



ADS VENTURES
WALKING HOLIDAYS & SHORT BREAKS

GR 221 MALLORCA

Trip notes

The GR 221

Walk the length of the Tramuntana Mountains on Mallorca's beautiful long-distance footpath to take in fabulous coastal views and visit some of Mallorca's charming towns and villages.



- 7 nights 6 days walking
- Departure date: Wednesday 1st May, October 16th 2024
- Cost £1225
- Sole occupancy supplement £195

- Grade

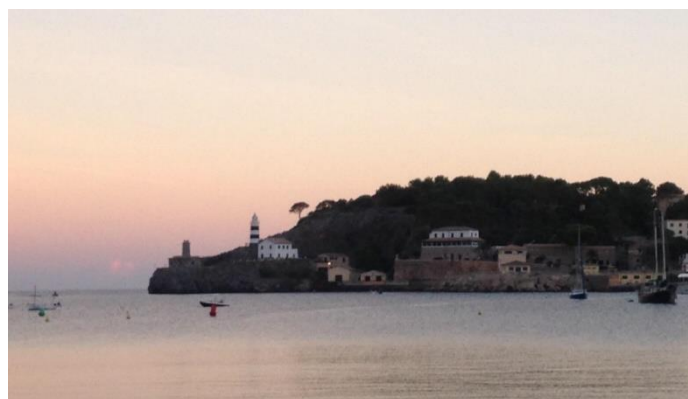


Come and feel refreshed by sea and mountain scapes in Mallorca, The Tramuntana mountains on the north west coast of Mallorca are a designated world heritage site. The GR221 winds it's way through this protected area, rich in flora and fauna, following the coast from Port d'Andratx to Pollenca. This

long-distance trail, also known as the 'ruta de pedra en sac' or dry-stone route, takes advantage of the old cobbled paths that linked the villages and farms on this island in a time when growing olive and producing charcoal were still the way that many people earned their living. Together we walk 85km (57 miles) of the route, from Estellencs to Pollenca, over 6 days. Mallorca needs no introduction as a holiday destination but anyone who visits to walk for the first time is blown away by its spectacular trails and scenery. Many return again and again.

Accommodation

We will use three centres for this linear walk, the first two nights will be spent in Esporles, a town which with its tree lined central avenue and sleepy air feels distinctly more local than touristy. Three nights will be spent in the beautiful town of Soller. We can appreciate this relaxed town from our boutique hotel overlooking the central plaza. The final two nights are spent accommodation based in the monastery at Lluc. The accommodation may be eclectic, but it gives a true flavour of the many aspects of Mallorca and is en-suite throughout. Baggage will be transported between hotels, all you need to carry is your day-sack. Breakfasts are taken in the hotel; evening meals are taken in the hotel or in local restaurants.



Hostal Esporles, Esporles: 2 nights

S'Hostal d'Esporles, featured in the Charming Small hotels guide, is situated in a quiet, plane-tree lined side street, opposite the church, in Esporles. The hotel's rooms are unpretentious and simply furnished with love, in local rustic style.

Hotel Soller Plaza, Soller: 3 nights



The Soller Plaza is a new exclusive hotel occupying a prime position in the lively square of the old town of picturesque Soller in the Tramuntana area. The original historic building dating back to the end of the XIX century, was lovingly restored in 2018, preserving the original character to offer maximum comfort, style and elegance. The room pictured is a standard double, superior doubles and junior suites are also available for a supplement. Please enquire about this option.



Santuari de Lluç: 2 nights

The Sanctuary or Monastery at Lluç is a magnificent building situated at the heart of the Tramuntana mountains. Rooms are spacious and all en-suite. Not very monastery like at all!



Included

- Half board en-suite accommodation
- Guided walking each day
- All transport to and from walks.
- Baggage transport between centres.
- Pick-up from Palma airport if you arrive before 16:30
- Transfer to airport on the morning of departure
- Evening meals taken in the hotel or local restaurants

Not included

- Flights -you book these yourself but please do not book until the minimum number for the holiday is reached. I will let you know when this is.
- Lunches
- Incidental expenses such as bar bill etc

Detailed Itinerary

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

Day 1

Travel to Mallorca and transfer to Hostal Esportles in the town of Esportles. Meet at 7pm in the hotel bar for a short briefing about the week ahead before dinner.

Meals included: dinner

Day 2: Estellencs to Esportles

Today we travel from Estellencs to Esportles. We pass through olive terraces and past some of the stately homes of the island before descending into the delightful town of Banyalbufar for lunch. In the afternoon we follow an old royal route, using sections of beautiful tree covered paved and terraced bridle paths, as we undulate along the coast line.

Distance 15 km (9.5 miles), ascent 520 m descent 490 m

Meals included: Breakfast and dinner

Day 3: Valldermossa to Deia

Today we take taxis to the hill town of Valldermossa from where we pick up the magnificent Archduke's trail, which gives outstanding views down over the whole coast line. We descend to Deia and take private transport to Soller for our next three nights' accommodation. Our main luggage is transported separately in the morning.

Distance 14 km (9 miles), ascent 540 m descent 780 m



Meals included: Breakfast and dinner

Day 4: Deia to Port Soller

Today we return to Deia and follow a route between the mountains and the sea. The Teix massive rises above us and the sea can be seen shimmering below, as we walk along an old paved path that has withstood the traffic of horses and cattle since the middle ages. This is a shorter day and so there should be plenty of time for a swim in Port Soller at the end of the day, before taking the wooden tram or bus back to our base in Soller. Alternatively, the option is there to walk up into Soller. If you prefer, day 4 or day 5 can be taken as a rest day.

Distance 11.5 km (7 miles), ascent 400 m, descent 530 m

Meals included: Breakfast and dinner

Day 5: Soller to Cuber reservoir

We leave the town of Soller behind us and walk to the tiny village of Biniaraix. If time allows we will grab a coffee in one of the cafes in the square, before we wind our way through the Barranc de Biniaraix, a remarkable deep limestone gorge. The gorge gives way to the Pilgrims trail, an extraordinary, paved trail built for pilgrims making their way to the Monastery at Lluc. We use this route to ascend over Coll de l'Ofre and then descend slightly to follow the Cuber reservoir to the road. From here we travel back to Soller. If you prefer, day 4 or day 5 can be taken as a rest day.

Distance 15 km (9.5 miles), ascent 825 m, descent 100 m

Meals included: Breakfast and dinner

Day 6: Cuber reservoir to Lluc Monastery

Today we return to the Cuber reservoir and climb steadily through the dramatic Tramuntana Mountains. We pass under Puig Major and Puig de Massanella, Mallorca's two highest mountains, to reach Coll des Prat, the high point of our holiday at 1200 m. From here we descend down to the Monastery at Lluc, our home for the next two nights. Our main luggage is transported separately in the morning.

Distance 15 km (9.5 miles), ascent 610 m, descent 900 m

Meals included: Breakfast and dinner

Day 7: Lluc Monastery to Pollensa

We leave the high mountains behind us as we descend gently down into Pollensa. The scenery changes as we descend, and we are soon back in olive growing country. There should be a little time to explore the delightful town of Pollensa before we head back to Lluc for our final night.

Distance 17 km (11 miles), ascent 240 m, descent 690 m

Meals included: Breakfast and dinner

Day 8:

Depart Lluc monastery after breakfast. Transfer to the airport, leaving in the morning is included.

Meals included: Breakfast

Kit list and maps

For walking each day

- Good walking boots or shoes
- Walking/trekking poles strongly recommended for this trip
- 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
- Warm hat and gloves -just in case the weather turns
- 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

Maps Geo/Estel maps Mallorca Tramuntana sud/central/nord.

Group size

This guided holiday will have a maximum group size of 14.

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.

Insurance

It is a condition of booking (see terms and conditions that you have insurance for this holiday.

Any other queries, please get in touch with me.