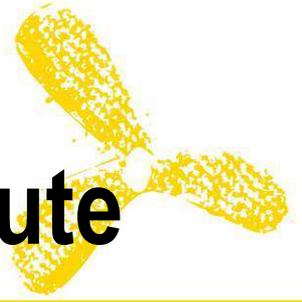


# GR 221 Dry-stone Route



## description:

First GR in Mallorca. This route was designed to allow people go along the Serra de Tramuntana from one end to the other. The name "Piedra Seca" is due to the many constructions along the Serra de Tramuntana that are made of stone, without mortar. Therefore all along the way we shall see spectacular terraces, huts and coal-mines, lost in the middle to the forest; lime-kiln. At high levels and many other constructions that are associated to the human being and to the environment where he lived and how he made good use of.

All these elements are combined with spectacular views; the highest peaks, the northern coast and small beaches, the whole "pla" of Mallorca, luxuriant oak woods and dry barren mountains zones.

The Dry Stone "Piedra Seca" route was created by the Consell de Mallorca and was presented as an eight-stage route. At this point in time and due to problems in the passage of some paths and waiting for some refuges still under construction to be open up, Escull Aventura offers the following route in 5 stages.

### **Banyalbufar – Valldemossa - Deià – Port de Sóller – Tossals – Lluc – Pollença**

There is no need to go along the whole route. At every starting and/or ending point of each stage, the route can be commenced or finished. Also, we offer different types of lodgings to fit with the demand. Therefore, we can go along the route staying at hotels or "agroturismos" or use the mountain refuges provided by the Consell de Mallorca.

### difficulty



High

### approximate timing



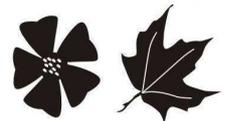
From 2 to 5 days

### unevenness



3.945m 4.068m

### recommended seasons



Spring and autumn

### Information on:

- Prices
- Material
- Requirements
- Bookings
- Cancellations

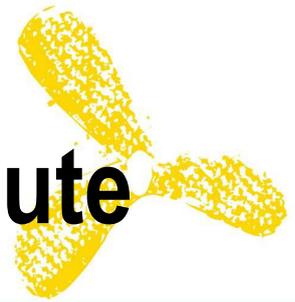
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## 1st Stage

Banyalbufar - Valldemossa

# GR 221 Dry-stone Route



### description:

This stage will take advantage of some clearings to appraise the profile of the "Serra de Tramuntana", ending up in the sea.

Upon arriving at Esporles, we shall be able to reach the old property of "La Granja" that originally was an Arab farmhouse and that we turned out into a Cistercian monastery and nowadays has been tuned into an ethnological museum.

The road from Esporles to Valldemossa previously used by coalmen, hunters, shepherds, woodsmen, walk men will offer us deep forest oaks with "ajubs" (Old water tanks made of dry stone), "rotlles de sitja" (rounded coal heaver settle) as well as the corresponding Coalman Cabins and "Coll de tords" (Bird-Ned-Hunting Place). Also we will be surprised by the ample sights of Valldemossa.

starting point: Banyalbufar

arriving point: Valldemossa

### difficulty



Middle/difficult 21km

### approximate timing



5 h / 5h 30'.

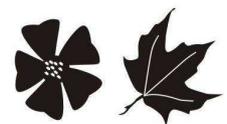
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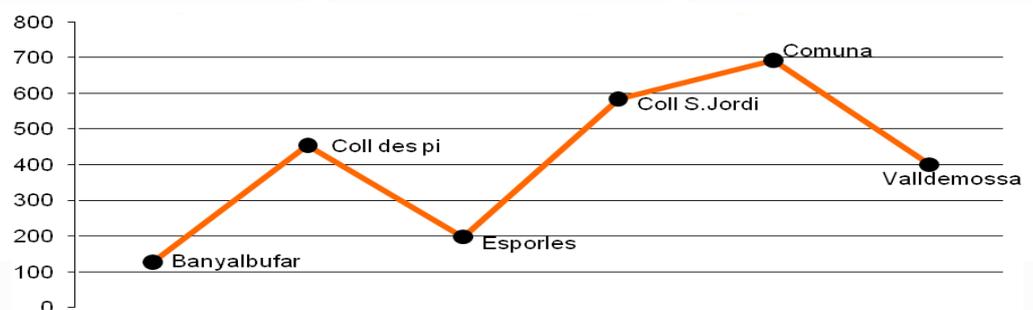
848m

548m

### recommended seasons



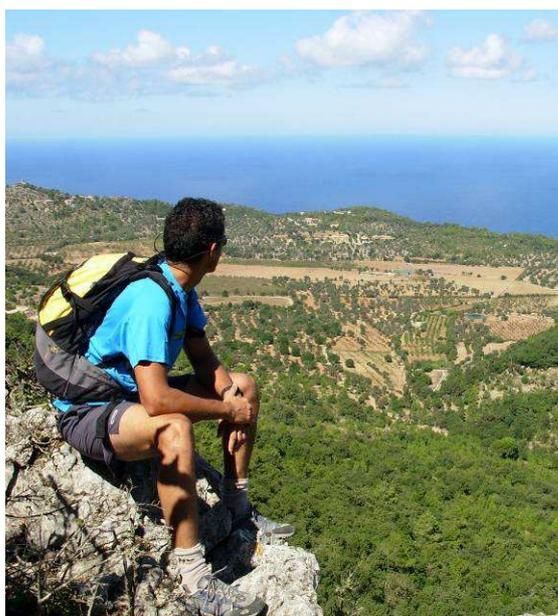
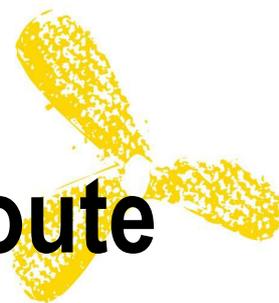
Spring and autumn



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage

Valldemossa - Deià

# GR 221 Dry-stone Route



### description:

This stage will give us an amazing diversity of spots and splendid balconies viewing over the northern coast and the summits around Valldemossa, also na Foradada” that will be a delight as well as the road of the Archduke that is an engineering masterpiece.

The archduke Luis Salvador, member of the Imperial Austrian family, ordered part of the construction of this road what gives us the clue why he used to spend long periods of time in Mallorca from 1867 to 1915 and why he acquired many of the possessions in the northern coast of the island

starting point: Valldemossa

arriving point: Deià

### difficulty



Middle/difficult 12km

### approximate timing



5h

### unevenness



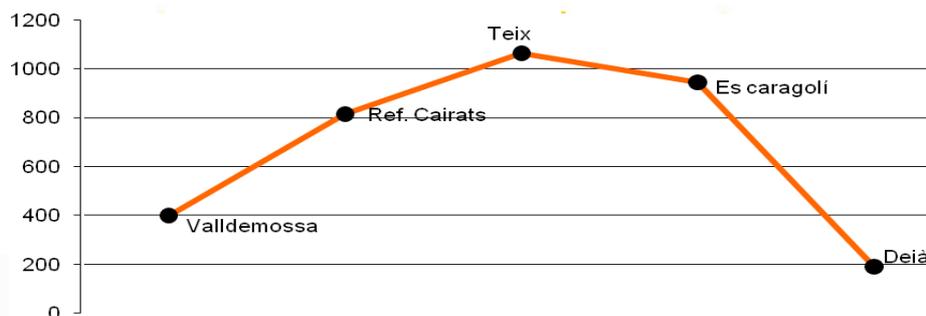
897m

1150m

### recommended seasons



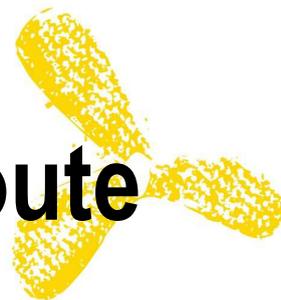
Spring and autumn



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage

Deià - Pto. Sòller

# GR 221 Dry-stone Route



The easiest stage goes between Deià and Sóller and will allow us to get back our strength and enjoy the village of Deià; its olive terraces (XV century), the fortified *possession* of Muleta Gran, the small little church (XVII century) and cape gross lighthouse (XIX century). It is worth visiting the little beach of Deià and discover its Mediterranean scent, its fishermen little house and small boats.

NOTE: Possibility of swimming, depending on the season of the year.

starting point: Deià

arriving point: Puerto de Sóller

difficulty



Easy. 10km

approximate  
timing



3 h

unevenness



240 m

320m

recommended  
seasons



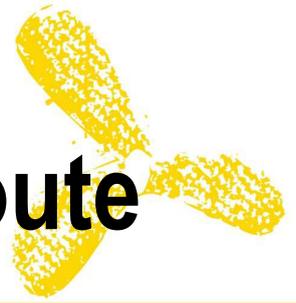
Spring and autumn



## 4<sup>th</sup> Stage

Pto. Sóller – Ref. Tossals

# GR 221 Dry-stone Route



### description:

Very complete stage and deeply uneven. We will have the opportunity to go into Sóller village as well as into the little villages of Binibassí and Biniaraix. We shall walk up the Biniaraix canyon, former stony road that communicated Sóller and Lluc. This place has been declared of Cultural Interest (1994) due to the valuable dry stone works. We shall see beautiful terraces, orange trees and olive groves, springs, washing houses, ditches, watering holes, water-wheels, etc.

starting point: Puerto de Sóller

arriving point: Refugio de Tossals

### difficulty



Difficult 29km

### approximate timing



7 h 45'

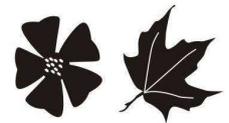
### unevenness



930m

550m

### recommended seasons



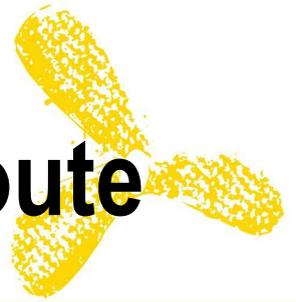
Spring and autumn



## 5<sup>th</sup> Stage

Ref. Tossals - Lluc

# GR 221 Dry-stone Route



### description:

Very interesting stage from a **naturalist** point of view. We shall go through wooded zones, thick oak-woods deciduous trees that belonged to colder eras, as well as rare species such as the box tree and the yew tree. **Landscape** surrounded by the high peak such as Puig Major, Massanella, Puig de L'Ofre and **ethnological**, discovering the dry stone constructions that are related to how vegetal coal was made and colmen huts. Also snow pits that can be seen at the massif of Massanella and that are protected by having being declared in 2001 Place of Ethnological interest. Near the end of the stage, we shall go by Lluc, the most important center of pilgrimage in the island. This fact has been documented since the XIII century

starting point: Refugio de Tossals

arriving point: Lluc

### difficulty



Middle/difficult 16km

### approximate timing



5h 30'

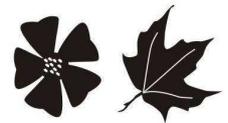
### unevenness



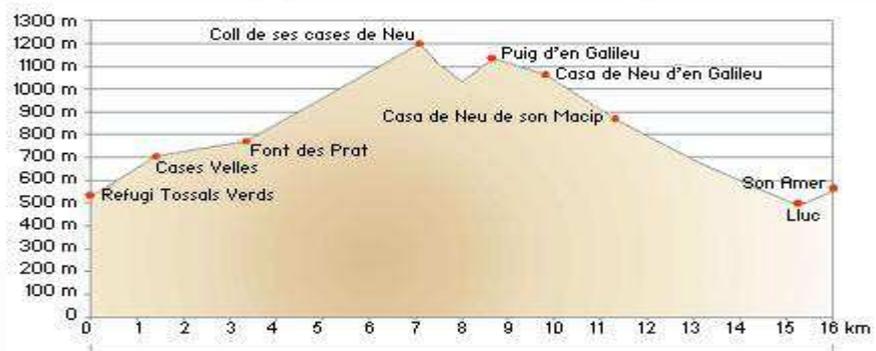
880m

870m

### recommended seasons



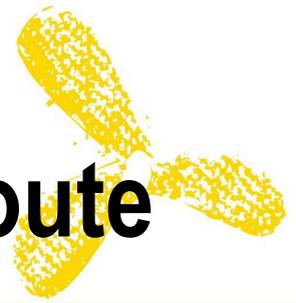
Spring and autumn



## 6<sup>th</sup> Stage

Lluc - Pollença

# GR 221 Dry-stone Route



### description:

This is the last stage of GR221 and will lead us first through karstic stormy spots nearly Lluc. Oak groves, some of them hundred years old, and surrounded by the last peaks of the Tramuntana range of mountains. We will end up in a road dated back to the Romans era.

We will be accompanied by the dry stone constructions that are linked to the coalmen activity (huts, charcoal burning sites). We shall also find springs, terraces and big houses.

starting point: Lluc

arriving point: Pollença

### difficulty



Easy 17km

### approximate timing



4h 45'

### unevenness



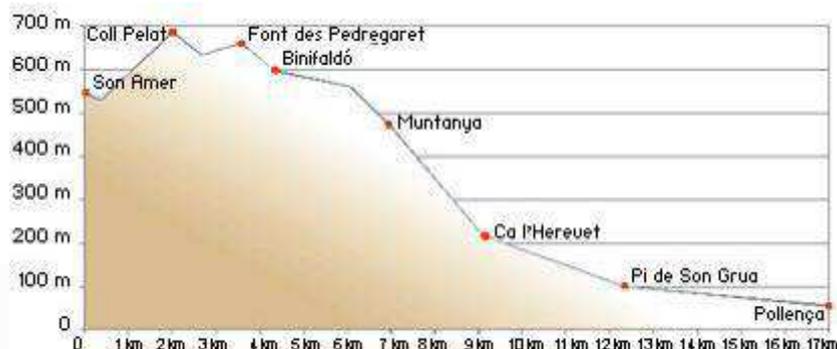
150m

630m

### recommended seasons



Spring and autumn



## Additional information

Prices  
per  
person

Prices x person; including accommodation and meals					
Group	Number of stages				
	2	3	4	5	6
Minimum people 4	225 €	335 €	450 €	560 €	Check price
5 a 6	199 €	299 €	395 €	495 €	
7 a 8	168 €	250 €	335 €	420 €	
9 a 10	150 €	225 €	300 €	375 €	
11 a 12	140 €	210 €	280 €	350 €	

Prices x person; no accommodations, only mallorquin picnic					
Group	Number of stages				
	2	3	4	5	6
Minimum people 4	145 €	215 €	285 €	355 €	Check price
5 a 6	120 €	180 €	240 €	299 €	
7 a 8	95 €	140 €	185 €	235 €	
9 a 10	80 €	120 €	160 €	195 €	
11 a 12	70 €	105 €	140 €	175 €	

**For groups** fewer than 4 people the prices will be increased. Please check prices calling our offices or sending us an e-mail.

### Include

All prices are per person and include, native titled guide, accident and civil responsibility insurance plus VAT.

There is the possibility of choosing full board and accommodation at the refuges of the Consell (except for the Estellencs stage).

Prices can be affected if there is not availability at the lodgings offered. Please check above table.

### Services not included

- Drinks
- Transportation. Public transportation available
- Personal equipment or extra personal equipment
- Transportation expenses due to meteorological or technical conditions or any other major causes
- Changes in the program due to meteorological causes, or the physical /technical conditions of the participants or due to any other reason of major cause that can affect the security of the group and the good development of the program
- Any service not specified
- Sheet and towel. Available at the refuges for 3 and 1 euro respectively.

### Material

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adequate shoes to walk on stony roads</li> <li>- Sporting clothes for the mountain and spare set of clothes</li> <li>- Mountain socks</li> <li>- Waterproof clothes kind gore-tex</li> <li>- Toilet kit</li> <li>- Towel</li> <li>- Water bottle</li> <li>- Backpack minimum 35/40 l.</li> <li>- Headlamp</li> <li>- Sleeping bag or travel liners</li> </ul> | <p>Recommended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rubber sandals</li> <li>- Sunglasses</li> <li>- Sun protection cream (skin and lips)</li> <li>- Photographic material</li> <li>- Telescopic sticks</li> <li>- Swimming suit – depending on the season</li> <li>- Pack cover</li> </ul> |
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### Requirements

Good physical conditions to walk between 6 or 8 hours a day along stony roads and with important unevenness and carrying an 8-kilos backpack

### Bookings

At the time of booking 30% down payment by bank transfer to bank account no.

Mentioning the code GR and your name having previously confirmed with us that there is place available. The booking will not be considered firm until full payment has been made.

The remaining amount will be paid the first day and if possible in cash or else by bank transfer a few day before. In this case, the corresponding receipt will have to be shown.

### Cancellations

- Cancellations by Escull Aventura. The whole amount will be returned.
- If the client cancels: 1 month before due date, 100% of amount will be returned
- 15 days before due date, 50% of amount will be returned. Fewer than 8 days, no amount will be returned.