



## THANKSGIVING IN MALLORCA

NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> 2021

A shining jewel set in a silver sea, the island of Mallorca lies in the Mediterranean off the east coast of Spain. Though politically part of Spain, the local inhabitants are fiercely independent and regard themselves as Mallorquin first and Spanish second, speaking their own native dialect.

The island is at once small enough to be easily manageable, but large enough to provide a variety of landscapes and resources. From the mountains of the northwest to the fertile central plain, there is an abundance of historical and artistic treasure to occupy the discerning visitor. And of course, the beautiful beaches that will happily be devoid of the European tourists seeking the sun that flock to the island in the summer months.

Our trip has been specifically designed to avoid the tourists! In November the weather is still warm, and the historical sites will be blessedly free of tour buses. Our base is the historic town of Soller, set in the beautiful Tramuntana Mountains. Soller is accessible to the capital, Palma, by a wonderful antique electric train that affords incredible views as it weaves up through the mountains and out the other side.

This year, don't spend all day in the kitchen. If you like your relatives, bring them along - if you don't, leave them to it and join Discover Europe tour guide, Gavin Miller, for fun in the sun on an island paradise! It will become apparent very quickly why Gavin has chosen Mallorca as his home.



PALMA CATHEDRAL

### THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

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| LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): | \$3980 |
| SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:               | \$ 990 |

*Airfares are available from many U.S. departure cities.  
Please call for details.*

### THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 7 nights' accommodation in a first class hotel including all hotel taxes and service charges
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide throughout
- EXPENSES:** Portage of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*





**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>** - Departure from your chosen US gateway city.  
**OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>** - Morning arrival in Palma, Mallorca where you will be met for the transfer to our hotel in Soller. The rest of the day is free to unpack and relax from the flights. Dinner is included at our hotel this evening. **(D) OVERNIGHT: SOLLER**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>** - Today, after a leisurely breakfast, Gavin will take those interested to the beautiful village of Deia, nestled in the mountains south of Soller. We'll have time to climb up to the church and visit the grave of poet Robert Graves, who made the village his home for many years. We'll continue to nearby Valldemossa and the Carthusian Monastery that was home to Frederick Chopin and Georges Sand in the winter of 1838-9. After free time for lunch, we'll travel south for a view of spectacular coastal scenery before returning to Soller. The evening is free to explore some of the wonderful family run restaurants around the main square. **(B) OVERNIGHT: SOLLER**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>** - A completely free day to enjoy this beautiful town. You might like to take the electric tram down the valley from the town to the Port of Soller and stroll the boutiques along the quayside, stopping for lunch at one of the many inviting restaurants serving the catch of the day. **(B) OVERNIGHT: SOLLER**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>** - Today Gavin will lead an excursion into the capital, Palma, a city of some 300,000 inhabitants. To get there, we'll take a vintage electric train that first ran this route through the mountains in 1912. On arrival we'll take a walking tour of the historic center that includes the fabulous Gothic cathedral, known as "La Seu," and the Moorish Palacio de la Almudaina, with beautiful gardens featuring a Calder mobile. There will be free time for lunch and exploration before we take the train back to Soller. The evening is free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: SOLLER**

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>** - Our excursion today takes us to the southwest corner of the island. Beginning with the charming fishing village of Portocolom, we'll have time to stroll the waterfront or sit and have coffee in one of the harborside cafes. Lunch will be included and then we'll visit the nearby mountaintop monastery of San Salvador. This afternoon, we will drive back across the island and visit Petra and the Birthplace Museum of Junipero de Serra, a Franciscan friar who established a string of missions along the coast of California. Tonight, you have a free evening. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: SOLLER**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>** - Thanksgiving - a free day in Soller. Alternatively you can hike Archduke Ludwig Salvator's spectacular mountain path towards Deia or simply relax and enjoy the town. This evening we'll celebrate Thanksgiving Mallorcan style with slow-roasted lamb at a very special restaurant up in the mountains. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SOLLER**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we'll explore the mountains to the north of Soller, where the first stop will be the Monastery of Lluc. Lluc has been a center of pilgrimage since the 13<sup>th</sup> century when an Arab shepherd boy, newly converted to Christianity, discovered a dark wooden statue of the Virgin in a cleft in the rock. The image was placed in the local church but three times it returned miraculously to its cave, whereupon the villagers built the monastery to house it. Descending, we'll stop in the charming village of Pollenca for lunch before heading to the north coast at Alcudia. Here we'll visit the Roman City of Pollentia, capital of the Roman colonies of the Balearic Islands. We'll return via the mountain village of Fornalutx, where we'll stop for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: SOLLER**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>** - Alas, all good things must come to an end, and this morning we transfer back to Palma Airport for return flights to the US. **(B)**



*Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner*