

Spain - Majorca Along the GR221 Hiking Tour 2023 Self-Guided Tour 9 Days / 8 Nights



Mallorca's mountains make hikers' hearts leap for joy, especially if it is all about the long distance hiking path GR221. It leads across the entire island from the north to the southeast and combines all highlights which constitute hiking on Mallorca. Views onto/from the coast you cannot get enough of, the alpine like Tramuntana Mountains, in between the two reservoirs, where Mallorca's highest mountain is reflected in the water, or the citrus fruit in the idyllic Sóller valley, where you can smell spring already from a distance. Coastal villages such as Deià and Valldemossa are also located en route as well as monasteries, extensive country estates, fincas and renowned coastal towns such as Pt. Andratx. Fragrant macchia, evergreen and holly oak forests providing shade, inquisitive sheep and mountain goats accompany you along the route of the dry-stone walls, which are definitely going to fascinate you.

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## **Itinerary Day to Day**

# Day 1: Arrival in Pt. Alcúdia

Get in the right mood for your hiking week in the Tramuntana with a leisurely stroll along the sandy promenade.



**Day 2: Pt. Alcúdia – Lluc Monastery 13 km + 600 m – 220 m** A short transfer takes you to Pollença, where you follow the route through a green valley featuring almond and olive trees. Along the historic pilgrimage trail towards Lluc monastery, with first glances onto the impressive Tramuntana mountains. Via a pass you hike past the Puig Tomir, which can also be climbed up as part of an athletic detour. Through holly oak forests with stupendous views back towards the coast to Lluc for an overnight stay in the monastery.

## Day 3: Lluc Monastery – Refugi Tossal Verds 15 km + 870 m - 840 m

Along historic terraced paths you ascend into the mountains, past old snow houses. Onwards across a nearly alpine like Mediterranean mountain scape all the way to the pass "Coll des Prat", the highest point of your holiday, situated at the foot of the mighty Puig de Massanella. After a break with a fantastic view onto the neighbouring island Menorca the path leads you via the spring Font des Prat to the lovely hut Refugi Tossal Verds, situated amidst a picturesque landscape.

**Day 4: Refugi Tossal Verds – Pt. Sóller 20 km + 550 m – 1,040 m** The queen's stage situated in the heart of the Tramuntana. Fragrant rosemary and juniper bushes accompany your path around the Tossal Verds massif all the way to the Gorg Blau and Cuber reservoirs. At the Pass de L'Ofre you enjoy a grandiose panoramic view onto the lakes and the peaks of the Tramuntana. Along the way to Sóller you follow the terraced path through the impressive gorge of Biniaraix. Fragrant citrus fruit welcome you in Sóller valley, from there via the old tram to Pt. Sóller.



## Day 5: Pt. Sóller – Valldemossa 24 km + 1,390 m – 1,090 m

From here the path leads you along the wild romantic West coast. There you are rewarded with countless panoramic views – onto the sea, the jagged cliff coast and the Tramuntana Mountains in the background. There is a reason why many famous people have settled here in secluded villas. In the Bay of Deia we highly recommend you sample the local tapas in the tavern situated above the sea before you continue along the bridle path of Archduke John of Austria to Valldemossa. During this section again the views will enchant you! In Valldemossa you walk in the footsteps of Chopin through the busy alleyways.

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# Day 6: Valldemossa – Banyalbufar 17 km + 760 m – 1,060

Via a rocky mountain crest past old coal yards on the postal route "Cami des Correu" to the little town of Esporles situated inland. At the country estate La Granja you get to experience how people lived and worked on the island in the olden days. Uniquely beautiful is the descent to Banyalbufar featuring endless terraced gardens which were already called 'the Gardens at the Sea' by the Arabs. This pretty village is a great place to linger and leave all your cares behind whilst gazing out onto the glistening sea.



Day 7: Banyalbufar – Pt. Andratx/Surroundings 23 km + 740 m - 760 m Via the terraced gardens of Banyalbufar, past olive groves and through neat country estates into the pretty village of Estellences situated at the foot of the Puig des Galatzó. Neat pubs invite you to a lunch break, full of energy you embark on the second part of your hike. Initially you leisurely walk along the coast, then high up to the Coll des Pinotells. From here you descend, you come to a quiet, green high altitude valley and conclude your stage in the fertile valley of Es Capdella. By transfer into the chic coastal town of Pt. Andratx.

# Day 8: Circular Walk La Trappa & Sant Elm 20 km + 710 m – 990 m

As a finale a hike with panoramic views at its best awaits! You start after a short transfer to the Coll de sa Gramola and proceed to the former Trappists' monastery La Trappa. The unique coastline is really pleasing to the eye, soon your gaze is focused onto the spectacular dragon island "La Dragonera". Picture-perfect in an idyllic setting, it is one of the most renowned hikes on Mallorca. After a refreshing dip in the sea in the enchanting village of Sant Elm you walk back along paths with great views to Pt. Andratx.

## **Day 9: Individual Departure or Extension**



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### **Technical Characteristics:**

**Route Profile:** Hard. For the hikes, some of which lead on relatively rocky paths and trails, a good basic fitness level is required. Surefootedness is prerequisite. Discover the diversity of Mallorca on beautiful mountain- and coastal paths. The final stage from Valldemossa can be shortened by public transport.

Total Distance: 132 km

Travel Season: Departures Saturdays from February 11 - June 24 and September 2 - October 21, 2023 Season 1: February 11 - March 11 Season 2: March 12 - May 13 and September 24 - October 21 Season 3: May 14 - June 24 and September 2 - September 23

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Price per person:	
Double Occupancy B&B Season 1	€ 899.00
Double Occupancy B&B Season 2	€ 989.00
Double Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 1089.00
Single Occupancy Surcharge	€ 289.00
Extra Nights Pt. Alcúdia Double Occupancy B&B Season 1	€ 59.00
Extra Nights Pt. Alcúdia Double Occupancy B&B Season 2	€ 79.00
Extra Nights Pt. Alcúdia Double Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 89.00
Extra Nights Pt. Alcúdia Single Occupancy B&B Season 1	€ 104.00
Extra Nights Pt. Alcúdia Single Occupancy B&B Season 2	€ 124.00
Extra Nights Pt. Alcúdia Single Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 134.00
Extra Nights Pt. Andratx/Surroundings Double Occupancy B&B Season 1	€ 119.00
Extra Nights Pt. Andratx/Surroundings Double Occupancy B&B Season 2	€ 129.00
Extra Nights Pt. Andratx/Surroundings Double Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 149.00
Extra Nights Pt. Andratx/Surroundings Single Occupancy B&B Season 1	€ 184.00
Extra Nights Pt. Andratx/Surroundings Single Occupancy B&B Season 2	€ 194.00
Extra Nights Pt. Andratx/Surroundings Single Occupancy B&B Season 3	€ 214.00

## Accommodation:

Category: beautiful 3\*and 4\*hotels, 1x Lluc monastery and 1x Refugi Tossal Verds \*\* The Refugi Tossal-Verds is very popular. In case it is fully booked for your preferred dates, we will book you as an alternative accommodation into the Lluc monastery, the route description will be adapted accordingly.

## Included:

- 7 nights' accommodation
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer
- Welcome meeting
- Transfers according to program
- Orange ice cream in Sóller
- Train fare with the nostalgic 'red lightning train' from Bunyola to Palma
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel and tour documents 1 per room
- App for navigation and GPS data available
- Service hotline

## Not Included:

- Tramway fare from Sóller to Port Sóller (approximately EUR 5 per person)
- Any visitor's taxes, payable locally

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