



VUELTA A MALLORCA 2022

INFORMATION

This is your holiday. Mellow Jersey have arranged the airport transfers, the transfer of your luggage from hotel to hotel, the hotel accommodation and the bike hire. Please read their Arrival Pack carefully before you set off. There is also a list of possible routes from hotel to hotel. The rest is up to you to do the tour as you want - with the proviso that no-one is left cycling alone.

INSURANCE

If you are taking your own bike, make sure you have bike insurance. As a partner of Yellow Jersey, Mellow Jersey are able to provide a 10% discount code for their clients – please use the code MELLOWJ10 on the Yellow Jersey website if you would like to take advantage of this.

Everyone should be a member of British Cycling as this also provides third party insurance. Check also that your Travel Insurance is up-to-date and covers you for cycling. It's worth also applying for a free health insurance card <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>.

COVID

COVID rules are fluid so check before you go. Make sure you have your COVID pass and you will need to have downloaded the Spanish Passenger Locator App (<https://www.spth.gob.es>) before you leave

LUGGAGE

Please check with Easyjet the size of your hand luggage as they have reduced the allowance recently.

MONEY

You should take some Euros with you, but most places (including taxis) now accept contactless payments. There are cashpoints in most towns. If paying by card make sure you pay in euros NOT pounds. Tipping is less of a big thing in Mallorca. If the service has been great, 5-10%.

LANGUAGE

This shouldn't be a problem. Most Mallorcans speak some English – so if you don't speak Spanish or Mallorquin – smile and speak slowly.

WHAT TO TAKE

The tourist season won't be in full swing when we go so not everything will be open. Bear in mind that although Mallorca is renowned for its sunshine, climate change has made the weather unpredictable. It can also be cold at the top of the Tramuntana Mountains.

The clothing you travel in will be sufficient for the evenings (but feel free to bring your glad rags!) Flip-flops, tee-shirt, shorts, sunglasses and swimwear (even if you don't plan to swim, you may want a sauna or sports massage.

In addition to your summer kit, take some arm warmers, a light rain jacket, a long sleeve jersey/jacket. You can wash your kit in the bedroom and it should be dry for the next day.

It also makes sense to take a small front and rear light. On Day Two, from Soller to Port de Pollensa there is a short tunnel at Monaber (at the end of the 14Km climb to Puig Major – Day 2). There is another on the way out and back from Cap de Formentor (Option Day 3)

For those of you hiring bikes and taking a bike computer for navigation, don't forget to bring the mount too – its easily forgotten!

As you will be walking through hotels in cycling shoes, cleat covers can save embarrassment.

As it's out of season, take your favourite gels/bars/electrolytes etc for the first two big days (Palma-Soller, Soller-Port de Pollensa). It will easy to restock in Port de Pollensa.

COMMUNICATION

As this is a large group, communication will be important. Use the WhatsApp group to discuss ideas and plans day by day. Also make sure you know how to alert others to your whereabouts – either for a meet-up or if you are in trouble. You can share your location on WhatsApp or more accurately on What3Words.

Mellow Jersey will also use this group to communicate details regarding luggage on a daily basis.

Nothing is set in stone so keep discussing options as you go.

EATING

All the hotels include a full breakfast. Take full advantage of this. My suggestion is to eat before 9.00 and take some bananas and whatever you fancy for later.

Most rides are about 50 miles so there is plenty of time to enjoy lunch along the way, get to your next hotel, relax and then enjoy the evening. It's a holiday with cycling and cyclists!

SPORTS MASSAGES, ETC

Sports treatments are available in most of the hotels, but they are also in demand. If you think you will want one you should book a session the day before (at least). Remember, we are slightly out of season so not all facilities will be available.

TRAVELLING

Presumably you will find your way to Bristol Airport somehow. Hopefully you will do something to identify yourself to other PCC travellers. Check your luggage/bikes in downstairs. Take your passport, boarding pass, hand luggage (no liquids – see airport guidance) upstairs. Go through security and meet up with other PCC travellers. Stick together and follow the guidance.

Remember to download the NHS app in advance of travelling and have your covid pass loaded. Also have the completed Spanish Passenger Locator app available.

Arriving in Mallorca. Unless you are a drugs mule nothing terrible can happen here. Follow the signs which are in English, Spanish and Mallorquin. There are currently two passport checks. One is electronic – this always goes wrong but wave your hands, smile and someone will help you. The second involves a totally disinterested official stamping your passport.

Then go to Baggage Reclaim – just look for signs with “Equipaje” and follow them. Go to the conveyor belt that says “Bristol” and pick up your bike/luggage. For those of you bringing your own bike, you will need to collect this separately from the oversize baggage carousel. Follow a sign “Salida” (exit through door C) and meet up with other PCC travellers at the meeting point, where the driver will also meet you. When you are all together you will be transported to your first hotel in Palma.

AT THE FIRST HOTEL

You will need your passport. Each of you will check in separately – they should have your name and booking already. Tourist tax of c.€1 per night will be chargeable on arrival at the hotel. Its worth bringing some cash to speed up the process.

It may be that you have arrived before your room is ready. If so you can store your luggage there. They should also have changing facilities.

For those that have hired bikes, they should arrive (around) 11.00 This should give you an hour to check that you are okay with your bike and decide what you want to do – go to sleep, tackle a short mountain, see the local sights on bike, or ...

That evening it would be good if we could all eat together before DAY ONE! We will be in Mallorca before then to explore options.

DAY ONE & AFTER

If not before, after meeting other riders the day before, you should have identified:

- Who you want to ride with
- What route you want to follow
- How you want to ride

As soon as you know that, share it on WhatsApp to help others decide.

AFTER THAT

Everything should feel very straightforward, and any questions can be addressed as they arise. Just ask!

EMERGENCIES

112 is the Mallorcan 999. The contact details for Mellow Jersey are in the Arrival Pack.