

The Best of Mallorca

Tour Style: European Centre Based
Destinations: Spain & Balearic Islands
Trip code: PSLCL
2 & 4



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Away from the busy resorts, Mallorca has many wild and beautiful places which can be reached on foot – and we'll take you to them on this guided walking holiday. Spring and autumn are the best times to go to enjoy comfortable temperatures for walking. There is a varied landscape of spectacular coastline with secluded coves, low-level mountains and sleepy villages to discover. Follow in the footsteps of pilgrims through the Tramuntana Mountains to reach the tucked away 13th century monastery in the sleepy village of Lluc. Some routes pass through aromatic orange and lemon groves and under areas covered with a canopy of pine trees before opening out to the mountain slopes. These lead to limestone summits to reveal sweeping views across the island.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A full programme of guided walks with 2 options every walking day
- All transport to and from the walks
- The services of experienced HF Holidays' leaders
- "With flight" holidays include return flights from the UK and hotel transfers
- 7 nights accommodation in en-suite rooms
- Half board - continental breakfast and evening meal

HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Mallorca's spectacular coastline, stunning mountains and sleepy ochre villages
- Superb walking in the breathtaking Serra de Tramuntana mountains
- Wander through Mallorca's peaceful rural scenery
- Easily accessible with many flights from regional airports

TRIP SUITABILITY

This is a level 2 and level 4 graded Activity, Easier walks: 4 to 8 miles (6½ to 13km) often on rough and stony paths. Up to 1,100 feet (330m) of ascent in a day. Harder walks: 7 to 11 miles (11 to 17km) using steeper and rougher paths. Up to 1,500 feet (450m) of ascent in a day.



ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

Welcome to Hotel Uyal. Unpack and settle in.

Day 2: Coves And Beaches Of Cala San Vicenc

Today we explore the area to the north of Puerto Pollensa with its beautiful valleys, coves and headlands.

Option 1 - Boquer Valley

Distance: 6½ miles (10½km)

Total ascent: 550 feet (160m)

In summary: Walking from and to the hotel, our destination today is the beautiful Boquer Valley, a bird watcher's paradise.

Highlight: The rugged coastline of north east Mallorca.

Option 2 - Puig D'Aguila And The Siller Valley

Distance: 7½miles (12km)

Total ascent: 1,160 feet (350m)

In summary: A short bus ride will take us to Cala de San Vicenc for the start of our walk. A well-constructed dirt track then leads us to a headland from where we ascend the Puig d'Aguila for stunning views. We then return to Cala de San Vicenc for some well earned refreshments before making our way over the Siller Pass and back to the hotel.

Highlight: A lovely introductory walk to the local area.

Day 3: Lluc And It's Charming Surroundings

Today we'll travel inland to the heart of the Tramuntana Mountains to visit beautiful Lluc Monastery and explore the area around Lluc.

Option 1 - Lluc To Caimari

Distance: 5 miles (8km)

Total ascent: 400 feet (120m)

In summary: After spending some time enjoying the Monastery and its surrounds, we take the GR222 (Cami Vell) and follow it south through lovely woodland, enjoying superb viewpoints en route, to the charming, traditional village of Caimari.

Highlight: The beautiful monastery in Lluc.

Option 2 - Lluc To Caimari Via Menut

Distance: 9 miles (14½km)

Total ascent: 1,000 feet (300m)

In summary: This walk starts with a circuit around the Moleta de Binifaldo, taking in some dramatic mountain scenery, before returning to the Lluc area and following the same route as the Option 1 walk.

Highlight: Dramatic mountain scenery.

Day 4: The Alcudia Peninsula

Today we enjoy walks on the Alcudia Peninsula.

Option 1 - Coll De Na Benet

Distance: 7 miles (11km)

Total ascent: 1,000 feet (300m)

In summary: We walk on an easy track through pleasant woodland to reach the Fontanelles Valley. Here we ascend gently to the Coll affording us views of the surrounding hills and the coastline. We continue on good tracks and paths to our finishing point at the Bon Aire Marina.

Highlight: Both of our walks today are interesting, with great views.

Option 2 - Talaia D'Alcudia

Distance: 6½ miles (10½km)

Total ascent: 1,500 (440m)

In summary: Today, our walk starts at the Ermita de la Victoria from where we start our ascent to the summit of the Talaia. After enjoying the panoramic views, we descend on a stony mountain path to a picnic area. After a short walk along a broad dirt track, we enter the Fontanelles Valley ascending to another viewpoint and then descending to join the route of the Option 1 group to the Marina for refreshments.

Highlight: Ascent of Talaia with stunning views.

Day 5: Free Day

Each week there is a free day when no guided walks are offered. This is an ideal opportunity to relax around the hotel, walk independently or visit local places of interest. Some options for your free day may include:

Puerto Pollensa: Have a leisurely lunch in the town, visit the local market, take a boat trip from the harbour, or simply enjoy a stroll down the beach.

Pollensa: Visit the beautiful old town of Pollensa by public bus. Explore the old winding streets and climb the steps to the Calvary.

Palma de Mallorca: Take the local bus to the capital, Palma, to explore the magnificent cathedral and the old quarter with its medieval layout of narrow winding streets.

Day 6: The Llevant Nature Park

Today we travel south east to the Arta Peninsula to visit the Llevant Natural Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty, for our walks. Our journey will take us via the old town of Arta to the Park Visitor Centre where there are toilets and a small exhibition area.

Option 1 - Soldiers' Camp And Betlam

Distance: 4½miles (7½km)

Total ascent: 600 feet (180m)

In summary: Today we have two short, but equally beautiful walks. Our morning walk will take us on a short but steep ascent to the 'Soldiers Camp'. After lunch we will return to the Park Centre for a transfer to Arta for a short visit before continuing our journey to the coast for a relaxing afternoon stroll to the lovely small town of Betlam for a swim or a visit to a bar.

Highlight: Extensive views of wild and unspoilt countryside from the 'Soldiers Camp'.

Option 2 - Soldiers Camp And GR222 To Betlam

Distance: 8½ miles (13½km)

Total ascent: 1,150 feet (350m)

In summary: Initially we take the same route as the Option 1 group. After visiting the Soldier's Camp we take the GR222 and follow this all the way to Betlam enjoying the peace and solitude of this lovely area.

Highlight: Walking along the GR222 long distance trail with fantastic views.

Day 7: In The Tramuntana Mountains

For our final day, we return to the Tramuntana Mountains for further exploration. Both walks will use part of the GR221, a long distance route which runs the length of the Tramuntana Mountains.

Option 1 - Lluc To Binifaldo Circuit

Distance: 7 miles (11km)

Total ascent: 900 feet (280m)

In summary: Starting from Lluc Monastery for our circular walk, we will enjoy the pleasant karst and woodland scenery north of the area. Our walk will include a visit to the 'Camel Rock' and will pass evidence of previous woodland industries. Our return leg back to Lluc will follow part of the long distance GR221 path.

Highlight: The interesting and varied scenery of the Tramuntana mountains.

Option 2 - Lluc To Pollensa

Distance: 10½ miles (17km)

Total ascent: 700 feet (220m)

In summary: Initially following the same route as Option 1, we also have the opportunity to view 'the Camel'. We then follow the GR221 descending through woodland, quiet roads and on riverside footpaths, reaching the town of Pollensa for some much needed refreshments.

Highlight: Enjoy stunning mountain views.

Day 8: Departure Day

We hope to see you again soon.

ACCOMMODATION

Hoposa Hotel Uyal -Mallorca

The 4-star Hoposa Hotel Uyal is located in the resort of Puerto Pollensa. This small town is situated on the Bay of Pollensa in the north of Mallorca and offers all the shops and services you could require. Facilities at the hotel include an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, wellness centre and gym. The bedrooms are light and airy and contemporary in design. The beach is just 10 metres from the doorstep.

Accommodation Info

Rooms

Hotel Uyal has 116 rooms spread over two buildings, the oldest built in 1954. All rooms are en-suite and include:

- Television
- Hairdryer
- Safe deposit box
- Mini-bar
- Air Conditioning
- Free Wi-Fi
- Tea and coffee making facilities

Facilities

The hotel has a delightful terrace and garden areas as well as an outdoor freshwater pool (seasonal) and a wellness centre which includes a small pool, gym, and sauna. There is a laundry service and free Wi-Fi throughout.

Food & Drink

Our holidays at Hotel Uyal are on a Half Board basis and include breakfast and a buffet style evening meal.

Breakfast

There is an extensive selection of hot and cold options for breakfast from a self-select buffet.

Evening Meal

Enjoy three courses with a range of international and local dishes available. There will be a vegetarian option but if you have any special dietary requirements we recommend that you discuss your preferences with the hotel management.

Drinks

There is also a well-stocked bar serving beer, wine, and spirits.

Dress Code

There is a dress code for dinner: long trousers for gentlemen

Your Evenings

The friendly atmosphere of our holidays continues into the evening. Enjoy a glass of wine or local beer before hearing about the next day's activities. Your evening meal is the main focus of the evening, however, you may like to join your leader for a short stroll along the seafront. Your leader will check for any local events being held in the resort so you do not miss out on any fun. Alternatively, you may choose to just relax with a good book on the terrace or chat with your fellow guests.

TRAVEL DETAILS

THE HASSLE-FREE OPTION

Book your holiday 'with flight' and choose between Heathrow, Manchester and Birmingham flights to Palma airport. For flight times and prices please see the Dates & Prices tab.

If you choose this option we automatically include return transfers between the airport and the hotel. The coach transfer takes approx 1 hour to Puerto Pollensa.

THE FLEXIBLE TRAVEL OPTION

Alternatively, tailor your journey to suit you by booking your holiday 'without flight' allowing you the freedom to book your own flights from your local airport. Mallorca's capital, Palma, is very well connected to the UK.

If you choose this option, transfers are not included in the price. However, below are some suggestions to help you reach your destination

- We can book you a seat on the **HF Holidays' transfer coach** from Palma airport. This is timed to meet the HF Holidays' flights* (provisional flight times can be found on the dates and prices tab or you can call us on 020 8732 1220 for more information). Cost per single journey is £26
- Why not let us book you a **private taxi transfer** at a cost of £85 per single taxi journey?

Transfers must be pre-booked. Please call 020 8732 1220 for more details

USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Essential Information

Passport Requirements

You may need to renew your British passport if you're travelling from 1 January 2021.

On the day you travel, you'll need your passport to both:

- have at least 3 months left
- be less than 10 years old (even if it has 6 months or more left)

Use the [government website](#) to see if your passport is valid for this holiday

EHIC Cards

The UK government has officially launched the Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC), which will replace the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). UK residents can now apply for one of the GHIC cards, which will gradually replace the EHIC cards as they reach their expiry dates. Every family member travelling requires a GHIC. You can make an application for yourself and on behalf of your partner and any dependent children under the age of 16. Both cards will offer equivalent protection for emergency and medically necessary healthcare needs when in the EU on a temporary stay, which includes holiday, study and business travel. Necessary healthcare includes things like

- emergency treatment and visits to A&E
- treatment for long-term or pre-existing medical conditions
- routine medical care for pre-existing conditions that need monitoring

- oxygen and kidney dialysis

The public only need to apply for their free GHIC cards when their current EHC expires. The process is likely to take two weeks. For more information visit <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>.

The GHIC is not an alternative to travel insurance. We advise all holidaymakers to also invest in travel insurance that covers healthcare, so they are covered for other issues that may arise, as well as cancellations and lost luggage.

Essential Equipment

To enjoy walking/hiking comfortably and safely, footwear, clothing and equipment needs to be suitable for the conditions. Safety and comfort are our priorities, so our advice is to come prepared for all eventualities.

- Footwear with a good grip on the sole (e.g. Vibram sole) is the key to avoiding accidents.
- Walking/hiking boots providing ankle support and good grip are recommended (ideally worn in), and specialist walking socks to avoid blisters.
- Several layers of clothing, which can be added or removed, are better than a single layer (include spares).
- Fabrics (lightweight and fast drying) designed for the outdoors are recommended.
- Waterproof jacket and waterproof over trousers.
- Warm hat and gloves.
- Denim jeans and capes are not suitable on any walks.
- Rucksack with a waterproof liner.
- Thermos flask for hot drink.
- Water bottle (at least 2 litre).
- Spare high-energy food such as a chocolate bar.
- Small torch.
- First aid kit – your leader's first aid kit doesn't contain any medication or blister kits (such as Compeed).
- Sun hat and sunglasses
- Sun cream.

Optional Equipment

- Walking poles are useful, particularly for descents.
- Insect repellent.
- Camera.
- Gaiters.

Useful Information

The language of Mallorca is Mallorquin but Castilian Spanish is widely spoken.

Is considered safe to drink, but if you prefer, bottled mineral water can be purchased from the hotel or local supermarkets.

If the international number you wish to call starts with a 0, you must drop the starting digit when dialling the number.

To dial a UK number 0044

To dial a Spanish number 0034

Local Currency

The currency of Mallorca is the Euro.

Electricity

220 Volt AC with round two pin plugs; you will need an adaptor for any appliances brought from the UK.

ATM Availability

You will find several ATM machines in Puerto Pollensa where you can obtain money.

HOW TO BOOK

When you're ready to book, you can choose to **book online** or book **over the phone**. Our website offers secure online booking for our holidays, is available 24/7, and offers more in-depth information about all our holidays. If you prefer to call us, our experienced and knowledgeable team are available to answer any specific questions you have and can offer guidance as to which holiday is best suited to your needs.

Our office is open: Monday to Friday: 9am – 5.30pm, Saturday: 9am – 1pm, Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday: closed

PAYING YOUR DEPOSIT

To secure the holiday of your choice, you will need to pay a deposit: UK & European Holidays: £150 per person and Worldwide Holidays: £250 per person. You can pay your deposit by debit or credit card with no additional card fees charged or make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account, please see details under BACS payments. You can also pay your deposit by cheque within seven days of booking. Cheques should be made payable to 'HF Holidays Ltd' with your booking reference / Order ID on the back.

NON-MEMBER FEE

Non-members can join our holidays by paying a Non-Member's fee of £30 per person per holiday. Alternatively, full membership is available from £100 – visit hfholidays.co.uk/membership for details.

BACS PAYMENTS

Please quote your booking reference / Order ID when you make your payment online: Bank Name: National Westminster Bank, Account Name: HF Holidays Limited, Account Number: 48904805, Sort Code: 60-00-01, IBAN: GB90NWBK60000148904805

Once we have received your booking and deposit, we will send a confirmation invoice to the lead name. Please check this carefully. For bookings 'with flights' it is essential that the names on your booking confirmation invoice match those on your passport for bookings overseas. Please advise us immediately of any errors. Any name changes after the balance of your holiday has been paid will be subject to a fee levied by the airline.

MANAGE MY BOOKINGS

Payments can also be made through the [Manage My Booking](#) function on our website. Click on the link at the top of our homepage. This is available to all customers who provide an email address at the time of booking.

YOUR FINAL BALANCE

Your final balance payment is due 6 weeks before departure if you are staying in an HF Holidays UK country house, 8 weeks before departure if you are travelling on one of our holidays in Europe and 10 weeks before departure if you are on a Guided Trail staying in one of our partner hotels or are travelling on a Worldwide holiday. As with paying your deposit, you can pay your final balance by debit or credit card, make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account or pay by cheque.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is an important part of any booking and essential for one of our holidays. HF Holidays works with specialist. Insurance Brokers Campbell Irvine Direct. For more information or to obtain a quote call them on [01702 427 236](tel:01702427236) or visit hfholidays.co.uk/insurance

PEACE OF MIND

ATOL:

The air holidays and flights in this brochure are ATOL-protected, since we hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence granted by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 710. In the unlikely event of our insolvency, the CAA will ensure that you are not stranded abroad and will arrange to refund any money you have paid us for advance bookings. For further information visit the ATOL website atol.org.uk

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TRIP NOTE VALIDITY

These Trip Notes are valid based on the date printed at the bottom of the page. They will occasionally be updated post booking and pre-departure. We will send you the latest trip notes prior to departure through a link in your pre departure documents or we can send you a copy in the post if preferred.

In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary.

The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; so please be prepared to be flexible where necessary. At times, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned due to weather conditions, political, physical or other factors. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements to maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

PRICE GUARANTEE

We promise that our earliest published prices will always be the best and if we reduce our holiday price after your booking has been confirmed, we will pass this reduction on to you. Our price promise applies if any subsequent offer price is for an identical holiday, duration, location and date and does not cover any optional extras, flights or additional services.

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