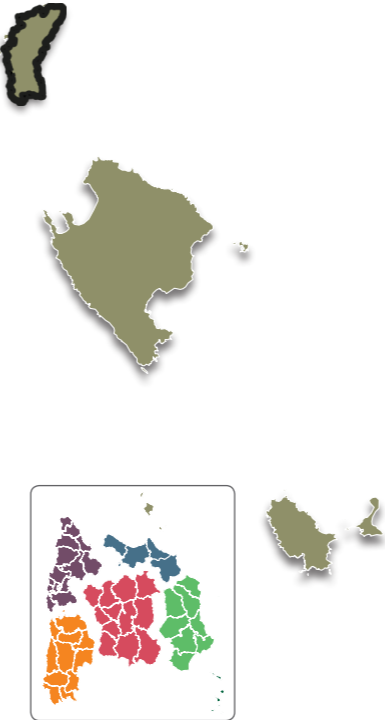


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CAMINO NATURAL CAMÍ DE CAVALLS



Guide to the
**Nature
Trails**
of Spain



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NATURE TRAIL BALEARIC CAMÍ DE CAVALLS

1. The itinerary begins at the end of the port of Maó and heads by road to the town of Sa Mesquida, running through coves and agricultural land, until it reaches the Natural Park of S'Albufera des Grau. Continuing along the coast, you reach the vicinity of El Cap de Favàritx, and El Pou den Caldes. After passing this cove, you can see striking rock formations such as that of Es Capell de Ferro. Further ahead, the route reaches the wetland area of Port d'Àddaià and the salt pans of Mongofra.
2. Following the route, you will come to the beach of El Arenalden Castell, and the beach of Son Saura del Nord. On leaving Ses Salines, we reach Cala Tirant by a paved road. A good stretch of the Trail runs through an area listed as a Site of Community Importance (SCI) and a Special Protection Area (SPA) for Birds owing to its enormous ornithological interest as most of the reproductive species on the island
3. On the beaches of Binimel·la, Tirant and Cavalleria, the dune systems consist of important plant communities and, a short distance away, you have the chance to visit the archaeological site of the Roman city of Sanicera. From Binimel·la to Els Alocs, the Trail runs along a stretch of virgin coast to the north of the island, where the terrain is more rugged. The North of Menorca Marine Reserve is located in the waters that bathe

4. Following the coastline, the Trail goes as far as Cala Morell. Its cliffs house an important necropolis from the Talayotic era (1500-300 BC), formed by caves dug out in the rock (hypogeums). The island often has very arid landscapes to offer. This is the case of the leg which runs between Cala Morell and Punta Nati. From Punta Nati to Ciutadella, the Trail is especially rocky.
5. El siguiente tramo de la ruta comienza en el puerto de Ciutadella y cruza la ciudad. The next stretch of the route begins at the port of Ciutadella and crosses city. Continuing along a paved road, you reach Cala Blanca. From El Cap d'Àrtrux onwards, you can admire the beauty of the south-west coast and the ravines in the south of the island. Worthy of note is the wetland area of El Prat de Bellavista, behind the beach of Son Saura, which serves as shelter for a diverse array of water fowl
6. The most important ravines on the island can be found between Cala Galdana and Sant Tomàs, such as those of Aigüdar, Trebalúger and Albranca. The following section of the route gives takes you to the south of the island, crossing between two important ravine areas: that of Sa Vall and Es Bec, to the west, and that of Cala en Porter, to the east. On reaching the easternmost point of this section, you can cross

AMONG FORTRESS ON HORSEBACK

The name of this Nature Trail bears witness to the prominence of the Minorcan horse, a black, sleek, rather short, autochthonous specimen, which can frequently be seen along the whole tour. Horses and fortresses leave their stamp on the Camí de Cavalls or Horses Trail, a route which takes you back to the 18th and 19th centuries, when it served to communicate the different defence constructions that extended along the entire coastline of Menorca.



along the bottom of the ravine of Sa Vall, which will allow you to enjoy a privileged view of the inside, in addition to the typical exuberant vegetation of the wetland areas that forms the ravine of Es Bec. Really close to this point you can visit the largest Talayotic village on the island, La Torre den Galnés.

7. From Cala en Porter to Punta Prima the route enters a flat, although you will still come across some ravines like Calades Canutells, whose interesting elm forest will surprise you. An easy flat section emerges which crosses the south-eastern urban areas of the island. The route continues along a coastal road which links the towns of Binibèquer, Biniancolla and Son Ganxo together. On leaving Binibèquer Nou, the pathway follows a route next to the sea, from where the island of El Aire can be seen. This stage from Punta Prima to Maó runs along one of the flattest coastal areas of Menorca.
8. On the easternmost point of the island, the Trail follows the part of the route that is furthest inland. Climbing up a small slope which begins at La Cala de Sant Esteve, you follow the Trail along an urban road that offers magnificent views of the port of Maó and the fortress of La Mola. In the vicinity of La Cala de Sant Esteve, on the southern side of the estuary of the port of Maó, you will discover the Fort de Marborough. Passing by the castle of Sant Felip and the town of Es Castell, the route continues as far as Maó, the capital of Menorca, where the Trail ends.



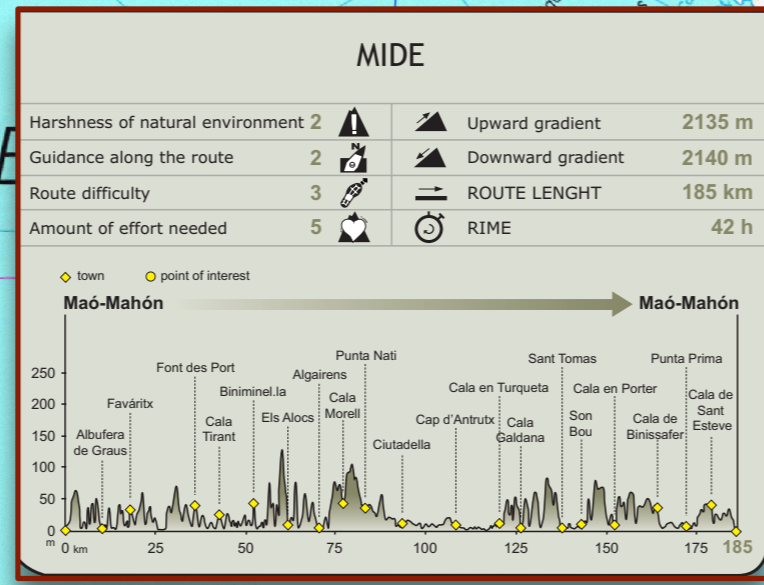
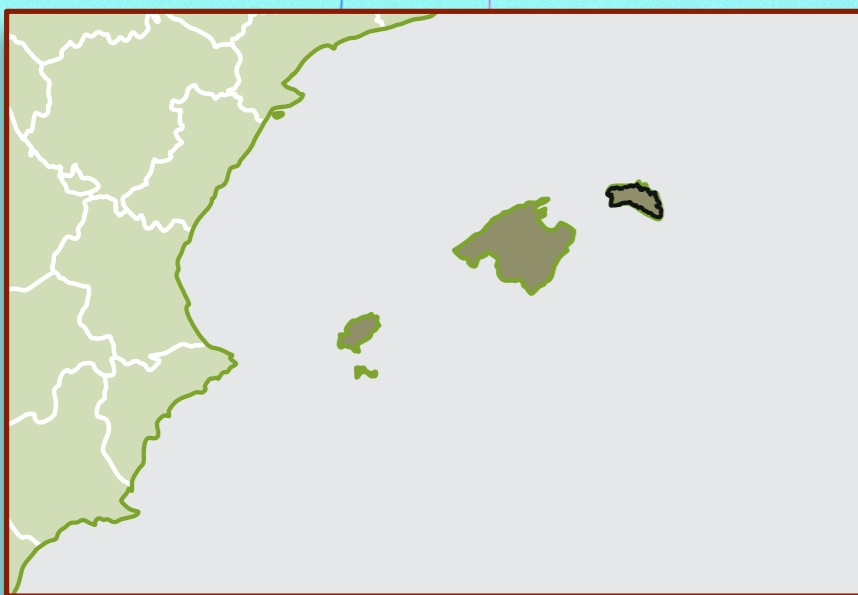
✦ Cliffs seen from the trail



✦ The star of this trail is the Minorcan horse



✦ Stairs leading out of a ravine



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- starting point
- Equestrian trail
- Monument
- Hostel
- End of trail
- Town
- Runis
- Parking lot
- Rest area
- Feature of environmental interest
- Cabin
- Beach area
- Other sights of interest