusivity hike up the prices. Continue along the coast road to Puerto de Sóller, twenty-five minutes away, an elegant resort with a unique spirit, boasting vestiges of a tourism that once attracted many French families for their summer holidays. The sandy beach has all the services you'll need, while its seafront promenade, dotted with restaurants, terraces and shops, is always packed. You can usually rent out kayaks here. If you have enjoy time and you like being out on the sea, the route is wonderful. Leaving the port to your right, and after a good while paddling, you'll come to a wider expanse with a fascinating navigable cave. You should ideally take a torch, as it's deeper than it looks from outside. A few kilometres further on is the gorge into which the Torrent de Sa Mora flows. The imposing rock walls close to one another make it impossible to enter with the kayak. For the less adventurous, the port itself is an ideal alternative. The sunset from the front is magical, with all the lights and boats reflected in the mirror-like water. Here or in the town centre, fifteen minutes' drive inland, you can try one of the famous ice creams of Sóller, with a host of original flavours. The old town is home to some interesting modernist buildings, such as the Banco de Sóller, heavily influenced by Gaudi, and the station, now used by a gorgeous wooden train to carry tourists to and from Palma. Onward to Bunyola, twenty minutes away through the tunnel. This is a cute small town, but its main attraction is its natural environment, known as the Commune of Bunyola, a mountain with lush vegetation that serves as a green lung for the island. Many tourists walk or cycle out there, so the local council has begun to charge for vehicle access to limit the number of cars. Another fascinating sight in this town is the country house known as Raixa, which the government bought some years back. It has been restored and can now be visited for free, usually in the morning. The gardens, statues, fountains, viewpoints and the large pond full of huge carp are well worth seeing. If closed, it's also worth taking a walk around via a private estate, but with right of way. Round the day off back in Palma, strolling along the Born and Las Ramblas. Overnight stay in Palma City.

● DAY 3 · POLLENSA - PUERTO POLLENSA - FORMENTOR - ALCUDIA

Departure to Puerto Pollensa in the north of the island, 45 minutes away. This seaside resort will astound you. It boasts a unique aura, laid-back and peaceful despite the amount of tourism. Its seafront promenade is almost indescribable, running beside such transparent and still water that makes you doubt its existence, with twisted pine trees popping up everywhere. Sailboats and magnificent yachts bobbing on the water opposite old villas, some with towers, give a glamorous touch to this resort. A military base at the edge of town serves as an impromptu protection to the most beautiful private estate on the island, known as La Fortaleza. This property, with several houses and an amphitheatre, was designed in the 17th century as a point of defence against pirates. At the beginning of the 20th century, it was bought by the Argentinian painter Ramaugé, who turned it into a luxury residence. The tour then continues along a twenty-kilometre road, as beautiful as it is narrow and winding. Make sure you stop at the viewpoint shortly after leaving Puerto Pollensa. You'll notice it because of the many cars parked there. Walk down the steps and you'll be blown away by the immensity of the sea from atop the cliffs. One of the island's must-sees. Onward to the coast, where wealthy homeowners have their luxurious seafront villas and a hotel stands right on the shore. You can pay to park at the entrance. And don't leave without taking a refreshing dip in this area. After visiting the Formentor lighthouse, take the road back to Alcudia, fifty minutes away, where you'll spend the night. This town, with a very lively port, has some fantastic coastal attractions, such as La Victoria, with its sanctuary and its coves, or Aucanada, backed by a golf course with dreamlike views. There are many places for dinner in this resort. Overnight stay in Alcudia.

● DAY 4 · ALCUDIA - ARTÀ - CAPDEPERA - CANYAMEL (CAVES OF ARTÀ)/PORTO CRISTO (CAVES OF DRACH) - PALMA CITY

Set off for Artà, some fifty minutes away, a town that retains the true identity of the Island. You can visit its walled fortress and the temple of Sant Salvador, its talaiotic settlement (for two euros) and the Levante Nature Park, which belongs to the town of Capdepera, some fifteen minutes away, where we also recommend a visit to its castle and, time permitting, its breathtaking beaches. Just a six-minute drive will take you to Cala Agulla, and ten minutes further to the north is Cala Mesquida. Both have crystal-clear waters and are surrounded by unspoilt dunes, pine trees and shrubs. They're a mix of white sand and some pebbles. If you head over to Canyamel, in addition to its beautiful beach you can visit the Caves of Artà, fifteen minutes away, with numerous inner chambers bearing evocative names such as Hell, Purgatory and Paradise; in the latter, there's a stalagmite 22 metres high. The views at the exit of the grotto are spectacular. A gigantic natural elevated gateway showcases the immensity of the Mediterranean. About twenty-five minutes away in Porto Cristo, you'll find the Caves of Drach, the most famous in Mallorca. These have more stalactites and stalagmites, but both sets of caves are well worth a visit. Music, lights and water, as well as a boat ride, make the experience truly magical. Five minutes from here are the famous Caves of Hams. Bit of a cave marathon today, in fact. Check the visiting hours because there are different times, but they usually all close around 5.00 pm. The price hovers around fifteen euros. Then head back to Palma, an hour's drive away. You'll enter the city from the east, along the airport motorway. If you have time, take a walk along the seafront promenade that connects Ciudad Jardín, El Molinar and Es Portixol. It also has a popular bike lane, where you'll often see people rollerblading, cycling or running. There are a few yacht clubs and restaurants where you can savour some great fish and seafood, washed down by the delicious local wine. Overnight stay in Palma City.

● DAY 5 · PALMA CITY - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Palma de Mallorca.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Palma de Mallorca.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Bay of Alcudia.

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✓ Rent-a-car.

Your trip doesn't include

✗ Possible toll charges.

✗ Insolvency protection.

Destinations Visited

Palma de Mallorca



Valldemosa



Deya



Port of Soller



Soller



Bunyola



Pollença



Puerto Pollensa



Bay of Alcudia



Artà



Capdepera



Canyamel



Porto Cristo



Important remarks

- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.

- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.