

#### Full Itinerary

## EXPERIENCE MENORCA: MEMBER EVENT WALKING THE CAMÍ DE CAVALLS



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Monday - Thursday 9:00am -8:00pm, Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm (London time)







#### JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Level 3 DESTINATION: Experience Menorca Member Event DURATION: 8 days/7 nights FLIGHT INFORMATION: Please arrange your flights to arrive into Mahón Airport [MAH] on Day 1 and depart from Mahón Airport [MAH] on Day 8

**PICKUP LOCATION:** 

Mahón Airport, Menorca [MAH]

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# OVERVIEW

Oct 07 - 14, 2024

Join us on this walking tour on Menorca to explore the Camí de Cavalls walking trail. This ancient footpath circumnavigates the entire island's coast, taking in some spectacular Mediterranean scenery.

The charming Spanish island of Menorca, is one of Spain's Balaeric islands, in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea. Historically, the Camí de Cavalls was created for military defence of the island, but more recently it has been developed into a hiking and biking path that is perfect for those who enjoy exploring at a leisurely pace. The total distance of the path is approximately 115 miles long. Over 6 days, we will cover 6 of its stages, covering the north and south of the island.

A mini-bus will transfer us each day from the White Sands Resort to the start of our walking route and then back again at the end of the hike. Together with your Big Journey Company Tour Director, you should expect to walk approximately 6-10 miles each day and you will discover some of the most beautiful sections of this ancient route. Most the stages of the footpath are rocky underfoot - appropriate, sturdy footwear is essential.

## ITINERARY SUMMARY

- DAY 1 Welcome to Menorca
- DAY 2 Es Grau Favaritx
- DAY 3 Cala Galdana Son Saura
- DAY 4 Captivating Ciutadella
- DAY 5 Son Bou Cala en Porter
- DAY 6 San Felip Cala de Algaiarens
- DAY 7 Sant Tomas Cala Galdana & Farewell Dinner
- DAY 8 Farewell to Menorca

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## FULL ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - WELCOME TO MENORCA

On arrival at Menorca-Mahón Airport [MAH], there will be three complimentary scheduled transfers to the resort.

This evening we will have a welcome drink and get together at the resort, to go over our itinerary for the days ahead with our Big Journey Tour Director.

Accommodation: White Sands Beach Club, Arenal d'en Castell, Menorca, Spain

### DAY 2 - ES GRAU - FAVARITX

Our hike today begins in the Es Grau Natural Park, which forms the core of Menorca's protected Unesco Biosphere Reserve. It is a natural space, located in the east of the island of Menorca, comprising S'Albufera des Grau, the island of Colom and Cape Favàritx. We will find a great diversity of environments such as wetlands, agricultural and livestock land, forests, cliffs, beaches, islets in marine areas. On the way, we will see several remains of the Spanish Civil War, such as trenches and bunkers. We will also pass an English coastal defense tower, the Rambla Tower, which separates Sa Torreta Cove from Cala des Tamarrels.

The route ascends to the north crossing bays, headlands and the magnificent beaches of Tortuga and Cala Presili, until reaching the end of this varied itinerary in Cabo de Favaritx. The lighthouse here, built in 1922, is one of the most famous landmarks of Menorca. This is where our minibus will meet us and take us back to the resort.

The rest of the day and evening is at leisure.

Walking distance - approx. 9km

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#### DAY 3 - CALA GALDANA - SON SAURA

One of the key features of the central part of Menorca are its gorges, cutting through the island vertically, becoming deeper and wider as you head south down the island. Thanks to these gorges, the path is one of continual contrasts and an extensive range of flora is present. The route alternates between dry areas and shaded and hidden, humid patches where vegetation within the gorges is well protected from the wind.

At Cala en Turqueta, Macarella and Algendar are three impressive gorges, each of them a habitat for oaks. Macarella and Cala Galdana are worth mentioning, the latter mouth of the Algendar gorge, one of the most important on the island.

Our mini-bus will transfer us back to the resort. Evening at leisure.

Walking distance - approx 11km

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### DAY 4 - CAPTIVATING CIUTADELLA

At the north of the island of Menorca lies the charming town of Ciutadella. With just over 30,000 inhabitants, it is the largest on the northern side and used to be the island's capital. At the heart of the narrow streets of the old town is the Cathedral, lying above the narrow port, lined by restaurants and a great place for lunch and to people watch. We'll visit the town's local market, and enjoy a short guided walk before time at leisure to explore the shops.

This afternoon we'll return to the resort, stopping en route at Monte Toro at the heart of Menorca. Here we will be afforded fantastic panoramic views of the island, which never fail to please, and from where we can see where we have already walked and where is still left to explore.

Accommodation: White Sands Beach Club, Arenal d'en Castell, Menorca, Spain

## DAY 5 - SON BOU - CALA EN PORTER

Today's route starts at the beach of Son Bou, where we can find the remains of the Paleochristian Basilica, Cala de Llucalari. Dating back to the

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5th century discovered, it was discovered in 1951 that has been catalogued as an Asset of Cultural Interest.

From here we head inland, along the the Relotges ravine to Cala en Porter. We walk 8km along the ravine, the longest on the island at some 12km long which is heavily used in 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.

At the end of today's hike the Camí de Cavalls route reaches the tourist resort of Cala en Porter. Here two totally different environments are found: 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.

From here our mini-bus will transfer us back to the resort for an evening at leisure.

Walking distance - approx 11km

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#### DAY 6 - SAN FELIP - CALA DE ALGAIARENS

Today's route starts by the beach of Cala Pilar, passing freshwater springs and the beautiful coastal path, before heading inland at Pla de Mar. This stretch is one of the most dynamivally diverse, with many endemic plants to be seen.

From here we head through forest and farmland as we make our way to Algaiarens, with its spectacular dunes.

Walking distance - approx. 7.5km

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#### DAY 7 - SANT TOMAS - CALA GALDANA & FAREWELL DINNER

The path of our final day's walk could be nicknamed the Gorges Path, as it crosses several of Menorca's most impressive gorges. These geological formations reward those walking this path with spectaular views and landscapes. There is a rich variety of flora and the route also offers many chances to observe birds of prey as well as water birds.

This path also provides the opportunity to observe how, at any time of year, water is transported along the most important gorges, such as Algendar, Trebalúger and Albranca. This water is the reason why the gorges are damp and aquatic vegetation exists here. Sand dune vegetation can be spotted when visiting the coves of Cala Mitjana or Cala Trebalúger. Binigaus, which is just a short distance from this path, is the location of four of Menorca's most relevant carstic caves. The Cova des Coloms, also known as 'the Cathedral' is the most outstanding thanks to its size. Near the top of the gorge is an interesting hypostyle chamber, called 'es Galliner de Madona.'

This evening we will have a farewell dinner together at a local restaurant and a chance to catch up on the highlights of our week in Menorca.

Walking distance - approx 11km

Included meals: Dinner Accommodation: White Sands Beach Club, Arenal d'en Castell, Menorca, Spain

### DAY 8 - FAREWELL TO MENORCA

Sadly, it's the end of our Menorcan adventure. There will be three scheduled departures from the resort to Menorca-Mahón Airport [MAH].

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#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Scheduled airport transfers to the resort from Mahón Airport [MAH] on Day 1 and returning on Day 8
  - There will be three scheduled transfers from Menorca Airport to the White Sands Beach Resort on Day 1, departing the airport at 10.30am, 4.30pm and 6pm.
  - There will be three scheduled transfers from the White Sands Resort to Menorca Airport on Day 8, departing the resort at 6am, 10am and 3.30pm.
- Self-catering accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Transportation to and from all the events and activities as detailed in the itinerary
- All activities and customised walking programme as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals and detailed in the itinerary
- Services of a Big Journey Company Tour Director

#### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International return flights into Mahón Airport [MAH]
- Airport transfers outside the tour dates, times or locations of the scheduled transfers
- Visas, medical or travel insurance
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements
- Any personal items and anything not mentioned under included in price above
- Any food and beverage not detailed in the itinerary
- Entrance fees to non-stipulated attractions
- Any optional activities offered
- Gratuities
- City tax A local city tax is payable at the resort at a cost of €2.20 per person per night (2021 rate)





#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Diamond Resorts Terms Apply
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- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Check in is after 2:00 3:00pm and check out is before 10am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- There will be some catering and toilet facilities along some of the routes, but it is adviseable that you bring sufficient water/food each day.
- Groups are limited to a maximum of 15 persons per group per week
- Walking routes are a guideline of what to expect and the daily itinerary may be subject to change





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