

MAJORCA - GET ON YOUR BIKE



Majorca is really geared up for all sporting activities.

Hire bikes

It is both easy and economical to hire bikes. When biking there are always stop off places to refuel and continue and you can always plan your route around the many cafes and restaurants with everything from artisan foods, gourmet fine dining and more local traditional Majorcan tapas styles restaurants.

Along with road biking there is also a complete world of mountain biking with an immense amount of trails - again there are many specialised holidays, guides, tours and bike hires.

Biking competitions and sporting events

Not only is the pleasure biking and hiking amazing here but we also have some great opportunities to take part in events. Here are my favourites:

6Points Challenges are challenging but fun cycle rides to the six extremities of the location - to the four compass extremities (north, south, west and east) and to the highest and lowest points on tarred roads. All of the events are multi-day and riders stay in nice hotels, enjoy coffee, lunch stops and great dinners together. The events are tough but are not races and the emphasis is on enjoyment and camaraderie.

It takes place in May every year. The charity ride includes around 400 Kilometres and 6500 meters of climbing.
Web: <http://sixpointsmallorca.com>
<https://www.strava.com/clubs/six-points>

312KM

The 312 is the longest amateur cycling sportive in Europe. The 312km in length and over 5000 meters of climbing. The route starts and ends at the Playa de Muro. There are three different distances: 167km, 225km and 312km.

Brevets Mallorca Ultra Cycling - Brevet 200

Brevets are non-competitive, long-distance bicycle rides, with distances from 200 km to 2000 km. You do not have to be a member of an organisation to participate in a brevet in Majorca.

Audax Randonneurs Denmark (ARD) is a Danish randonneur organisation, which is part of the Audax Club Parisien (ACP), the worldwide cycling organisation, based in France, which administers and certifies long-distance, non-competitive cycling events.

Brevets here are conducted as a series of rides, consisting of a 200 km, 300 km, 400 km and a 600 km. These rides normally take place over a two-month period.

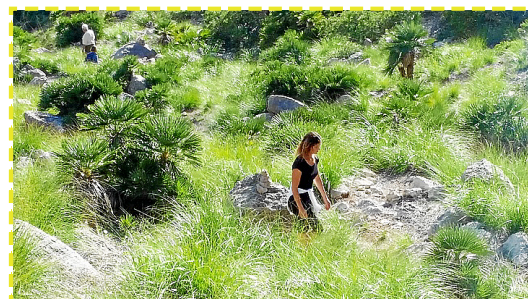
Majorca is one of the only places in Europe to do this. So, if you want to be part of an international cycling week, this is the place to be.

You can get more info on rules on this website: <https://rusa.org/pages/rulesForRiders>

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Hiking and biking in Majorca

● Majorca is a bikers and hikers dream turf. Whether you are a mountain biker or road biker, hiker, walker or runner, beginner, intermediate or advanced Majorca has everything for you.



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It's no wonder the top pro-cycling teams come here to train - with minimal rainfall and warm wintery days you can enjoy being outside for most of the year.

Majorca is base camp for the Sky team, Movistar, UAE Team Emirates, Lotto, Soudal, Cofidis, team GB along with many other global teams whose pelotons can often be spotted on the roads - both professional and amateur.

Winter and spring in Majorca are wonderful seasons for both walking and cy-

cling, particularly when the approximately four million almond trees on the island are in blossom and lemon and orange trees are full of fruit.

The areas around Lluçmajor, Es Raiguer, Sóller and Bunyola are especially pretty. The dramatic westerly coast running North is spectacular. The differing seasons are also incredible contrasting with cold crisp days in January and February but sunshine can still be seen, with beautiful early sunny mornings and blue skies from May to October.

Majorca's topography lends to beautifully rugged mountain terrain with breathtaking vistas and mountain ranges, scattered with the beautiful quintessential traditional villages and stunning architecture.

The rugged mountainous North west coast: Banyalbufar, Deià, Valldemossa, Sóller, Fornalutx up to Pollença.

The North East - East coast of the island

dotted with fishing villages - Son Serra de Marina, Capdepera, Porto Cristo, Portocolom and the area before you hit Cala Millor. All have great trail routes and surrounding road biking very different to the rest of the island.

Nice climbs

Nice climbs like San Salvador and Randa, where the monasteries at the top serve refreshments and food, are both for the cyclist and the rambler.

The centre of the island fairly flat and home of wine growing - nice for exploring the quieter country lanes and vineyards - Santa Maria. Santa Eugènia, Binissalem and Sencelles.

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