

Trekking in Mallorca

GR221 - The Drystone Route through the Serra de Tramuntana

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Mallorca, the largest of the Spanish Balearic Islands, is a favourite with holiday-makers seeking sun-soaked beaches: however, its mountainous interior is emerging as a popular destination for walkers. The GR221 long-distance route traverses the Serra de Tramuntana mountains, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Also known as 'La Ruta de Pedra en Sec' or 'The Drystone Route', the 140km trail stretches from Port d'Andratx to Pollença and showcases the island's dramatic limestone landscapes and drystone architecture.

This guidebook presents the GR221 in 10 daily stages of 8.5km to 20.5km, providing detailed route description accompanied by 1:25,000 mapping and background information about the island's history, plants and wildlife. It also details official variants from 3 alternative start points and to 3 alternative finish points, plus an optional extension from Pollença to Puig Maria. Comprehensive information on transport and accommodation and an English-Spanish-Catalan glossary can be found in the appendices.

The trail crosses the wooded slopes and rugged limestone peaks of the Serra de Tramuntana, frequently following old mule paths between attractive mountain villages. With plenty of services and facilities on route, it can be walked year-round (although spring and autumn present the most favourable conditions) and typically takes one to two weeks to complete.

Key marketing points

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Paddy Dillon is a prolific outdoor writer with over 70 guidebooks to his name, and contributions to 30 other publications. He has written for a variety of outdoor magazines, as well as many booklets and brochures for tourism organisations. Paddy lives near the Lake District and has walked in every county in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales; writing about walks in every one of them. He enjoys simple day walks, challenging long-distance walks, and is a dedicated island-hopper. He has led guided walks and walked extensively in Europe, as well as in Nepal, Tibet, Korea, Africa and the Rocky Mountains of Canada and the United States.

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