A Week at La Residencia, Deia, Mallorca

October 9th - 17th 2019

A shining jewel set in a silver sea, the island of Mallorca lies in the Mediterranean, off the east coast of Spain. And it is here that can be found one of the most beautiful hotels in the world - La Residencia. Seemingly built around the centuries-old olive trees scattered throughout the grounds, the hotel is a treasure trove of art, boasting over 150 pieces by Joan Miró and over 1,000 pieces by other renowned artists, all carefully placed around the property.

Though politically a part of Spain, the local inhabitants are fiercely independent and regard themselves as Mallorquin first and Spanish second, speaking their own native dialect, in addition to Castillian Spanish. 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, there are the beautiful beaches that will happily be empty of European tourists, seeking the sun, who flock to the island in the summer months.

In October the weather is still warm, and the historical sites will be blessedly free of tour buses. The tour will be led by local resident and Discover Europe guide, Gavin Miller. Born in England, Gavin studied art history at Cambridge, before following in the footsteps of Robert Graves and making his home on the island. He divides his time between running a local theatre company and being a tour guide.

Join other Smith Alumnae and friends this fall for a week away in an island paradise - staying in one of the best hotels in the world (www.belmond.com/LaResidencia)!

The cost of this itinerary, per person, double occupancy is:

Land only (no airfare included): $4990
Single supplement: $1860

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 luxury hotel including all hotel taxes and service charges
Coaching: All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
Meals: Breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
Guides: Discover Europe tour guide throughout
Expenses: Porterage 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.
Wednesday, October 9th - Departure from your chosen city. Overnight: Plane

Thursday, October 10th - Your arrival at Palma, Mallorca Airport will be met for the transfer to our hotel in Deià. The rest of the day is free to unpack and relax from the flights. We’ll gather for a welcome reception before dinner at the hotel this evening. (D) Overnight: Deià

Friday, October 11th - Today, after a leisurely breakfast, we meet the curator of the hotel’s art collection, Cecilie Sheridan, for a walking tour highlighting the priceless paintings and sculptures around the property as well as the local artist’s studios, pointing out the important historical parts of the village along the way. 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. After lunch in the village (included) the rest of the afternoon and evening are free. You could stroll down to the beach, visit Robert Graves’ house (now a museum), or just enjoy the wonderful amenities of La Residencia. (B, L) Overnight: Deià

Saturday, October 12th - Our first stop today will be to nearby Valldemossa and the Carthusian Monastery that was home to Frederick Chopin and Georges Sand in the winter of 1838-9. We’ll tour the monastery and then attend a recital using the same piano on which Chopin composed. After free time for lunch in the town, we’ll continue through the mountains to the Jardins d’Alfabia. This amazing house and its associated gardens, are typical of a grand Mallorcan estate, known locally as a “possession.” Then a short drive brings us to the beautiful town of Sóller, where you will be free to explore. You might visit the Museum Ca’n Prunera, a wonderful modern art collection exhibited in a restored art nouveau mansion, or take the electric tram down the valley to the Port of Sóller and stroll the boutiques along the quayside, stopping for coffee at one of the many waterside restaurants. We’ll stop for dinner in Sóller before returning to our hotel. (B, D) Overnight: Deià

Sunday, October 13th - Today our tour guide, Gavin Miller, will lead an excursion into the capital, Palma, a city of some 300,000 inhabitants. To get there, we’ll take the vintage electric train from Sóller, 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 Sóller for our ride back to Deià. The evening is free in Deià. (B) Overnight: Deià

Monday, October 14th - Our excursion today takes us to the southeast 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 at the nearby mountaintop monastery of San Salvador – the best paella on the island. After lunch, 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: Deià

Tuesday, October 15th - This morning we head down to the water to board a private charter boat and set out for a different perspective on this magical island that has been captivating artists for centuries. A short tour along the coast will bring us to beautiful cliffside caves, crystal-clear waters, and provide swimming opportunities for the more adventurous. On returning to port we will have time for lunch. This afternoon we have organized a painting class with the artist-in-residence, Alan Hydes, for those who are interested. This evening we’ll go out for dinner at a local restaurant set high in the mountains. (B, D) Overnight: Deià

Wednesday, October 16th - This morning we’ll explore the mountains to the north of Sóller, where the first stop will be the Monastery of Lluc. Lluc has been a center of pilgrimage since the 13th 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 Alcúdia. 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: Deià

Thursday, October 17th - 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
REGISTRATION FORM & TERMS AND CONDITIONS

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to Discover Europe, Ltd.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy before signing.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your deposit of $500 per person. Keep the top section for your records.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:
Name(s) - Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your “Known As” or preferred name, if applicable.

Passport Details - Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

Address - If you have a second address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

Dietary Requirements - Please list any special dietary requirements.

Health Information - A certain amount of walking is involved in this trip. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

Emergency Contact - This information is essential.

INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS
If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. (Please note that extra charges for transportation to and from the destination airport may be incurred). If you need help arranging connecting flights from your local airport to an international departure city, we will be happy to arrange those for you. There is a nominal charge of $40 per ticket for this service.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS
Please tick the appropriate boxes. We always book non-smoking rooms (where available).

If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.

Note: A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.

Passenger Details: An Artist’s Island (1009/SMR)

Passport Name:

1. Title   First  Middle  Last
2. Title   First  Middle  Last

Known As: 1.  2.

1. Passport Number  Expiration  DOB
2. Passport Number  Expiration  DOB

Address:
City:   State:   Zip:

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Preferred Telephone:  ( ) work/cell/home circle one
Secondary Telephone:  ( ) work/cell/home circle one

Special Dietary Requirements:__________________________
Health Information:__________________________

Other Comments or Notes: _______________________
Year of Graduation from Smith: _______________________

Trip Details
Departure Date:   Return Date:   
Departure Airport or City: _______________________

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5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
6. Conduct During the Tour: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
1. A deposit of $500 must accompany this completed form if it has not already been paid.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS
Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:
1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 15 participants. Should we end up with less than 15 people, Discover Europe will work with the Smith College to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

REFUND POLICY
1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a $200 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
   90-61 days prior to departure: $1000 per person
   60 days - trip departure: no refund (unless traveler has insurance)
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Comprehensive travel insurance is not included in your tour package. Smith College strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available upon registration by Smith College.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant’s absence once the tour has started.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS
1. All inclusions on An Artist’s Island are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant’s home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION
Name: ____________________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________
Primary Telephone: (_____ ) ____________________________

FLIGHT INFORMATION
(Please check one)
☐ I would like Discover Europe to book my flights: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Flight details (if self-arranged), to be provided at least 90 days prior to departure. ____________________________________________

□ I will be sharing with: ______________________________
We would like a ☐ double ☐ twin-bedded room

PERMISSIONS
Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.
☐ Yes ☐ No

SIGNATURES
The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Smith College and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

SIGNATURE: __________________________ DATE: ____________
SIGNATURE: __________________________ DATE: ____________

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS
(Please check one)
□ I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)
□ I will be sharing with: ______________________________

Smith College reserves the right to substitute if necessary. Rooms may not include a private bathroom. Please be aware that shared rooms with 4 or more people are available on some tours.