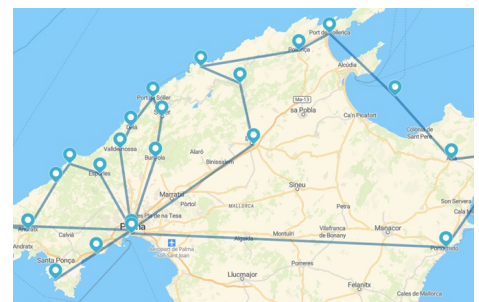




Spain (Mallorca - Balearic Islands), 8 Days · Tailor-made by car

Island's Coastal and Inland Route

If there's one place in Europe that's amazing all four seasons of the year, it's Mallorca. Its warm climate is perfect for year-round visits and each season boasts a particular idiosyncrasy. In spring, excursions are truly idyllic, passing through a countryside transformed into multicoloured patchwork of scenery, with stunning almond trees in blossom and sheep grazing peacefully in their shade. In summer, the coast will capture all your attention, with azure waters, magnificent seascapes, bustling terraces and unforgettable balmy evenings. In autumn, serene and mild, the sun and the sea still make a dip in the water appetising, while the whole island plays host to a range of fiestas steeped in tradition. In winter, Palma City is still vibrant, with a host of cultural activities taking place among the city's elegant and historic architecture. Mallorca is an island to enjoy 365 days a year, with the sheer perfection of its picturesque villages, such as Valldemosa, Deià, Sóller and Pollensa; with its 400 kilometres of coastline dotted with coves, cliffs and breathtaking landscapes; with the Sierra de Tramuntana mountain range crowning its north coast, full of lush woodland and abandoned chapels; with stunning sunsets over a horizon of sailboats; and with its exquisite and truly original local cuisine.



Departure date: Departures from June 2026 till June 2027

From: Dublin, Shannon, Cork

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - PALMA

Flight departure from the city of origin to Palma. Arrival and rental car pick-up. Rest of the day at your leisure to enjoy the majestic and vibrant capital of the Balearic Islands. Stroll through its mostly pedestrian and almost completely restored Old Town, full of souvenir stores and inviting pavement terraces where you can cool off. Admire the elegant buildings, including palaces, many featuring original courtyards with flourishing plants. Discover the Plaza Mayor with its many terraces and the Plaza del Ayuntamiento, home to the magnificent town hall and an ancient olive tree. This leads to Parc de la Mar, at the foot of the Almudaina Palace, with its walls and gardens under the majestic Cathedral that looks out to sea. Wander along the Paseo Marítimo, with the urban beach to one side and the coveted marinas to the other. You'll find a wealth of places for dinner or a drink. The local cuisine is outstanding, with must-try dishes including arròs brut, frito mallorquín, tumbet, sobrasada, empanadas and cocarros. And don't forget ensaimadas, delicious at any time of the day. You can also head over to the Santa Catalina area, dotted with quirky bars where the latest thing is "tardeo" (afternoon drinking and even dancing). You won't know when to head off to bed. Overnight stay in Palma and the surrounding area.

● DAY 2 · PALMA - PORTALS NOUS - EL TORO - PORT ADRIANO - PALMA

Today, we propose a leisurely drive along the coast to the west of Palma. First stop is Portals Nous, just twenty minutes away by car. Up on the hill, you can visit a humble yet charming sanctuary, which commands panoramic views of the coastline. Stroll through the small but luxurious marina, where you can admire the most expensive yachts on the island. Here you can have a drink at its many bars and restaurants. Onward to El Toro, a further fifteen minutes' drive away. You can stop off at different points en route to admire the coastline, with its numerous coves and cliffs. The coast here is beautiful. On the left-hand side, there are steps down the steep cliff, from where you'll be rewarded by stunning views and even the odd sighting of a dolphin or two. The final part into the sea is a spectacle in itself. A narrow passageway takes you to an area of natural pools hewn in stone from where the imposing cliff faces loom over you. Diving off this protected coastline is a real pleasure, but if it's not summer or the weather isn't ideal, and if you fancy a bit of adventure, you can visit part of the abandoned military base within a site of ecological interest, with several bunkers where the views are breathtaking. Then pop over to Port Adriano, just five minutes away, where you can enjoy a drink on one of the gorgeous terraces at this select marina. And then it's back to Palma, half an hour away. There's still lots to see in this amazing city. Stroll along Paseo Mallorca and the shop-lined street of Jaime III, with arcades that give them a stately appearance while providing much-welcomed shelter from the sun. Nearby is the Es Baluard Museum, with fascinating art exhibitions. Visit La Lonja district and have some dinner in the lively old quarter, very popular with tourists. Overnight stay in Palma and the surrounding area.

● DAY 3 · PALMA - ESPORLES - BANYALBUFAR - ESTELLENCES - ANDRATX - SANT ELM - CALÓ DES MONJO - PALMA

Today you can head towards the island's northwest coast, where the seascapes and mountain scenery will instantly captivate you. Drive for twenty-five minutes to Esporles, a small town located in the Sierra de Tramuntana, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. This is a mountainous area of high ecological value that takes its name from the wind that blows in that direction. Every Saturday, Esporles plays host to a traditional market with local produce. In the second half of the nineteenth century, an interesting textile industry took off here. Onward to the picturesque village of Banyalbufar, just under twenty minutes away, along a winding road that is a true pleasure for the eyes. In this town, you'll love the houses staggered across the hillside down to the sea and the dry-stone terraces, which were built by hand using a technique that has lasted for centuries and has now been rescued to decorate the facades of luxury villas. Walk down to the coast, where there's a beautiful pebbled cove cooled off by a waterfall with a comfortable bathing platform. The tour then continues southwards along the coast to Estellencs, fifteen minutes away, the least populated town on the island, with just three hundred inhabitants. Here you can visit its pebbled cove, located beneath the Puig de Galatzó mountain (1,026 metres high), where you'll see the stunning gates of former fishermen's shelters hugging the semicircular rock face. There's also a bathing platform and a refreshing waterfall, which is the end of the Torrent de Son Fortuny. The next stop is Andratx, just under half an hour away, which shot to fame as the summer destination of supermodel Claudia Schiffer. One of its main attractions, besides its port and its luxurious marina, is the island of Sa Dragonera, located off its coast and declared a Nature Park in 1995. You can also take a look around the town centre, with sights including the Son Mas Castle (current seat of the Town Hall) and the Church of Santa Maria, with beautiful baroque altarpieces. Several interesting hiking trails set out from this area. The most beautiful one starts at our next destination, just over fifteen minutes away: Sant Elm. It snakes through a stunning area known as La Trapa, where you can also visit an old monastery. Twenty minutes further along the route and in the municipal area of Calvià, we recommend a stunning cove with extraordinarily crystal-clear waters and turquoise hues: It's Caló des Monjo, where you can park your car among pine trees and continue on foot along a path flanked by Mediterranean vegetation. Even if you don't take a dip in the sea, the walk in itself is well worth it. A short hike will take you to a spectacular area of rocky coastline barely frequented by tourists and declared a nudist beach by the town council. It's a fabulous place for snorkelling and you can swim over to nearby caves. If you don't fancy a swim, you can take the short walk up to the Tower and Cap Andritxol, with stunning 360-degree views. After a packed day, it's time to return to the capital, some thirty-five minutes away, where you still have many fascinating sights to see, such as the Castillo de Bellver, a Gothic-style castle built in the early 14th century under the orders of King Jaime II. At the top of a forest-cloaked hill, it commands fantastic views over the city and the port. It's one of the few castles in Europe with a circular layout and houses the History Museum of Palma. (Note: it's open from Tuesdays to Saturdays until 6.00 or 7.00 pm, depending on the time of year, and on Sundays until 3.00 pm. The entrance fee is 4 euros, but it's free on Sundays). Before arriving at the castle, you can make a brief stop in the Genova neighbourhood, from where the views are also amazing. Or head up there at night and see the city all lit up. Overnight stay in Palma and the surrounding area.

DAY 4 · PALMA - VALLDEMOSSA - DEIÀ - PORT DE SÓLLER - SÓLLER - BUNYOLA - PALMA

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 and the surrounding area.

● DAY 5 · PALMA - INCA - LLUC - LA CALOBRA - POLLENSA - ALCUDIA

Bid farewell to Palma City until your penultimate day and head up to Inca, half an hour away. This inland town is famous for its footwear and leather crafts. Then on to Lluc, thirty-five minutes further along. The natural setting of this town is phenomenal. Its mountains are very popular in the autumn with mushroom hunters. Make sure you visit the sanctuary-monastery, where each year a 48-kilometre pilgrimage is held. The next stop is one of the most fascinating places on the whole island. Along an endless winding road, the scene of many film and TV shoots and flanked by rain-moulded rocks with incredible shapes, you'll eventually reach La Calobra, forty-five minutes away. It's a window to the sea that looks like something out of a movie. You can walk there along a narrow path that crosses over a cliff and through a tunnel until reaching the jaw-dropping beach nestled between two endless rock faces. In summer, this breathtaking natural setting plays host to classical music concerts. There's another way to get there, through the spectacular Torrent de Pareis descent, with pools, waterfalls and huge boulders filed down by the passage of water. But the walk is long and requires a good level of fitness and knowledge of the terrain, as well as the use of ropes and other materials, so we recommend signing up to a guided excursion if you really want to experience it. That said, it's definitely worth a visit. And then onward to today's destination, Pollensa, an hour and twenty minutes away. Stroll through its old town, dotted with elegant terraces and shops that stay open until late at night. Take a walk around the main square and head up the steps to El Calvario. The views are amazing from above. You can also visit the 'Roman Bridge' over the Torrent de Sant Jordi. It's not actually from the Roman era, but has earned this nickname because of its similar style. We end today's journey in Alcudia, about 11 kilometres away. Overnight stay in Alcudia.

● DAY 6 · POLLENSA - PUERTO POLLENSA - FORMENTOR - ALCUDIA

If you didn't have time to see it yesterday, visit Puerto Pollensa, a 15-minute drive away. You'll be struck by its beauty. 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, a 50-minute drive away. As you saw yesterday, this town, which also has a lively harbour, boasts some fantastic coastal spots, such as La Victoria, with its chapel and coves, or Aucanada, opposite a golf course with stunning views. There is a huge range of dining options in this tourist area.

Overnight stay in Alcudia.

● DAY 7 · ALCUDIA - ARTÀ - CAPDEPERA - CANYAMEL (CAVES OF ARTÀ)/PORTO CRISTO (CAVES OF DRACH) - PALMA

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 and the surrounding area

● DAY 8 · PALMA - 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 and surrounding area.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Palma and surrounding area.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Bay of Alcudia.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Bay of Alcudia.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Insolvency protection.

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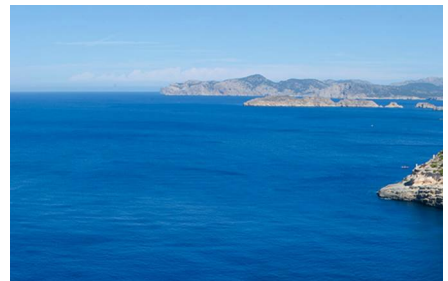
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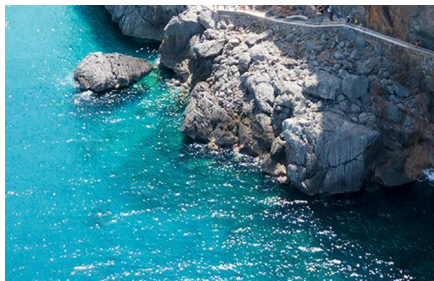
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Bay of Alcudia



Artà



Capdepera



Canyamel



Porto Cristo



Palma and surrounding area



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.