



STAFF SAIL 2025



Hey Pirate!

This is NOT a BackRoads trip and its organization is NOT affiliated with the company. This is simply a trip organized by one of its employees, eager to live an unforgettable marine experience with colleagues

Sailing with the best crew

Sailing requires three things: a boat, good conditions, and a crew hungry for adventure. The trickiest part is always assembling the crew. That's why, when I joined BackRoads and got to know the fabulous team, I immediately thought: let's organize a trip!

That's how StaffSail is born, an adventure for the most pirate-like crew of the BR staff. We'll spend a week sailing, enjoying the sea, the wind and celebrating the end of the season in a unique setting with the best company.

After a first edition that was truly amazing, we've decided to turn it into a new end-of-season ritual. Here comes the second edition!

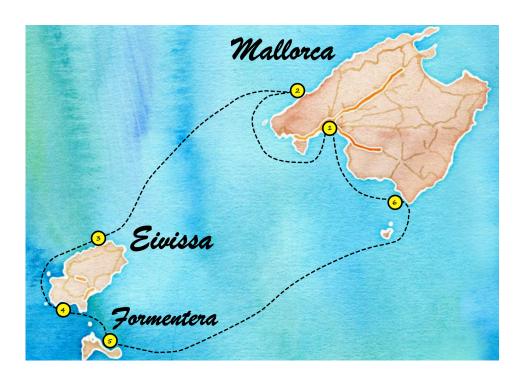




Itinerary

Balearic Islands

The Balearic Islands are not only a Mediterranean paradise for their landscapes, culture, and people, but also a dream destination for sailors, as their coasts offer both beauty and wind! Additionally, this year the Staff Ride will take place in Valencia, making it very convenient, the perfect opportunity to start celebrating the end of the season a week early in a more intimate and pirate-like way;)



We like to make plans, but what we like the most is being able to change them!

Since sailing depends largely on the wind and weather, strictly defined plans rarely make sense. Staff Sail will take place in mid-October, a perfect moment to enjoy the Balearic Sea without the usual crowds, with pleasant sea temperatures and favorable winds. That said, this time of year also brings the risk of storms and unpredictable weather, as the season draws to a close.

Our top priority will always be safety on board. That's why the itinerary will be adapted first and foremost to the weather conditions and the crew, allowing everyone to make the most of a full week at sea.

The itinerary below is just a starting point, designed to navigate comfortably through the Balearic Sea, visit different islands and towns, and uncover unique spots along the way.



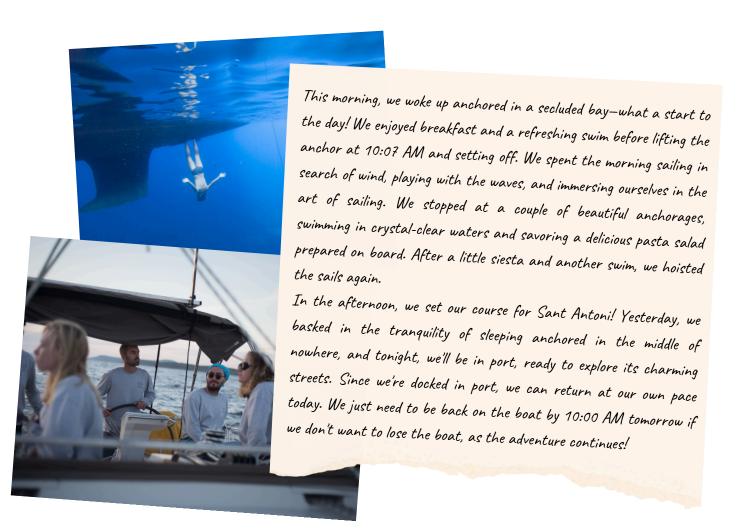
Day 1 (Saturday)

We have the boat available from 5pm. Some of the crew will arrive late, and the sun sets early at this time of year, so we'll use the day for something similar to a "Prep Day." The goal for the afternoon is to have everything ready to set sail first thing tomorrow morning!

Crew meeting at 4:00 PM at the port. Boat introduction, setup, and pre-trip meeting. Food-buy and boat preparation for the trip.

Day 2 to Day 6

Sunday morning, we hoist the sails and the adventure begins! Over the next 5 days, our route will flow through the Balearic Islands. The itinerary will look similar to the map above, but will be adapted to the weather conditions and the crew. The main idea is to sail to Ibiza and Formentera. Take a look at what a day aboard the Staff Sail might look like to get an idea of the adventure!





Day 7 (Friday)

We return to the home port at lunchtime to wrap up this adventure :')

Those of you heading to the Staff Ride have a couple of days to rest and travel to Valencia. As the date approaches, we will create a group so you can coordinate transportation and accommodation.









The Boat

The boat for the Staff Sail is a monohull sailboat with a length of 14m. We have chosed a sailboad as comfortable as possible but not oversized; we want a lively boat that is enjoyable to sail.







Life on Board

Life on board offers many attractions (pirate life, a sense of freedom, the best garden, connection with the cosmos...), but a lot of space and unnecessary luxuries are not among them. Living on a sailboat means knowing how to live with less space and resources. Nothing out of the ordinary for a Backroads leader!

Spaces

On board, we will have between 4 cabins with double beds. Each cabin will be shared between 2 crew members. Inside the cabin, there will be small spaces to store the sailor's belongings. Due to the quirky sizes of the cabins, it is strongly recommended to bring the minimum luggage possible, and soft suitcases are preferred to save space.

We will have 2-3 bathrooms on board. The bathrooms include a toilet and a shower with hot and fresh water. Fresh water on board is limited, so to avoid searching ports to recharge every day, we will have to be careful with consumption.

The sailboats have a kitchen and refrigerator, as well as common spaces with sofas and a table inside and outdoor areas where most of the life takes place when the weather is suitable.



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What equipment do we need for the trip?

Our route takes place in the Mediterranean in mid-October, which means a wide range of temperatures and situations, from hot summer days to cold stormy weather. Additionally, if we plan to enjoy a night of sailing and standing watch under the stars, a good coat will be very enjoyable.

Regarding comfort, it's worth remembering that for the type of adventure we're embarking on, it's advisable to pack as lightly as possible. Space on board is limited, movements are constant, and reducing luggage will enhance our enjoyment of the journey. Attention, pirates, there's no need to overpack! Here are a few essential items that should be in your gear

- Soft bag (avoid hard suitcases)
- Breathable T-shirts, thermal shirt
- Long and short technical pants
- Third layer (waterproof): Raincoat/Gore-Tex
- Second layer (thermal): Fleece/sweater...
- Hat and gloves
- Swimsuit, towel, goggles, and snorkel tube
- Dry bag
- · Sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat
- Headlamp
- Personal medications, dimenhydrinate with caffeine





Start sailing now by reading one of these classics!

- La Longue Route Bernard Moitessier
- Eh Petrel! Julio Villar
- Sailing Alone Around the World Joshua Slocum
- The Kon-Tiki Expedition Thor Heyerdahl



Price:

The price per person for the trip is 650€

Includes:

- Boat
- Skipper
- STAFF SAIL crew T-shirt
- Fuel

Does not include:

- Nights in buoys/ports (5-12€ ppn)
- Food and drinks
- Transportation to/from the port
- Personal insurance (optional)

Spots

Our main priority is to enjoy this maritime adventure with maximum comfort and safety in a pirate family atmosphere, that's why we have <u>limited the participation of the STAFF SAIL to 7 spots</u>.



Want to join?

Send me a message to <u>alex@vientonomada.com</u> or find out my whatsapp.

Priority will be given to participants who <u>sign up with a companion</u> to share a cabin, as this helps foster a harmonious and well-coordinated crew.

