



## Walking in Mallorca

MALLORCA, SPAIN - TRIP CODE MAL

WALKING AND TREKKING

### Why book this trip?

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Explore Mallorca's spectacular coast and unspoilt Sierra de Tramuntana mountain range from the pretty village of Esporles to the fishing port of Cala Ratjada. Walk along dramatic coastal pathways following historic trails and through olive groves to hidden beaches.

- **Esporles** - Stay in this authentic old village in the Sierra Tramuntana
- **Valldemossa** - Explore the cobbled streets decorated with flowers
- **Parc Natural de Llevant** - Discover this beautiful protected peninsula



**INCLUDED MEALS**  
Breakfast: 7



**TRIP STAFF**  
Explore Tour  
Leader  
Driver(s)



**TRANSPORT**  
Bus  
Public Bus  
Taxi



**ACCOMMODATION**  
7 nights  
comfortable hotel



**WALKING GRADE:**  
Moderate



**GROUP SIZE:**  
10 - 16

## Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

### DAY 1 - Join trip in the pretty mountain village of Esporles

Arrive in Esporles, a laid back village in the foothills of the Serra de Tramuntana. Esporles was established by the Moors and has maintained much of its original charm and blonde stone buildings.

For those arriving on time our Leader plans to meet you in the hotel reception at 7pm for the welcome meeting and for those that wish, there is the chance to go out for dinner. There are no other activities planned today, so you are free to arrive in Esporles at any time. If you would like to receive a complimentary airport transfer today, you'll need to arrive into Palma de Mallorca Airport (PMI), which is around 20 minutes' drive. Should you miss the welcome meeting, your Leader will inform you of any essential information as soon as you catch up.

If your flight arrives earlier in the day, perhaps you might choose to take a drink in the square, soaking up the scenery. For our first four nights we stay in the rustic Hostal Esporles, once a former Inn for travelling merchants. The comfortable rooms with beamed ceilings have maintained their traditional features and come complete with modern necessities including air conditioning and en suite bathrooms.



**ACCOMMODATION:**  
Hostal Esporles (or similar)

**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



**SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE**



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: NONE

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## **DAY 2 - Hike along the Postman's Trail from coastal Banyalbufar to Esporles**

This morning we drive to the authentic coastal village of Banyalbufar. We follow the Postman's Trail, historically the daily route taking mail from Palma to the north west of the island. Ascending out of Banyalbufar past ancient terraces divided by dry stone walls, we are rewarded with fantastic sea views. Walking towards the mountains we pass ancient olive trees and enter a holm oak wood following the cobbled path into Esporles.

The food of this area has a distinct Castilian-Leonese influence, tonight you could try suckling pig at Mesón La Villa restaurant, said to be one of the best on the island!

Today's seven kilometre walk is expected to take around three hours with 400 metres of ascent and descent.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Hostal Esporles (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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## **DAY 3 - Explore the Tramuntana Mountains walking the Archduke's Trail from Valdemossa**

After breakfast we travel by taxis or bus to the attractive hilltop town of Valldemossa. From here we take a circular walk along the stone path known as the Archduke's Trail, part of which was laid by Archduke Ludwig Salvador of Austria who owned the local estate in the 19th century. The path passes a number of lime kilns and charcoal stoves giving us an insight into rural life, as well as stunning coastal views.

Arriving back to Valldemossa, depending on timings, you could wander the tree-lined cobbled streets past art galleries and cafes to see the Real Cartuja (Monastery) before heading back to Esporles.

Today's 11 kilometre walk is expected to take around three-and-a-half hours with 550 metres of ascent and descent.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Hostal Esporles (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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#### **DAY 4 - Free day with the opportunity to visit Soller or La Palma by tram**

Today has been left free for you to relax in Esporles or explore the area further independently. You could take a taxi to visit the Island's capital Palma or from Soller take the historic tram to Port de Soller.

There is also the option of taking a dramatic coastal walk from Deia village to Port de Soller. This 11 kilometre linear walk is expected to take around five hours with 300 metres of ascent and 540 metres of descent.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Hostal Esporles (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### **DAY 5 - Walk from Lluc to Pollenca. Drive to Cala Ratjada in Mallorca's north east**

Following one of the oldest pilgrimage trails on the island, we start our walk from Lluc passing through shady woodland, with the imposing north face of Tomir looming over us. As the path starts to descend, we get our first stunning view of Pollenca, built a few kilometres from the sea to protect against pirate attacks, and the port beyond. Entering denser woodland, the steep, scree covered slopes of Tomir tower even nearer as we continue our descent. Finally we join a small lane going past pretty cottages and fields of almond and orange trees, a serene farming landscape with the mountain range rising majestically behind. As we approach the main road into Pollenca we meet our bus and continue to Cala Ratjada on the northeastern point of Mallorca.

Cala Ratjada is an old fishing port, that still plays an important role in Mallorca's economy. Today the port is an attractive harbour with a coastal promenade winding to sand beaches and coves. Our hotel in Cala Ratjada is the family run, Amoros, located a 10- minute walk from the beach. Each room has its own balcony or terrace and there is an outdoor swimming pool.

Today's 12.5 kilometre walk is expected to take around four-and-a-half hours with 200 metres of ascent and 600 metres of descent.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Hotel Amoros (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### **DAY 6 - Hike in the protected Parc Natural de Llevant**

Today we head to the Parc Natural de Llevant. Covering the majority of the Arta Peninsula the Parc is home to many species that are endemic to the Balearic Islands. We make a circular walk in the protected Parc, through olive, almond, fig and carob trees as well as dwarf palms. Exploring the Serra de Llevant, we climb to the summit Puig de Sa Creu (486m) for views to the coast. On this rocky summit there's not only a cross but also a box inviting you to leave a message behind. Returning to the edge of the Parc we take taxis to the small town of Artà and from here return to Cala Ratjada by public bus.

After you've worked up an appetite, in the evening you can savor Mediterranean cuisine back in Cala Ratjada overlooking the sea; the area is known for its fresh seafood.

Today's nine kilometre walk is expected to take around three hours with 350 metres of ascent and descent.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Hotel Amoros (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### DAY 7 - Coastal walk along a rocky trail to four beaches

Today's walk starts directly from our hotel. Leaving the town our first stop of the day is Cala Agulla, a large golden sand beach surrounded by pine trees. Continuing along a wooded path flanked by mountains we approach the beautiful Cala Mesquida beach. From here a rocky trail leads us onto Cala Torta and then Cala Mitjana, the final beach stop and a chance for a dip in the turquoise waters. We take a different route inland to return on foot to Cala Ratjada.

Today's 13 kilometre walk is expected to take around four hours with 220 metres of ascent and descent.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Hotel Amoros (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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## DAY 8 - Trip ends in Cala Ratjada

The trip ends after breakfast at our hotel in Cala Ratjada.

There are no activities planned today, so you are free to depart from Cala Ratjada at any time. If your flight is departing later in the day, luggage storage facilities are available at our hotel. If you would like to receive a complimentary airport transfer today, you need to depart from Palma de Mallorca Airport (PMI), around one hours drive away.



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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## Trip information

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### Climate and country information

#### Mallorca

#### Spain

##### Climate

Overall, spring, early summer and autumn are ideal times for a Spanish trip - though the weather varies enormously from region to region. The high central plains suffer from fierce extremes, stiflingly hot in summer, bitterly cold and swept by freezing winds in winter. The Atlantic coast, in contrast, has a tendency to damp and mist, and a relatively brief, humid summer. The Mediterranean south is warm virtually all year round. Spain's Islands the Canaries and Balaerics experience very mild winters and warm summers making them ideal year round destinations.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion
+1	2 Pin Round	Roman Catholic

##### Language

Castilian Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque

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### Budgeting and packing

#### Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may

depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Tram from Sóller to Port de Sóller €5 per person

Lluc museum €4 per person

## **Clothing**

Bring light and comfortable clothing that can be layered according to the temperature. The weather conditions in the mountains can be changeable, and it can become cool, especially at night, so bring warmer layers. Tops made from wicking materials which keep you drier and warmer are recommended as a base layer, and walking trousers are preferable to trousers of heavier material such as jeans. A waterproof jacket is essential at all times in case of rain and wind.

- Breathable wind and waterproof jacket (you may also wish to bring waterproof trousers)
- T-shirts
- Long sleeved tops
- Sunhat
- Long trousers
- Shorts (if you prefer to walk in them)
- Swimwear and towel
- Midlayer Fleece/pullover
- Socks (liner and thicker pair)
- Insulated jacket

## **Footwear**

We recommend you bring walking boots with ankle support- leather or fabric are both fine. Make sure that your boots are worn-in and comfortable before the start of the trip. Also trainers or sandals for relaxing and general wear. We suggest that on international flights you either carry your walking boots in your hand luggage or wear them - should your luggage be lost or delayed, your own boots are the one thing that will be irreplaceable.

## **Luggage**

20kg

### **Luggage: On tour**

Bring one main piece of luggage and a 20-30 litre day sack is recommended. You will need to carry what you need for the day which may include a raincoat, jumper, camera, sun-cream, water and picnic lunch. On hot days you will carry fewer clothes but more drinking water.

## **Equipment**

- Sunglasses
- Sun cream
- Small Torch (with spare batteries and bulb)
- Camera
- Walking poles (if you usually use them)



- Personal toiletries
- Personal first aid kit - On each walk a first aid kit is carried but you should have your own blister kit, supply of plasters, aspirin and other essentials.
- Insect repellent
- Small waterproof dry bag (for items such as your mobile phone)
- Reusable water bottle (minimum 1 litre) - Get 15% discount on a Water-to-Go bottle [www.explore.co.uk/about-us/responsible-travel/water-to-go-discount-with-explore](http://www.explore.co.uk/about-us/responsible-travel/water-to-go-discount-with-explore)
- Lunch bag/Tupperware (for packed lunches)
- Binoculars

## Tipping

### Explore leader

Tipping isn't compulsory, and we work hard to ensure that our leaders all receive a fair wage. You may however, want to recognise a leader that has done a great job or really added to your trip by giving them a tip. We're often asked about the recommended amount. It is a tricky one, and down to personal preference, but we would recommend £15 to £20 per person per week as a guideline.

### Local crew

Although voluntary, tipping is a recognised part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. Accordingly, you should allow approximately £15 of local currency for tipping. In order to make things easier for you, the Explore Leader may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the trip.

## Mallorca

### Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

### Foreign Exchange

## Spain

### Food and drink

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<b>Lunch price</b>	<b>Dinner price</b>	<b>Beer price</b>
£8.00 - 12.00	£16.00 - 20.00	£1.50 - 3.50 (depending on the region/area in Spain)

**Water price**  
£1.4

## Foreign Exchange

<b>Local currency</b>	<b>Recommended Currency For Exchange</b>
Euros	We recommend you take the majority of your spending money in Euros cash.

### Where To Exchange

We recommend that you change any currency into Euros prior to arrival. Bureau de Change are generally only found in major cities and large airports.

### ATM Availability

In cities and most major towns.

### Credit Card Acceptance

Visa and Mastercard are generally accepted in larger restaurants and some shops.

### Travellers Cheques

Not recommended.

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## Transport, Accommodation & Meals

### Transport Information

Bus, Public Bus, Taxi

### Accommodation notes

In Esporles we stay in the rustic Hostal Esporles, once a former Inn for travelling merchants. The comfortable rooms with beamed ceilings have maintained their traditional features and come complete with modern necessities including air conditioning, Wi Fi and en suite bathrooms.

Our hotel in Cala Ratjada is the family run, Amoros, located a 10- minute walk from the beach. Each room has its own balcony or terrace and there is an outdoor swimming pool on site.

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## Essential Information

### Government Travel Safety Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

### **Under 18 immigration guidance**

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

### **Price Guarantee**

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

### **Visa and Passport Information**

Spain: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may be able to apply through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See [www.travcour.com](http://www.travcour.com) to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

### **Booking conditions**

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and [Booking Conditions](#).

### **Transfers**

Find out more about [Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions](#) before you book.

### **Booking a land only package with Explore**

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

### **Joining Tour Abroad**

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers. If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

## Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

## Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them [here](#).

### Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

### Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

## Mallorca

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## Spain

### Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory but Tetanus is usually recommended as a precaution. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list.

Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

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## Walking and Trekking information

DAILY DISTANCES		
Day 2	7km	3hrs
Day 3	11km	3.5hrs
Day 4		
Day 5	12.5km	4.5hrs
Day 6	9km	3hrs
Day 7	13km	4hrs

### Walking grade

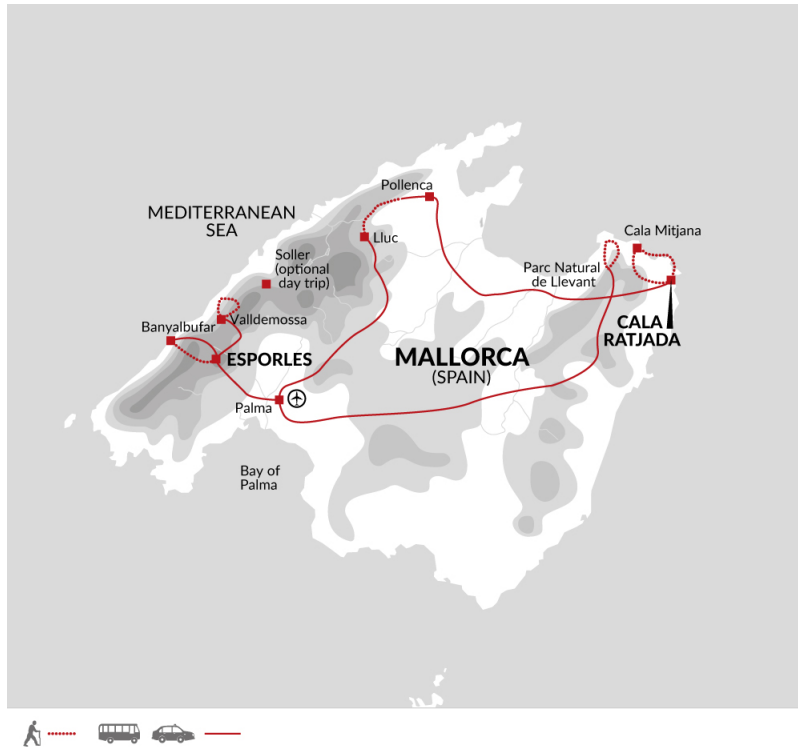
Moderate

### Trek details

Walks on 5 days for between 3 to 4.5 hours, following forested trails, unmade roads and dry stone paths. Some of the routes will be rocky and uneven underfoot.

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## Additional Information



## Why book this trip

See the island of Mallorca in a different light on this week long walking holiday, discovering the traditions and natural beauty of the island. Stay in Esporles, an authentic rural village off the main tourist radar and on the coast at Cala Ratjada for a pleasing mix of mountain views and golden beaches.

## Reviews



AWARD WINNING  
EXPLORE LEADERS



PRICE GUARANTEE  
PROMISE



AIRPORT  
TRANSFERS