Camí de Cavalls
8 days your own way

DISCOVER THE ANCIENT ROAD WHICH ENCIRCLES THIS BEAUTIFUL MEDITERRANEAN ISLAND
Discover the path that surrounds the wonderful Mediterranean island of Menorca. The Camí de Cavalls GR-223 is a famous route, suitable for beginner and experienced hikers. The hike route has a great geological and landscape variety, passing through beautiful beaches, forests, inland pastures and cultivation, as well as urban stretches in Maó-Mahón, Minorcan capital in the east and Ciutadella de Menorca in the west.

**Duration:** 8 Days  
**Level:** Medium  
**Start:** Mahón  
**End:** Airport  
**Departures:** All year  
**Price:** from 572,00€

**ROUTE GR223**

**PRICE INCLUDES:**
- 7 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION WITH BREAKFAST
- LUGGAGE TRANSPORT
- ALL TRANSFERS ON THE PROGRAMME

**DAY 1: ARRIVAL TO THE ISLAND and transfer to Mahón, the capital**

The city of Mahon will be the starting point to discover the beauty of the island. Its 18th century British legacy and natural harbour make this town a renowned tourist attraction.

**Accommodation in Mahón**
Discover the Natural Park of S’Albufera des Grau, core of the Biosphere Reserve, crossing wetlands, farmland, dunes and unspoiled beaches (Tortuga and Presili) until you reach the Favàritx lighthouse built on the imposing black slate cliffs. Possibility of reaching the port of Addaia passing through Ses Salines de Mongofre.

**Highlights:**

- The beaches of: Sa Mesquida, Es Grau, Playa Tortuga, Cala Presili.
- Of archaeological interest: Defence tower of Sa Mesquida and Torreta.
- Fishing village Es Grau and Favàritx lighthouse (black slate landscape).
- Bird watching in the Natural Park of S’Albufera de’s Grau.

Pick up at the hotel in the morning to go to Sa Mesquida, where, down to the beach, begins the hike route of the northeastern part of the island towards the Natural Park S’Albufera de’s Grau, the core of the Biosphere Reserve which encompasses the whole island, declared of international interest by the MAB-UNESCO programme.

There is the option for the minibus to make a second stop in Es Grau for walkers who prefer to start the tour in S’Albufera.

The route ascends to the north crossing a great variety of ecosystems: wetlands, farmland and pasture, forested hillsides, coastal communities, cliffs, dunes and, especially, beaches - the magnificent Tortuga and Presili Cove of fine white sand.

You can reach the Cape of Favàritx where the lighthouse built in 1922, over imposing black slate cliffs, makes this privileged spot one of the most famous postcards of Menorca. The hike route ends at the parking of the lighthouse from where our bus returns you to the hotel in Mahon.

For walkers who prefer to travel another 10.5 km: the coach will make a second stop in Addaia, a natural port located between the S’Albufera Natural Park and the Marine Reserve of the North of Menorca. The route passes through Ses Salines of Mongofre, an ideal natural space for bird watching.

**Meeting point for return bus:**

17:00h 00h pick-up at the parking area of Favàritx lighthouse. **39.996438, 4.263358**

17:30h pick-up at Addaia at the Bus stop of the Shopping Center. **40.007115, 4.193121**
DAY 3 : ROUTE
FORNELLS > CALA TIRANT > CAVALLERÍA > BINIMEL-LÀ

The hike route begins in Fornells / Cala Tirant and runs through one of the best conserved areas of the north coast of the island that has great biodiversity and great ornithological interest. This route stands out for the Cavalleríà beach, the wetlands and Binimel-là beach. There are 3 optional off-route visits: the Sanitja port, with the archaeological site of the ancient Roman settlement, the Cavalleríà lighthouse on the imposing cliffs and the Pregonda beach, one of the most beautiful in the north.

Accommodation in Ciutadella

Highlights:

- The following beaches: Cala Tirant, Cavalleríà, Cala Mica, Binimel-là and Pregonda.
- Of archaeological interest: Port and Roman town of Sanisera, Sanitja defense tower.
- The Cavallería Lighthouse, exterior zone.

Pick up at the hotel in the morning with your luggage ready for transport. Today the change of hotel to Ciutadella is planned and your driver will keep your bags to deliver them in the afternoon at reception.

Today’s route starts at Cala Tirant (Playas de Fornells) and runs through one of the best conserved areas of the north coast of the island that has been declared a Site of Community Importance and has great biodiversity and great ornithological interest. For hikers who prefer to visit and start from the fishing village of Fornells, the minibus will make an optional stop.

This route stands out for the humid areas of Binimel-là, the Basses de Lluriac (extensive wetland) and a short distance away from the Camí de Cavalls, the possibility of visiting the port of Sanitja (archaeological site of the ancient Roman city) that was first a military camp and then the Civitas de Sanisera. Another close destination that we can not miss is the Cavallería lighthouse, erected in 1857 on its spectacular cliffs over 80 meters high.

Along the path you find the beaches of Tirant, Cavalleríà, Mica and Binimel-là where there are two systems of dunes that host important plant communities.

You can reach the beach of Pregonda, one of the most beautiful in the north by adding 1.5 km of walking to the route, then return to the parking area of Binimel-là beach for the return journey with your bus to Ciutadella.

Accommodation in Ciutadella

Meeting point for return bus:
17:00h pick-up in the Parking area of the beach of Cavallería. 📍40.059566, 4.080260
17:20h pick-up in the parking area of Binimel-là beach. 📍40.048537, 4.054441
DAY 4: ROUTE
CALA PILAR > CALA MORELL > PUNTA NATI

Departure from Cala Pilar to this route is characterized by the diversity of habitats with large expanses of forests and shrub species. The highlights are the Macar d’Afuiri with pebbles, the beaches of La Vall and Algaiarens, and the necropolis and caves of the Talayotic era of Cala Morell. Possibility of reaching the Punta Nati lighthouse.

Highlights:
• The beaches of Cala Pilar, Es Macar d’Afuiri, La Vall and Algaiarens, Cala Morell.
• Of historical interest: bunkers of Algaiarens, Necropolis and Caves of Cala Morell.
• Lighthouse of Punta Nati, exterior area.

Pick up at the hotel in the morning in the direction of Cala Pilar in the north of the island, where the hike route begins today. The bus will drop you off in the parking area 2 km from the beach of Cala Pilar. To visit it, turn east and follow the path that goes down hill to the beach. Then you have to return uphill and follow the path to the west towards Algaiarens. You find an area surrounded by hills of intense reddish colour due to the large amount of clay composition of the territory. It is worth mentioning Es Macar d’Afuiri, a small beach with pebble stones.

This route is characterized by the diversity of habitats, which you find as we move along the path, with large expanses of forests and shrub species. The route goes inland through cultivation, mostly barley and wheat, until you reach the beach of Algaiarens.

You continue towards the west where we will pass from the area of Tramontana, the beach of Fontanilles, Punta de Curniola until you reach the urbanization of Cala Morell where on its cliffs you can see an important necropolis of the Talayotic era formed by fourteen caves artificially excavated in the rock.

In Cala Morell the route ends today. The minibus will be ready in the afternoon for the return journey to the accommodation in Ciutadella.

The walkers who want to follow the route have the possibility of reaching the Punta Nati Lighthouse (adding 7 km to the path). This section of the Camí de Cavalls runs entirely through what is known as “dry Menorca”, an arid landscape where the incidence of the north wind has created a desolate landscape.

Here are endemic species such as rosemary, heather and the popular Camamillà, camomile of Menorca. In the field you find several constructions in stone of circular plant and pyramidal form, the barracks, used for the shelter of the cattle. In Punta Nati you find the lighthouse built in 1913 after the shipwreck of the French transatlantic mail ship, Général Chanzy.

Accommodation in Ciutadella

Meeting point for return bus:
17:00h pick-up in the parking area of Cala Morell, located near the Sa Cala Apartments (the first roundabout at the entrance to the urbanization).

17:20h recogida en el Parking del Faro de Punta Nati.

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17:20h recogida en el Parking del Faro de Punta Nati.

Accommodation in Ciutadella
DAY 5 : ROUTE
CIUTADELLA > SON XORIGUER > CALA GALDANA

This is the most spectacular route of the south coast passing the beaches of Son Saura, Cala Turqueta and Macarella with their marvellous turquoise crystal waters. Passing from inlet to inlet, you also find the Cave of Pardals, an old waterwheel and bunkers from the Second World War, camouflaged in the landscape.

Highlights:
- Lighthouse of Cap d’Artrutx.
- The beaches of: Son Saura, Cala Es Talaier, Cala en Turqueta, Macarella and Macarelleta.
- Visit of interest: Cova des Pardals, Bunker of Son Saura; Cala Galdana.

It starts with a transfer to the Son Xoriguer tourist resort located on the southwest coast of the island; the walkers who prefer to start directly from the port of Ciutadella and thus skirt the entire coast will leave directly on foot from their hotel by adding 16 km more to their route.

The route today is the most spectacular of the Camí de Cavalls. Along the way you will cross the most renowned beaches of the island: Son Saura, with its system of dunes and humid area, Cala Turqueta, Macarella and Macarelleta with its wonderful crystal clear turquoise waters.

In winter and spring, it is common to find sandy areas covered by Posidonia grasslands, plants that play an important role in protecting the beach against the erosive waves of storms.

Passing from inlet to inlet you also find the cave Cova Des Pardals, an old waterwheel and bunkers from the Second World War, camouflaged in the landscape.

The route goes inland and ends in the tourist area of Cala Galdana. Return journey to the hotel.

Accommodation in Ciutadella

Meeting point for return bus:
17:00h pick-up in the Parking in front of the Artiem Audax Hotel in Cala Galdana.
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DAY 6: ROUTE CALA GALDANA > ES MIGJORN GRAN > SANTO TOMÁS

Known as the “Barrancos Route” where the most important ravines of the island are found (Algendar, Trebaluger and Albranca). From Cala Galdana you cross the unspoiled beach of Cala Mitjana and then leaving the coast it continues into a wooded area of the interior. We highlight the beach of Binigaus just at the point where the cliffs give way to the coast to end up in the urbanization of Santo Tomás.

THIS ROUTE INCLUDES 2 ALTERNATIVES TO THE “OFFICIAL” CAMÍ DE CAVALLS

- Take the popular route along the coastline discovering the unspoiled inlets of Trebaluger, Fustam and Escorxada.
- From Binigaus you can go to the interior of the ravine and visit the Cave of Pulida, the Cave of Coloms and the Talayotic settlement of San Agustí, finishing in Es Mitjorn Gran.

Highlights:

- The beaches of: Cala Galdana, Cala Mitjana, Cala Trebaluger, Cala Fustam, Cala Escombrera and Binigaus.
- The “Cathedral” or Cova des Coloms, the Talayotic settlement of San Agustí, Cova Pulida (temporarily closed)
- Binigaus ravine and Sa Cova.

Pick up at the hotel in the morning with your luggage ready for transport. Today the change of hotel to Mahón is planned and your driver will keep your bags to deliver them in the afternoon at reception.

Today’s walk covers the “Barrancos Route” as this stretch of the Camí de Cavalls is popularly known, where the most important ravines of the island are found (Algendar, Trebaluger, Sa Cova and Binigaus).

You leave in the morning in a southerly direction towards Cala Galdana where you will stop in the upper area near the viewpoint of Sa Punta. The path to the virgin beach of Cala Mitjana begins here and then leaving the coast it continues into a wooded area of the interior.

This section presents one of the most diverse and interesting natural landscapes of the island of Menorca with aquatic vegetation and wetlands.

Continuing on the route traced by the Camí de Cavalls you reach the beautiful beach of Binigaus just at the point that the cliffs give way to the coast to end up in the Santo Tomás urbanization.

This route includes 2 alternatives to the hike route traced by Camí de Cavalls:

- You can walk the entire coastline, without entering the wooded area, discovering three beautiful and unspoiled inlets of Trebaluger, Fustam and Escombrera.
- On the beach of Binigaus you can go to the interior of the ravine and visit the impressive Cova des Coloms known as the “Cathedral” due to its considerable size and then walk along a rural road that accesses the Talayotic town of San Agustí, which houses one of the wonders of Minorcan archeology, to end up in the village of Es Mitjorn Gran, located in the heart of the island.

The minibus will pick up the participants in the urbanization of Santo Tomás or in Es Mitjorn Gran.

Accommodation in Mahón

Meeting point for return bus:

17:00h Pick-up in Santo Tomás at the bus stop in front of the Hotel Victoria Playa.

17:15h Pick-up at Es Mitjorn Gran at the bus stop in front of the Soccer Field.

Es Mitjorn Gran
DAY 7 : ROUTE
SON BOU > CALA EN PORTER > ES CANUTELLS

The hike route starts at the beach of Son Bou, where you find the remains of the Paleochristian Basilica, Cala de Llucalaritx. You then go inland by crossing des Relotges ravine of Cala en Porter. You continue to Calescoves where over a hundred prehistoric caves have turned this place into a point of great archaeological interest and then finish in Es Canutells.

Accommodation in Mahón

Highlights:
- The beaches of: Son Bou, Cala Llucalaritx, Cala en Porter and Cales Coves.
- Of historical interest: Paleochristian Basilica of Son Bou, Rocks Llises, prehistoric town of Torre de’n Galmés, prehistoric caves of Cales Coves.

Pick up with the minibus in the morning in the direction of the urbanization of Son Bou where the route begins today. Going down to the beach, there is a Paleochristian Basilica of the 5th century discovered in 1951 that has been catalogued as an Asset of Cultural Interest.

Then, the 8 km stretch from Son Bou to Cala en Porter takes place in the des Relotge ravine, the longest on the island 12-km-long, dedicated to the cultivation of fruit trees.

A short distance from this route, about 2 km away, you can visit the Torre de’n Galmés, the largest prehistoric settlement in the Balearic Islands, with an area of 62,000 m2.

The Camí de Cavalls route crosses the tourist resort of Cala en Porter where two totally different environments are discovered: one goes from the winding path that the ravines draw in the western part of the island, to the flat and slightly hilly part of the eastern part. In the last section, in the direction of Es Canutells, we cross Calescoves, with over a hundred prehistoric caves that turn this place into a point of archaeological interest.

You finish at the tourist resort of Es Canutells. Return and accommodation in Mahon.

Accommodation in Mahón

Meeting point for return bus:
17:00h pick-up at Cala en Porter at the bus stop in front of the Restaurant Hostal Sa Paissa.
39.873629, 4.135508

17:20h Pick-up in the parking area of Es Canutells.
39.851588, 4.168960

DAY 8 : END OF PROGRAMME

After breakfast the trip comes to an end. Departure transfer from the Hotel to the airport.

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**ACCOMMODATION**

**Hotels in Mahón**
- Hotel Artiem Capri 4****
- Hotel Sethotels Port Mahon 4****
- Hotel Artiem Carlos III 4****
  (town of Es Castell, 2 km from Mahón)
- Hostal Jume
- Hostal La Isla

**Hotels in Ciutadella**
- Hotel Sethotels Port Ciutadella 4****
- Apartamentos y Hoteles del Grup El Carme
- Hotel Patricia 3***Sup
- Hotel Alfonso III 2**
- Hostal Ciutadella 2**

**PRICE**

**Double room occupancy:**  
from **572,00€ per person.**

**Single room occupancy:**  
from **970,00€ per person.**

**Price includes:**
- 7 nights hotel accommodation in bed and breakfast (4 hotel nights in Mahón and 3 hotel nights in Ciutadella)
- Luggage transport
- Transfers according to the programme
- A guide book of “Camí de Cavalls”

**Price does not include:**
- Flights
- Accompanying Guide
- Lunches and dinners
- Sustainable Tourism Tax to be paid directly at hotel receptions
- Personal expenses such as drinks, phone calls, extra transfers, etc.
- Travel insurance
- Any service not specified in the programme.
- You can book extra nights in any accommodation.
- Possibility of picnic and Half Board service, please ask for a quote.
- Prices for high season (from 15/06 to 15/09) will be provided on request

The order of the programme may vary according to hotel availability.

**IMPORTANT!**

We recommend adequate clothing and comfortable and strong shoes (preferably trekking boots).

It is also advisable to bring enough food and drink, as well as sunscreen, hat or cap, windbreaker or rain jacket and warm clothes, especially in the winter months. Undoubtedly, a good idea is to use different layers of clothing that can be easily removed and put on.

- Respect the environment.
- Do not litter or drop cigarette butts
- Close the gates
- In case of emergency, call 112

**Technical data:**

- The Camí de Cavalls has a length of 185 kilometers and has been divided into 20 stages. Although its maximum height is only 125 meters, the cumulative altitude reaches 4000. Being a circular route you can start at any point, but km 0 is located in the Culàrsega at the harbour of Mahón. It has been approved as GR 223 and it is marked with stakes every 50-100 meters with information panels at the start of the stages. More than 100 gates have been installed along the Camí de Cavalls, and should always be kept closed for the protection of livestock.