

Pleasure Drive 2: Chopin, mansions and the Valley of Oranges

Length: about 125 km, travel time without breaks about 3 hours 15 minutes, moderate route, highways, small narrow country roads, valleys, orange and olive, mansions, sea views

General Advice:

Important:

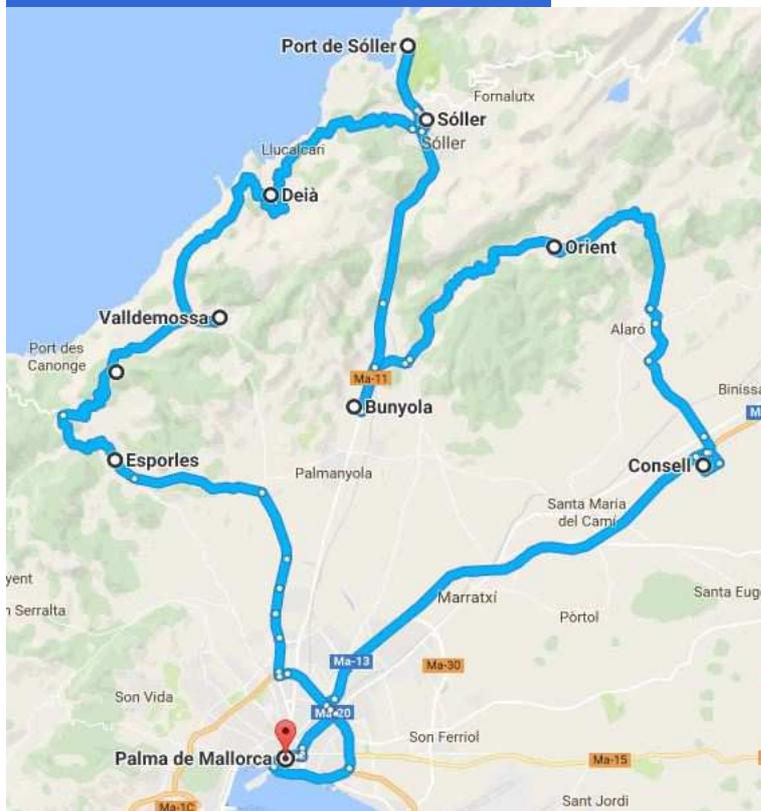
- The great amount of bicycle riders generate can lead to critical moments especially on mountain roads.
- There is a limit of 0,3 pro mille of alcohol in Spain. Spanish police does not know a special pardon for tourists and a violation can end up with a night in jail.
- You should not state that you are taking part in a rallye upon a possible traffic control. This is not the case and you could save yourselves this way a lengthy questioning.

Advices for a picnic at the beach or in the mountains:

Mallorquin specialties like the salami „Fuet“, der ham „Serrano“, olives „Aceitunas“, the Menorquin cheese „Mahon“, a glass of good wine for the copilot are very well suited to take along for a picnics. Local "Goodies" can be found at the food markets „Olivar“ or „Catalina“ in Palma. A pocket knife, a corkscrew, plastic plates and mugs, Kleenex and a bag for garbage are useful to take along.

Navigation Waypoints:

Palma de Mallorca - Santa Maria del Cami - Bunyola Orient - Bunyola - Soller - Port de Soller - Deia - Valdemossa - Esporles - Palma de Mallorca



Restaurants / Food

Picnic opportunities with a view: Port de Soller, Son Morroig Manor

Panaderia y Pastelleria Can Molinas, Valldemossa

The pastry shop with its little garden is an ideal place to take a snack.

Empanadas (Mallorcan patties), Cocas (small pizzas), almond cake.

Panaderia y Pastelleria Can Molinas, Valldemossa, Blanquerna 15, Tel 971 612 247, open all days. 8: 30-19: 00, € bocadillos from € 3,50 no day off.

Restaurant Can Antuna, Fornalutx

Excellent Majorcan suckling pig and roast lamb with stunning views of the village and in the mountains. Delicious is the dessert "Tarta de Limon".

Fornalutx, Carrer Arbona Colom 6, Tel.971-633068, daily. Except Mon € main course from 9 €. Open: . except Monday 12pm to 4pm and 7pm to 11pm, on Sundays until 5pm.

Restaurant "Can Pedro" Valldemossa

Cozy restaurant, very hospitable, Majorcan cuisine. Very popular with Majorcans. Rabbit with onions, cabbage stew.

Valldemossa C Archiducque Luis Salvador, s /n

Tel. + (34) 971 612170 daily. Except Monday.

From 1pm to 4pm and 8pm to 11pm.

Main course from 12 €

Gourmet Restaurant "Olivo", Deia

The restaurant at the Hotel Residencia is one of the best on the island. This applies to the kitchen, the service and ambience in an old mill. Especially recommended are the turbot and lamb.

Hotel La Residencia, Deia, Son Canals,

Tel. +(34) 971 63 9011

Open from 1pm to 3pm and from 7.30pm to 10:30pm. Dress code smart casual.

Main course from € 24.-

Gourmet restaurant "Moli des Torrent", Santa Maria

Majorcan atmosphere in a tastefully restored mill. Creative cuisine with

Majorcan and international delicacies. Personal and attentive service.

Restaurant "Moli des Torrent", Santa María del Cami Carretera de Bunyola, 75

Telephone: +(34) 971140503 Day off: Wednesday & Thursday

Open from: 1:00 p.m. to 3pm and 7:30pm to 10:30pm

Main course from € 20.-

Shopping

Can Det

One of the oldest mills of the island. Since 1561 owned by the family. The golden oil is highly valued by connoisseurs. In addition to oil homemade marmalade, almonds and other delicacies are sold. Visits and Mallorcan snacks can be arranged on request.

Soller, Calle Ozonas 8,

Tel. + (34) 971 630303 Open every day from 10am to 1pm and 4pm to 6pm.

Mediterrani

A small boutique on the Paseo Maritimo of Palma. Clothes, footwear and accessories in Mallorca, Ibiza, Menorca. Good selection at reasonable prices.

Mediterrani, Palma,

Paseo Maritimo,

Tel. + (34) 971 458329 Open from 10am to 9pm continuously. Open every day

Culture

Castillo de Alaró

Alaró is one of the most spectacular castle ruins on the island. The fortress is located in Santa Maria visible high above the mountains. The Moors rendered fierce resistance against the Spanish conquerors more than 8 years.

Road Alaró to Orient Fortress; can only be reached by a three and a half-hour walk from Orient to Alaró on foot.

Son Marroig Manor

Archduke Ludwig Salvator was a great friend of Mallorca who researched country and culture scientifically. His castle-like mansion is situated on one of the most beautiful places of the west coast and offers scenic views.

Street Valdemossa / Deiáa;

Opening times: April - September daily 10:30am to 2:30pm and 4:30 pm to 6:30pm.

Winter 3:00 p.m. to 5:30. Admission: € 3-.

Valdemossa Monastery

The Valdemossa Monastery has become famous because of the visit of Frédéric Chopin and George Sand, who spent the winter of 1838-39 in the Valdemossa Monastery. The monastery museum is a great place for lovers of churches, old oil paintings, frescoes and the convent-story.

Center Valdemossa,

Placa de Cartoxa 1;

Opening times: Monday - Saturday daily from 09:30am to 6pm -

Tel. + (34) 971 612 106

Admission: €6 Children under 10 are free.

La Granja Farm

The La Granja farm was established in the 10th century, set amidst lush gardens and fountains. La Granja offers an excellent historical insight into life in Mallorca, including a torture chamber in the basement. Majorcan cuisine can be tasted and bought.

From coastal road C 710 to the road PM 104 to Palma.

Opening times: April - Oct daily 10-19 am.

Winters to 18:00

Tel. + (34) 971 610,032

Admission price varies: www.lagranja.net