



**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 5 days walking
- Departure date: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025
- Cost £1275
- 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 Pollença. This

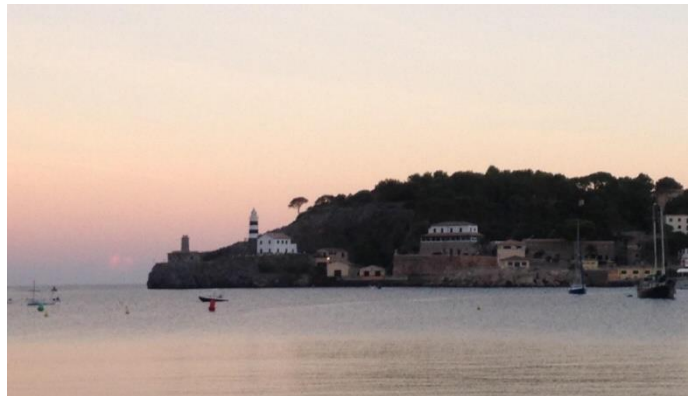
long-distance trail, also known as the 'ruta de pedra en sac' or dry-stone route, takes advantage of the old cobbled paths that linked the villages and farms on this island in a time when growing olive and producing charcoal were still the way that many people earned their living. Together we walk 80 km (50 miles) of the route, from Estellencs to Pollença, over 5 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.

**This week-long holiday can be combined with a long weekend in Sant Elm which departs on October 18<sup>th</sup>. For those wishing to combine the two trips, I will arrange a transfer (at no extra cost) to Hostal Esporles, in Esporles.**

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## 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 d'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. It really is a lovely hotel!

### **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 Lluc: 2 nights**

The Sanctuary or Monastery at Lluc 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
- 5 days of guided walking with a qualified and professional guide
- All transport to and from walks.
- Baggage transport between centres.
- Transfer from Mallorca airport on arrival day – if you arrive by 16:00. Later arrivals will need to take a taxi at an approximate cost of 40 euros or get the airport bus into town and then the bus out to Esporles
- 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 Esporles in the town of Esporles. Meet at 7pm in the hotel bar for a short briefing about the week ahead before dinner.

**Meals included: dinner**

#### **Day 2: Estellencs to Esporles**

Today we travel from Estellencs to Esporles. 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 where we take the bus 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: Free Day**

Today is free to explore the local area. Soller is a lovely town, you can have coffee in the square followed by a mooch around the local shops or head down to the port in the famous wooden tram that runs between Soller and Port Soller. For a longer day out, you could take the wooden train to the capital of Mallorca, the lovely town of Palma, or head back to Valldermossa to explore the monastery made famous by Chopin and George Sands.

Alternatively, you could walk the section of the GR221 between Deia, where you left off yesterday back to Port Soller or Soller itself. The route is well marked and easy to follow and Deia can be easily reached by bus or taxi from Soller. The stats for the walk are:

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, 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.

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.**