



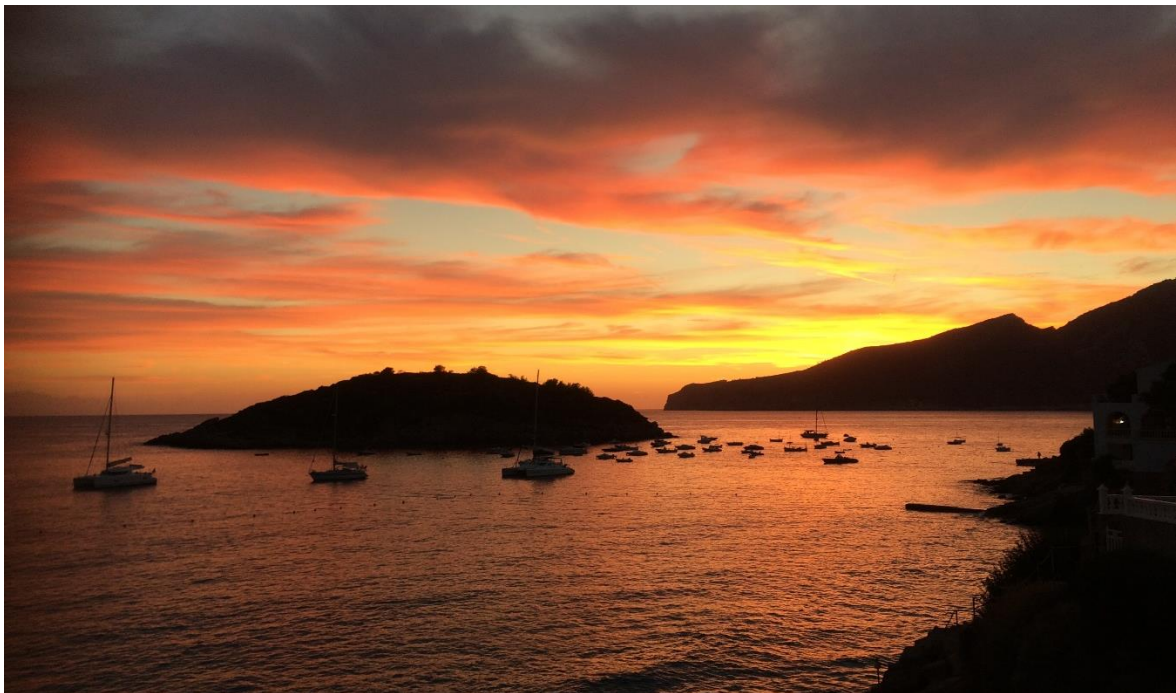
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LONG WEEKEND IN SANT ELM, MALLORCA

Trip notes

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Come and explore the beautiful rugged west coast of Mallorca on this long weekend in Sant Elm. As well as fantastic walking, take in views of the sun setting over Dragonera Island from the hotel restaurant each evening.



- 3 or 4 nights, 2.5 days walking
- Departure date: April 27th, 2024
- Cost £350 (3 nights) £430 (4 nights)
- No single supplement (for a limited number of rooms)
- Grade 

Sant Elm is one of my favourite places in the whole World. It's a beautiful and relaxing small resort lying on the rugged west coast of Mallorca. Across the bay is the beautiful island of

Dragonera. I think the photo says it all. It is taken from the dining room of the hotel we will be staying in, Hostal Dragonera, some days the sunset is better than others, but generally its pretty beautiful! Directly below the dining room is a sun-terrace from which you can swim in the Mediterranean at the end of the days walk. Oh and the walking? We do two and a half days walking, meaning that those who can only spare three days can take a flight home late on Tuesday afternoon, while the rest of us can stay and have a leisurely sea front lunch in Port Andratx, our destination for the last day's walk, before heading back to the hotel for a final swim and sunset dinner before heading home. The other two walks are full day walks exploring the local area and the surrounding local villages. The views are fantastic .

This long weekend can be combined with Walking the GR221 which departs on May 1st. For those wishing to combine the two trips, I will arrange a transfer (at no extra cost) to Hostal Esporles, in Esporles.

Holiday highlights

- Stay in the lovely Hostal Dragonera with its stupendous views across to Dragonera Island.
- Walk the quieter, beautiful rugged west coast of Mallorca for fantastic views and cold beer in delightful villages.
- Book a 3 or 4 night stay. Our walk on the 3rd day will finish early enough to take a late flight home or you can stay the extra night for a sunset lit dinner!

Accommodation



Our base for this long weekend is the Hostal Dragonera in Sant Elm. I have spent many weeks at a time in this hotel and I never tire of the phenomenal view from the dining room - each time I leave I have to wrench myself away! The food is excellent Spanish fare and there is just such a welcoming lovely feel to both the hotel and Sant Elm itself and the views are amazing (or have I said that already?!?)

All rooms are comfortable and en-suite. There are 6 single rooms that are bookable without a supplement.

Included

- En-suite half-board accommodation in the welcoming Hostal Dragonera.
- A three-course meal served each evening in the hotel restaurant.
- 2.5 days guided walking with a qualified and professional leader.
- All transport to and from walks.

Not included

- Lunches -these are available to buy from local shops in Sant Elm -I generally take a sandwich order for the local deli which we pick up at the start of our days walk.
- Incidental expenses such as drinks.

Detailed Itinerary

The following is the proposed itinerary. Please bear in mind that in the event of local conditions changing, for example due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary to change the itinerary.

Day 1

Arrive in Mallorca. Transfers from the airport are not included in the weekend cost; however, Sant Elm is accessible by bus from the airport (with a change in the city centre) or taxis in Mallorca are reliable, honest, metered, plentiful and reasonably priced (airport to Sant Elm is approximately 70 euros) or for £30 I will pick you up (up to a group of 3) from Palma city centre at the main bus station where the airport bus stops.

We will meet at 7:00 pm for a short briefing about days ahead before dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Meals included: dinner

Day 2: S'Arraco



Today we do a local walk to take in the beautiful area around Sant Elm. Walking from the hotel, we first climb to Torre de Cala en Basset, a watchtower from the late 16th century, built to protect the west coast of Mallorca. The views over towards Dragonera Island are fantastic. From here we follow wooded tracks to the village of S'Arraco which will be our lunch stop. There will be time to eat our lunch in the square and have a beer in the local bar before heading over Barrio son Tio for more incredible views of

Sant Elm bay.

14 km (9 miles) ascent/descent 300 m

Meals included: breakfast and dinner

Day 3: La Trappa and ses Basses

Today we climb steadily around the hillside above Sant Elm to reach La Trappa, a well-preserved abandoned 19th century Cistercian Monastery, now a centre for conservation. After a little time for elevenses and to explore the buildings there, we continue our ascent to Mirador d'en Joseph Sastre. At 450m above sea level, the views down are dizzying. From here we contour around the hillside following the GR221 before descending down to S'Arroco for a cold beer and returning by taxi back to Sant Elm.



14 km (8.5 miles) ascent/descent 500 m
Meals included: breakfast and dinner

Day 4: Port Andratx



Today we again follow the GR221, this time in the direction of Port Andratx. We firstly head out along the Pineta peninsular, before turning inland in the direction of Barri de Son Tio. However, this time we turn off, to pass under the cliffs at Pas Vermell and from there we slowly descend to Port Andratx. Port Andratx is a beautiful port, those staying for a fourth night can enjoy a leisurely

lunch before getting the bus back to Sant Elm, however, alternatively, if you can only spare 3 nights for this short break you can take a taxi back to Sant Elm to pick up your luggage and then onto the airport.

Distance: 9.6 km (6 miles) ascent/descent 350m
Meals included: breakfast and dinner

Day 5: Farewells until next time!

After breakfast we say goodbye, until next time.

Meal included: breakfast

Kit list

For walking each day:

- Good walking boots or shoes
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Lightweight, quick drying trousers

- Base layer
- Mid-layer such as a fleece jacket and an additional 'spare' layer depending on the forecast
- Walking socks
- Sun hat, sunglasses, lip salve and high SPF sun block
- Day sack (25 litre capacity is a good size) to comfortably carry your kit, lunch and water
- Dry bag or rucksack cover to keep the contents of your daypack dry
- Water bottle
- Basic first aid kit (plasters, blister treatment, antiseptic etc)
- Some snacks to keep you going
- Walking/trekking poles (if you use them)

Maps: Geo/Estel Mallorca Tramuntana Central

Group size

This long weekend will have a maximum group size of 16.

Personal expenditure

All breakfasts and evening meals are included in the holiday cost.

You will need enough money to cover lunches and incidental expenses such as drinks.

Any other queries, please get in touch with me.