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Camí de Cavalls (GR 223)

Balearic Islands



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- Leave the gates and barriers between the different estates the way you found them. They are usually closed.
- Respect the natural surroundings: don't light fires, don't drop litter and don't be noisy. Camping is only allowed in the two official campsites of the island. Dogs may chase sheep. Leave them at home or keep them always on a lead.
- Don't leave valuables in your car neither in isolated car parks nor at the beaches nor at the archaeological sites.
- **When using a GPS receiver, note that the datum of the map is the ETRS89.**
- The best seasons for hiking and cycling in Menorca are spring and autumn. Even if the sea breeze softens the hot summer temperatures, it is best to avoid the months of July and August. Use a hat and sun protection and bring enough water supplies. When the strong north winds (Tramuntana) blows, it is advisable to hike along the south coast.
- If you have any corrections for the map or for the guidebook, please contact: **jaume.tort@gmail.com**. On the website: www.gr223.info, we will inform you about corrections and news related to the contents of this guidebook.

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In the last 30 years, the GOB has organized large demonstrations that have helped to avoid the urban development of idyllic places like: Cala Macarella, Albufera des Grau, Trebalúger, Cala en Turqueta, Barranc d'Algendar. At the moment, the organisation is also involved in sustainable development and other projects that are trying to find a balance between human activities and nature conservation.

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FOREWORD

The attractions of Menorca go far beyond the stereotype of its unspoilt coves of turquoise waters. Despite its small size, the island offers a variety of landscapes: cliffs and beaches, gorges and plains, pasture and croplands, forests and scrub. The sometimes, 'boring landscape' that you see beside the roads changes completely when you put on your hiking boots or ride your bike and take the footpaths, cross the ravines or walk along the coast. From an archaeological point of view, Menorca is a unique open air museum riddled with 'Talaiots' (watchtowers), 'Navetes' (boat shaped graves) and 'Taulès' (T-shaped sanctuaries). Also interesting is its ethnological heritage which includes: cattle stone huts, sandstone quarries, drystone walls and old paths that allow us to enjoy its highlights on foot or by bike. Aside from the Camí de Cavalls (Horses' Path), a circular route that goes around the island, there are also coastal paths and paths that lead to castles and churches or connect villages and 'Llocs' (Menorca's farmhouses).

A large part of the island is private owned, and for this reason, some hiking routes have been off-limits. Since 1996 and after some demonstrations on behalf of the Camí de Cavalls, the government enacted a law and outlined a plan which has achieved the reopening of this important ethnological, historical and scenic heritage. In 2010, the 185 km footpath had already been cleared and signposted in order that locals and visitors could enjoy it on foot, by bike or on horseback.

Menorca measures about 50 km from Ciutadella to Maó and has a maximum width of 20 km. Although just 100.000 inhabitants lives in its 700 km², the island receives one million tourists each year, mostly in the summer season. There are two distinct geological regions: the North or Tramuntana, with hills of dark rocks and an indented coastline, and the southern half which consists of a plateau broken by deep gorges and high limestone cliffs on the coast. El Toro is the highest peak, at 358 m. It has a typical Mediterranean climate with an average annual temperature of 17°C and 600 mm of rainfall. The north wind can reach gale force and blows 185 days per year.

Due to the good preservation of its natural landscape and rural environment and in order to promote a sustainable development, Menorca was declared a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO. Almost half of the island is protected and there are two nature reserves: The Nature Park of Albufera des Grau and the Marine Reserve Nord de Menorca. A total of 582 vertebrate species are distributed as follows: 324 fish, 3 amphibians, 12 reptiles, 26 mammals and 218 birds (Egyptian vultures, kites and ospreys among them). There are forests of pine, holm oak and wild olive trees. Of the 1200 species of plants, 7% are endemic (meaning they can only be found on this island).

Due to its location at the heart of the Mediterranean, Menorca has enjoyed on the one hand trade and cultural contacts that have provided economic splendor, and on the other hand, it has suffered colonization, invasions and attacks that have threatened it with depopulation. Prehistory has left an important legacy that reached its peak during the Talaiotic period (from 1500 BC). Later on, the island was part of the Roman Empire, Byzantine and Arab, until it was conquered by the Kingdom of Aragon and repopulated by Catalans in 1287. In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, Menorca suffered with great virulence raids by Turkish pirates who destroyed and looted Maó in 1535 and Ciutadella in 1558. Its inhabitants were either butchered or sold into slavery. Between 1708 and 1802, the island became a British possession three times with some short periods under French and Spanish control. The deep imprint of the British is still reflected on the buildings, the roads, the countryside and even in the language.

COMMUNICATIONS

- **More information on:** <https://menorca.tib.org>
- **Rent-a-bike**
You find them in the main towns and tourist resorts. We recommend: www.aroda.info, www.bikemenorca.com, www.ciclostramontana.com, www.velosjoan.com and www.totvelo.com
- **Taxis**
Radio-Taxi Menorca (Tel. 971 367 111- www.taximenorca.es) has stops in the main towns and tourist resorts.

PLACES OF INTEREST

- **Tourist roads (by car or bike)**
The most scenic roads are: To the lighthouse of Cavalleria (road Cf-1), the Me-13 from Es Mercadal to El Toro, to the Cap de Favàritx (Cf-3), from Ciutadella to Punta Nati (Cf-5) and the Camí d'en Kane. This narrow road between Maó and Es Mercadal is named after the beloved first British governor of the island and is a good alternative to the Me-1. The road starts shortly after leaving Maó on the way to Fornells (Me-7).
- **Mountain bike routes**
There are many signposted routes around Ciutadella and Maó. One of them connects Punta Nati (near Ciutadella) with Punta Prima (near Sant Lluís) crossing the whole island through beautiful rural and natural landscapes riddled with archaeological sites.
- **Maó**
The British moved the capital from Ciutadella to Maó due to its sheltered harbour which is still its main attraction. In the next sections, you will find routes to the nearby archaeological ruins (B4), to the secluded chapel of Sant Joan des Vergers (A2) and to the charming hamlet of Lluçmaçanes (A3).
- **Ferrerries**
This pretty village is a good starting point for the visit to the coves of Cala Mitjana and Trebalúger in the south (route K), Cala del Pilar to the north (F), the fortress Castell de Santa Àgueda (H) and the gorge Barranc d'Algendar (L).
- **Ciutadella de Menorca**
The most important festival of the island (Sant Joan), in which the horses feature in all kinds of shows on the streets, takes place in this town in June. A stroll around the old town and the visit of the unspoilt coves of Macarella, En Turqueta and Son Saura in the south and La Vall-Algaiarens in the north are highlights of a trip to Menorca. A beautiful hike takes you from Cala en Bosc to Cala Galdana (route J).

Hiking in Menorca



Cala Barril (stage 6)

Walking is the best way to enjoy the varied landscape of the island: You will see the farmhouses in the middle of fields criss-crossed by drystone walls. Along the way you will find cattle huts, water cisterns, sandstone quarries, lime kilns and watchtowers. In recent years, the opening of coastal paths, the signposting of public trails and the clearing of the Camí de Cavalls have increased remarkably the possibilities for hiking in Menorca.

Due to the numerous private properties, on some walks you will have to go back the way you came, or call a taxi. The routes described below as day-hikes include the most beautiful stages of Camí de Cavalls (2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 19) which are explained in the section 'Long distance trail - GR 223'. You can see more pictures and update this guidebook and the map on the website:

<http://www.gr223.info>

A. AROUND MAÓ

A1.- From Es Castell to Maó

See the full description on: www.gr223.info

A2.- The chapel of Sant Joan des Vergers

Circular route

	Time: 45 min
	Height climbed: 50 m
	Degree of difficulty: low
	Cyclability: medium-easy

With this delightful stroll you will discover the bucolic surroundings of the chapel.

Access to the starting point: After arriving in Maó by the road Me-1, turn left at the first traffic light (towards 'Centre de Salut') on Carrer Fornells and park near the corner with Camí de Dalt de Sant Joan (the second street on the right).

Walk on the left side of Carrer Fornells and, when it veers right and after nº 18, go down a flight of steps (5 min) and follow the walkway with fine views over the Port de Maó. It comes out onto the Costa de ses Piques (5 min) where you turn left to the seafront and walk along it to the left. Leave Maó on the Me-7 and, at the roundabout, take the narrow exit in front of you (Camí de Baix de Sant Joan) which leads to the chapel. Before returning to Maó, it's worth exploring the cobbled path to the right of your way back. With your back to the church, take the path that goes uphill in front of you and cross the ring road to Carrer Fornells (10 min).

A3.- The hamlet of Llucmaçanes

Circular route



Time: 1hr 15min



Height climbed: 20 m



Degree of difficulty: low



Cyclability: medium-easy

Short hike to this pretty hamlet taking narrow footpaths.

Access to the starting point: On the ring road of Maó, turn right towards Sant Lluís on the Me-8 and, after 300 meters, right to the Restaurant El Picadero where you can park.

Take the dirt track and, in 3 minutes, keep straight on leaving to your right a signposted path. At the next junction (8 min), go to the right to Llucmaçanes where you head towards the church. Walk along the road to Maó for one kilometre and turn right on the signposted Camí d'en Claudis. The path narrows, crosses a road, changes its name (Camí de Darrere Malbúger Vell) and leads you to a fork where you turn left to the car park.

A4.- From Cala de Sant Esteve to Trebalúger

See the full description on: www.gr223.info

A5.- From Cala de Sant Esteve to Punta Prima

See the full description on: www.gr223.info

C. THE NATURE PARK OF S'ALBUFERA DES GRAU – CAP DE FAVÀRITX

Since 1995, the nature park has protected, 5000 hectares of wetlands, forests and beaches. The park also includes the Cap de Favàritx where you can admire the oldest rocks of the island. The access to the Information Centre is from the road Me-5 (Maó-Es Grau, K. 3.5).

There are 3 signposted routes. See the full description on: www.gr223.info

D. FROM CALA TIRANT TO SANITJA

See the full description on: www.gr223.info

E. FROM PLATJA DE BINIMEL·LÀ TO THE CAR PARK OF CALA DEL PILAR

 **Time:** 4hr 45min (one way)

 **Height climbed:** 650 m

 **Degree of difficulty:** medium-high

 **Cyclability:** difficult

This is the most isolated and difficult section of Camí de Cavalls

Follow stage 6 from Platja de Binimel·là to Els Alocs, and from there, stage 7 to the turnoff near the cove of Cala del Pilar. Take the footpath uphill to reach a junction (15 min) where you leave the Camí de Cavalls and turn left. The pretty forest path leads you to the car park (20 min).

F. FROM THE CAR PARK OF CALA DEL PILAR TO ALGAIARENS

 **Time:** 2hr 20min (one way)

 **Height climbed:** 120 m on the ascent and 200 m on the descent

 **Degree of difficulty:** medium-low

 **Cyclability:** medium-easy

Access to the starting point: The paved track 'Camí del Pilar' starts at K. 34.2 of the Me-1, coming from Maó or K. 34.8 if you come from Ciutadella.

From the car park, take the dirt track to the farmhouse of Sant Felip for several meters and turn right on a sandy footpath through the forest. Ignore a track to the left and a closed path to the right and keep to the main one near a drystone wall. At the junction with the Camí de Cavalls, go to the left and follow stage 7 to Cala d'Algaiarens.

G. FROM ALGAIARENS TO CALA MORELL

See the full description on: www.gr223.info

H. THE FORTRESS OF CASTELL DE SANTA ÀGUEDA (259 M)

 **Time:** 30 min (one way)

 **Height climbed:** 170 m

 **Degree of difficulty:** medium

 **Cyclability:** medium

The Arabs settled in Menorca for three centuries and left this fortress at the top of a mountain.

Access to the starting point: Driving from Maó to Ciutadella on the Me-1, turn right at K. 31.5 (Camí dels Alocs). After 3 kilometres, look for an abandoned building (school) on the right at the entrance of the farmhouse of Santa Cecília.

Take the dirt uphill track between the school and the entrance and, shortly afterwards, go through a gate. The track turns into a cobbled path (15 min) which climbs to the top of the mountain. Enjoy the superb views before going back down the same way you came.

J. THE SOUTHWEST COAST OF CIUTADELLA

The costal area between Cala en Bosc and Cala Galdana is one of the most gorgeous of the island. The short hikes J2, J3, J4 are alternatives for the most beautiful sections of the long costal walk J1.

J1.- Platja de Cala en Bosc – Cala Galdana

 **Time:** 4hr 15min

 **Height climbed:** 320 m

 **Degree of difficulty:** medium

 **Cyclability:** medium

Due to its length, when you reach the end of the hike, it will be very strenuous to go back to the starting point on foot. If you don't have another car there, you could call a taxi or, during the high season, rely on the public transportation.

Access to the starting point: from the Ciutadella's southern ring road (RC-2) take the road to Cap d'Artrutx. At the entrance's roundabout, turn left, follow the signs for 'Platja de Cala en Bosc' and park near the Hotel Cala en Bosc. From there, walk along stage 12 of Camí de Cavalls to Cala en Turqueta and, then, follow stage 13 to Cala Galdana.

J2.- Routes from Platges de Son Saura

Access to the starting point: from the Ciutadella's southern ring road (RC-2) take the road to the southern coves and, after 3.5 kilometres, keep straight on. Pass the archaeological site of Son Catlar (worth visiting) and reach the beach car park (6,5 km).

J2.1-Platges de Son Saura – Platja de Son Xoriguer – Cala en Bosc

 **Time:** 1hr 30min

 **Height climbed:** 20 m

 **Degree of difficulty:** medium

 **Cyclability:** medium-difficult

Behind the car park's gate, go to the right and, in one minute, join up with stage 12 of Camí de Cavalls. Go through the gate to the right and follow the coastline to Platja de Son Xoriguer (1hr 15min) and to Cala en Bosc (15 min). Go back the way you came.

J2.2-Platges de Son Saura – Cala des Talaier – Cala en Turqueta**Time:** 1hr 15min**Height climbed:** 40 m**Degree of difficulty:** medium**Cyclability:** medium-difficult

Behind the car park's gate, take the dirt track to the left. Two minutes later, leave it and walk along the beach joining up with stage 12 of Camí de Cavalls. For the way back from Cala en Turqueta, take the interior path described on hike J3.1.

J3.- Routes from Cala en Turqueta

Access to the starting point: from Ciutadella's southern ring road (RC-2) take the road to the southern coves and at the chapel of Sant Joan de Missa (4,5 km) keep straight on to reach the car park (6 km). From there, walk downhill on a dirt track to the cove where you find the starting point of stage 13.

J3.1-Cala en Turqueta – Cala des Talaier – Platges de Son Saura**Time:** 1hr**Height climbed:** 40 m**Degree of difficulty:** medium**Cyclability:** medium-easy (difficult after Cala des Talaier)

Walk up a flight of steps to the right of the beach, go through a gap in a wall and, at the next turnoff (3 min), turn right. Leave to your left the Camí de Cavalls (towards Platges de Son Saura) and keep straight on. Shortly afterwards (in front of a gap in a wall) go to the left on an uphill footpath. In 5 minutes, walk along a boundary wall to Cala des Talaier (20 min) and, from there, take the Camí de Cavalls to the beaches of Son Saura (20 min, the dirt track leads to the car park). Go back to Cala des Talaier the way you came. From there, follow the Camí de Cavalls along the coast to Cala en Turqueta.

**Cala en Turqueta**

J3.2-Cala en Turqueta – Cala Macarella

	Time: 45 min
	Height climbed: 80 m
	Degree of difficulty: medium-low
	Cyclability: medium-easy

Follow stage 13 of Camí de Cavalls to Cala Macarella. From there, go back taking the coastal path described on hike J4.1.

J4.- Routes from Cala Macarella

Access to the starting point: from Ciutadella's southern ring road (RC-2) take the road to the southern coves and at the chapel of Sant Joan de Missa (4,5 km), turn left to the car park (8 km). Take the wide path behind the closed gate and, at its end (5 min), go to the right for several meters and turn left to reach the left side of the beach (7 min).

J4.1-From Cala Macarella to Cala en Turqueta along the coastal path

	Time: 45 min
	Height climbed: 80 m
	Degree of difficulty: medium
	Cyclability: medium-difficult

From the right side (W) of the beach, leave to your right the Camí de Cavalls and go up a flight of steps with beautiful views over majestic cliffs and idyllic beaches. At the top (3 min), the path veers right and drops down to Cala Macarelleta (7 min) where you take the dirt track uphill. After two minutes, at a crossroads with the Camí de Cavalls, go to the left on an overgrown footpath. At the next junction (3 min, where there is a viewpoint to the left), turn right and ignore all crossroads until you come out onto the Camí de Cavalls (20 min). Follow it walking straight on to Cala en Turqueta (5 min). Go back to Cala Macarella, following stage 13 of Camí de Cavalls.

J4.2-Cala Macarella – Cala Galdana

	Time: 1hr 15min
	Height climbed: 50 m
	Degree of difficulty: low
	Cyclability: medium-easy

From the left side of the beach (E) follow stage 13 to Cala Galdana. When you will be there, you could visit the Barranc d'Algendar (route L). **Interior path back to Cala Macarella:** When you arrive in Cala Galdana, turn left, walk around Hotel Audax and take the first street on the left. At its end, 15 meters to the right of the stepped walkway, look for an overgrown path. Take it and, at the turnoff (10 min), keep straight on for a few meters to the next junction where you go over the wall to your left. Behind it, take the left dirt track and follow it until you reach an important fork (10 min). The right path leads to Macarella's car park (5 min) and the one on the left drops down to Cala Macarella (7 min).

K. FROM CALA GALDANA TO PLATGES DE BINIGAUS

Along the Camí de Cavalls. Return via the coastal path

Circular route

	Time: 5 hr
	Height climbed: 600 m
	Degree of difficulty: medium-high
	Cyclability: medium-easy (difficult at the coastal path)

This route combines a walk through gorges and forests with a coastal path which crosses idyllic beaches.

Access to the starting point: at the entrance roundabout of Cala Galdana, take the left street (Av. de sa Punta) and turn left on the third street (Carrer del Camí de Cavalls). At the end of it, you will find the starting point of stage 14.

K1.-Cala Galdana – Platges de Binigaus

	Duración: 2h 30min
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Follow stage 14 of Camí de Cavalls.

K2.-Platges de Binigaus – Cala Galdana, on the coastal path

	Duración: 2h 30min
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When you come from Cala Galdana on the Camí de Cavalls, turn right on the dirt track towards the coast (3 min) and leave to your left the beach. The footpath veers right through the forest and in 15 minutes goes along the cliffs. Cross the beach of Cala Escorxada (30 min) and, from there, take a dirt track to the next cove, Cala Fustam (10 min). Go towards the beach, take an uphill path to the right and reach, after a steep drop, Cala Trebalúger (30 min). At the opposite end, go up a flight of rock steps to the flat top of the cliffs and, at the next turnoff, turn left. Shortly afterwards, go to the right through a gap in a wall and walk downhill to Cala Mitjana (30 min). From there, go up to the Camí de Cavalls and take it to the left to reach Cala Galdana (15 min).

L. THE GORGE OF BARRANC D'ALGENDAR

	Time: 3 hr
	Height climbed: 150 m
	Degree of difficulty: medium
	Cyclability: medium

The 'Camí Reial' from Ferreries to Ciutadella crosses one of the most magnificent and secluded landscapes of the island: The gorge Barranc d'Algendar which contains a permanent stream, fruit orchards and subtropical vegetation.

Access to the starting point: *At the big roundabout near Ferreries on the Me-1, take the Me-22 to Cala Galdana. After 100 meters, there is a track to the right signposted as 'Camí Reial'.*

Take it and, in 10 minutes, turn right on a shady footpath which comes out onto a paved track (30 min). Keep straight on (towards Ciutadella) and, 50 meters after the K.13 of the MTB route, go to the left. This narrow path (Pas d'en Revull) is one of the most beautiful of the island, built between high cliffs and covered with lush vegetation.

Ten minutes later, pass a gate and take a track to the left walking along a permanent stream. At the bridge, cross to the right and go up on a rock carved footpath. There is an inviting picnic spot under a huge holm oak tree on the left side and, a few meters further on, a narrow path to the right which leads to a viewpoint over the gorge. Go back the same way you came as far as the gate of Pas d'en Revull, where you keep straight on following the track. It goes by a farmhouse and comes out at the big roundabout on the Me-1. If you don't like the paved road take, in 10 minutes, the shady path that you used on the way down.

L1.-Visit of the mouth from Cala Galdana



Time: 1hr 15min (go and back)



Height climbed: 30 m



Degree of difficulty: medium-low

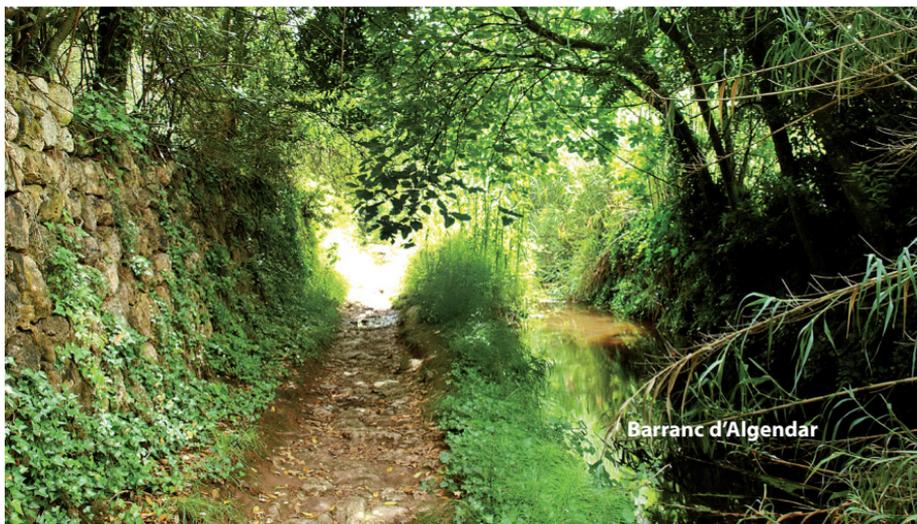


Cyclability: medium-easy

Walk uphill from Cala Galdana through the gorge Barranc d'Algendar. Because of private properties, it is impossible to link this route with the former one.

Access to the starting point: *at the entrance of Cala Galdana, after the bridge, turn right to the car park.*

Walk along the waterway towards the gorge and follow the street to its end (500m). Go over a wall to the right of a closed gate and, at the next junction, turn right. Go over another gate, ignore a right fork and walk under the cliffs to reach a locked gate where you can't walk further. Go back the way you came.



Barranc d'Algendar

M. THE COLOMS' CAVE AND THE BINIGAUS' GORGE

**Time:** 2 hr**Height climbed:** 120 m**Degree of difficulty:** medium**Cyclability:** medium

Comfortable forest paths lead to the magnificent beaches of Binigaus and to the cave known for its size as 'The Cathedral'.

Access to the starting point: at the exit of Es Migjorn Gran (towards Sant Tomàs), turn right at the sign 'Hotel Rural, Cova des Coloms' on Av. David Russell and park at its end.

Take the street to the cemetery, leaving some ruins on your left and, in front of Hotel Binigaus Vell (10 min), turn left. In 5 minutes leave to the left the direct path to the cave and keep straight on for 5 minutes more. A few meters before a locked gate, go to the left through a gap in the wall and pass a water cistern (10 min). After it, cross to the other side of the valley and walk downhill to a turnoff (5 min). The path on the left is used for the return so turn right to the beaches of Binigaus (15 min). Go back to the turnoff, keep straight on and ignore, in 10 minutes, a first fork. After a shady section along the bottom of the valley, come onto a T-shaped junction (5 min). Go to the right taking a zigzag path to the impressive Coloms' Cave (2 min). Go back down to the last junction, turn right to reach a track (7 min) and go to the right to the car park (15 min).

N. SANT TOMÀS – SON BOU – SANT TOMÀS

See the full description on: www.gr223.info

P. SON BOU – CAP DE SES PENYES

See the full description on: www.gr223.info

Q. BARRANC DE CALA EN PORTER – TORRE D'EN GALMÉS

**Time:** 3 hr**Height climbed:** 120 m**Degree of difficulty:** medium-low**Cyclability:** medium-easy

This walk along a beautiful gorge links the tourist resort of Cala en Porter with the biggest megalithic site of the island.

Access to the starting point: from the main street of Cala en Porter, turn right towards the beach. To the right of Hotel Aquarium, there is a car park with an informative noticeboard about the Camí de Cavalls.

Walk towards the gorge bordering the fruit orchards. Cross a dirt track, go up around zigzag bends and walk underneath cliffs enjoying views over the gorge. The path comes out onto a paved track where you keep walking in the same direction.

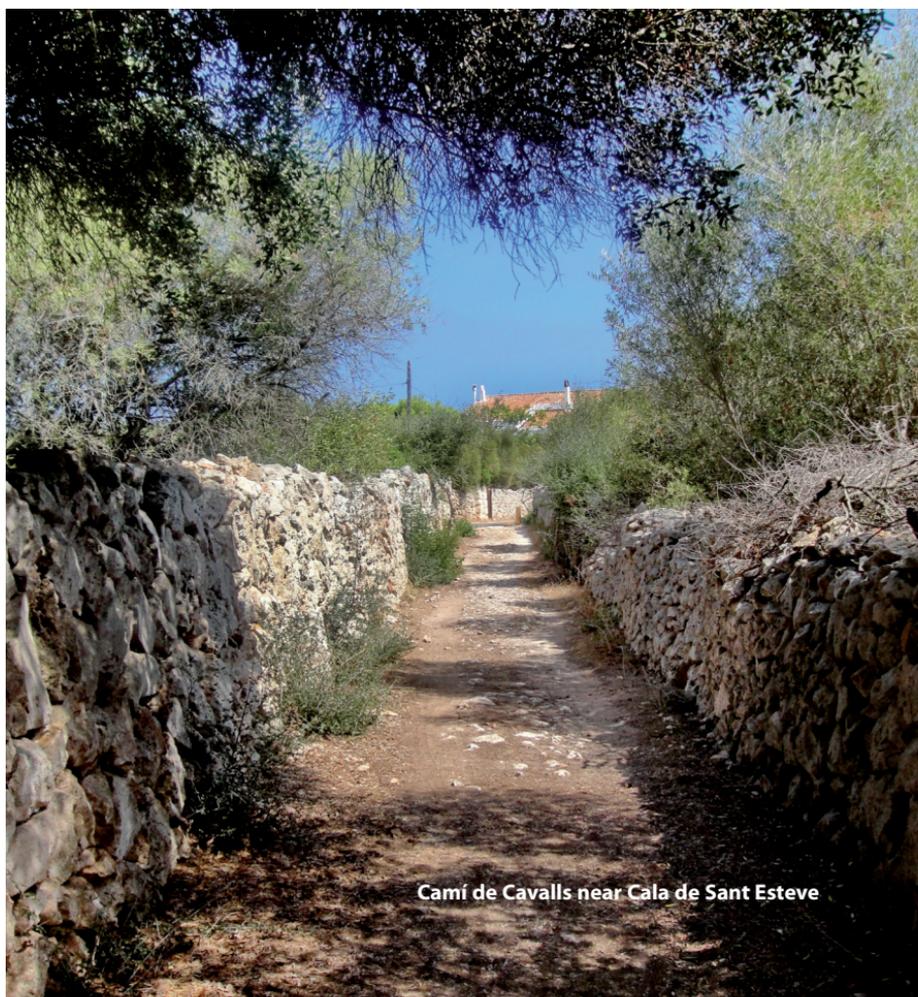
The track crosses a stream and climbs gently to the flat fields above the gorge. After a gate, turn right on a dirt track and, shortly afterwards (300m), leave the Camí de Cavalls to your left and keep straight on to reach the archaeological site of Torre d'en Galmés (1km). Go back the way you came.

R. BINIPARRATX – BINIDALÍ

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S. PUNTA PRIMA – CALA DE RAFALET – CALA DE SANT ESTEVE

See the full description on: www.gr223.info



Camí de Cavalls near Cala de Sant Esteve

Mountain biking



Between Son Xoriguer and Platges de Son Saura

With a mountain bike, you can cycle along most of the hikes described in the previous section

- **B1.- Visit of Maó**
- **B2.- Gràcia – Trepucó – Torelló – Sant Joan des Vergers – Gràcia**
- **B3.- Gràcia – Trepucó – Lluçmaçanes – Torret – Trebalúger – Gràcia**
- **B5.- Camino de Addaia – S’Hort des Lleó**
- **B6.- Around Ciutadella**
- **B7.- Ciutadella – Cala En Turqueta – Cala Galdana – Barranc d’Algender – Ciutadella**
- **B8.- Es Migjorn Gran – Binigaus – Cala Galdana**
- **B9.- Son Mercer de Baix – Cueva des Moro**

See the full description on: www.gr223.info

B4.- Route of the archaeological sites

Gràcia – Trepucó – Torellonet – Talatí de Dalt – Torralba d'en Salord –
Alaior – Maó



Distance: 30 km



Height climbed: 300 m



Cyclability: medium-easy

Through magnificent landscapes, this route leads to some of the most important archaeological sites of the island.

Follow the signposted hike PR-Me-2 to Camí de Torelló. At the junction, located 800 meters beyond the car park of the Basílica Paleocristiana, turn left following a bike route towards Alaior. An unpaved track leads to a paved one where you turn left, passing by the archaeological site of Talatí de Dalt. At the next junction, turn right and once near the Me-1 to the left. Shortly afterwards, take an unpaved track which leads to the road from Cala en Porter to Alaior. Turn right, passing the ruins of Torralba d'en Salord and in Alaior, go to the cemetery where you take the Camí d'en Kane back to Maó.

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- **Stage 2:** Es Grau – Favàritx
- **A section of stage 5** between Arenal de Son Saura and the road Me-7
- **A section of stage 6** between Platja de Binimel·là and Cala Barril
- **Stage 7:** with an alternative starting point at the car park of Cala del Pilar, as described in route F (section 'Hiking in Menorca')
- **Stages 12 + 13:** Cap d'Artrutx – Cala Galdana
- **Stage 14:** Cala Galdana – Sant Tomàs
- **Stage 15:** Sant Tomàs – Son Bou
- **A section of stage 16** across Barranc de Cala en Porter, as described in route Q
- **A section of stage 19** between Cala Alcalar and Cala de Sant Esteve

Talatí de Dalt



Long-distance Trail - GR 223 Camí de Cavalls (*Horse's Path*)



For the 'Menorquins', the Camí de Cavalls is much more than a walkway because it belongs to their collective heritage. The origins of this old coastal path are unknown but it should have been built around the 16th century in order to defend the island against pirates raids. Since 1996 and after some demonstrations on its behalf, the government enacted a law and outlined a plan which resulted in the reopening of this important ethnological and historical heritage route. Since 2010, locals and visitors can enjoy the 185 km footpath on foot, by bike or on horseback.

- **On foot**

There are some drawbacks if you plan to walk the whole path: There isn't any accommodation at the end of most stages, camping isn't allowed and there aren't any water sources. On some sections, the villages are very far from each other and it's impossible to reach them on a day hike. Hikers could walk it in 10 days but they would need two cars or call a taxi to go back to their hotel. We detail the access to the starting point for each stage so that you can walk them separately. If you just want to enjoy the most interesting stages (2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19) as day hikes, see the section 'Hiking in Menorca'.

- **By bike**

The logistics are easier for mountain bikers, who could cycle around the island in 4 or 6 days and sleep at different places along the way or in the surrounding area: Fornells, Ciutadella, Maó, Ferreries and Es Mercadal. From May to October, accommodation is also available in Arenal d'en Castell, Cala Morell and in many resorts of the southern coast.

- **Website**

Download the GPS tracks, view more pictures and update this guidebook and the map on www.gr223.info

- **Self guided MTB routes and hikes**

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STAGE 1. MAÓ – ES GRAU

	Time: 2hr 45min
	Distance: 10 km
	Height climbed: 250 m
	Degree of difficulty: medium-low
	Cyclability: easy (difficult in two short uphill sections)

Access to the starting point: go along the Port de Maó towards the interior of the island (W), and at the roundabout, turn right to La Mola/ Sa Mesquida. The starting point is 300 meter farther, at the beginning of the Me-3 road.

1.1.- Maó – Platja de Sa Mesquida

	Time: 1hr 15min		Distance: 2,7 km
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Follow the Me-3 road, and after 2 km, turn left and reach the beach car park.

1.2.- Platja de Sa Mesquida – Es Grau

	Time: 1hr 30min		Distance: 5 km
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Descend to the beach and go to the left. Turn right on a dirt track and follow it to a rocky cove (20 min, Macar de Binillauti). Cross it and, near a house, take an uphill path which drops down in 20 minutes to another cove. From there, the path leads to the interior, leaves a farmhouse to the left and comes out onto the Me-5 (40 min). Follow it to the right for 700 meters until K.6.

STAGE 2. ES GRAU – FAVÀRITX

	Time: 2hr 45min
	Distance: 8,6 km
	Height climbed: 250 m
	Degree of difficulty: medium-low
	Cyclability: medium-easy

This is one of the most beautiful stages of the Camí de Cavalls: You will enjoy the views over wetlands, coves and the 'moon' landscape of the Cap de Favàritx.

Access to the starting point: set off from K.6 of the Me-5 near Es Grau.

2.1.-Es Grau – Cala de sa Torreta

	Time: 1hr		Distance: 3,6 km
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The wide path crosses the forest to the end of the beach (15 min) and climbs gently. Turn left on an uphill forested path and, from a good view-point, go to

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the right walking downhill to Cala des Tamarells (20 min). Cross it, turn left and take a track to the right to the next cove (20 min, Cala de sa Torreta).

2.2.-Cala de sa Torreta – Favàritx



Time: 1hr 45min



Distance: 5 km

Turn to the right on a path, leave a house to the right and take another track. At the next turnoff, go to the right and leave the track, walking on a sandy path. At the end of the cove, go up taking a stony track which leads to the interior and turns left. The path goes back to the coast (45 min, Cala en Cavaller), veers left, crosses two tracks and goes up and down to the Platja d'en Tortuga (30 min). After it, walk uphill and take a track to the right which leads to the road of Cap de Favàritx (30 min).

STAGE 3. FAVÀRITX – ARENAL D'EN CASTELL



Time: 4hr 15min



Distance: 13,6 km



Height climbed: 300 m



Degree of difficulty: medium-low



Cyclability: medium in many sections between the Favàritx road and the Camí d'Addaia

Access to the starting point: the stage starts on the road Cf-1, 600 meters before the gate of the Favàritx lighthouse. On the right side, you find the informative noticeboard.

3.1.-Favàritx – Es Pou d'en Caldés



Time: 50 min



Distance: 3,1 km

Take the road towards Maó, pass a cattle grid (after 1400 m) and 500 meters further on, turn right. The dirt track narrows, drops down and comes out onto a track, near a white house, where you go to the left.

3.2.-Pou d'en Caldes – Camí d'Addaia – Salines de Mongofra



Time: 1hr 25min



Distance: 4 km

After a few meters, leave the track, turn right and take a footpath which goes up and down. At the next track (15 min) turn left and, in front of a gate, turn right following a boundary wall. After you leave it, go to the left at a junction and reach a good track (45 min, Camí Vell d'Addaia) where you turn right. At the gate of Mongofra Nou, go to the left, cross a bridge and arrive at the abandoned salt evaporation ponds (30 min).

3.3.-Salines de Mongofra – Addaia – Arenal d'en Castell

**Time:** 2hr**Distance:** 6,4 km

Walk between the channels and come to the seafront of the inlet Port d'Addaia. Go to the left and, after a steep climb, again to the left. Take a track to the right that you leave shortly afterwards turning right on a path which goes through several gates. At the first turnoff in the housing estate of Addaia, keep straight on and, at the main street, go to the left. Cross the Me-9, take the road to 'Coves Noves' and, at the roundabout and at the next junction, keep walking in the same direction. At the main road, turn left and, at the entrance of Arenal d'en Castell, to the left again taking the Avinguda de s'Arenal. After the taxi stop (there is a tall hotel to the left), go to the right down steps to the Plaça de la Mar and, from there, to the left along Via de Ronda. At a sharp left bend, take a track to the right where you see the informative noticeboard.

STAGE 4. ARENAL D'EN CASTELL – CALA TIRANT

**Time:** 3 hr**Distance:** 10,8 km**Height climbed:** 140 m**Degree of difficulty:** medium-low**Cyclability:** easy (difficult during the first 15 minutes)

Access to the starting point: at the entrance of Arenal d'en Castell, turn left and follow the Avinguda de s'Arenal until a sharp right bend (after Apartaments Arepar) where you go to the left taking a track.

4.1.-Arenal d'en Castell – Urb. Son Parc – Arenal de Son Saura

**Time:** 45 min**Distance:** 2,5 km

The rocky path comes in 15 minutes to a street of Son Parc that you take to the right. Follow the signs 'Totes direccions' and, after the hotel 'Sol Parc', turn right towards Arenal de Son Saura. Pass the shopping mall, go to the right on a dirt track and, at the car park, keep left and look for a gate.

4.2.-Arenal de Son Saura – Road Me-7

**Time:** 1hr 30min**Distance:** 5 km

There are many turnoffs in this section but the wrong tracks are signposted with 'Prohibido el Paso'. Follow the wide forest path, turn left at the first fork and right at the second. At the next junction, leave a track to the right and, shortly afterwards, go to the left. Keep straight on a crossroads and turn right at the next two forks. Near the house of Cap des Port, take a track to the right and reach the Me-7.

4.3.-Road Me-7 – Cala Tirant**Time:** 45 min**Distance:** 3,3 km

Take the road to the right and, at the roundabout with the Me-15, turn right. At the next junction, go to the left towards 'Cala Tirant /Platges de Fornells' and, at this tourist resort, walk in the direction of 'Platges'. Go down to the right side (E) of the beach where you find the informative noticeboard.

STAGE 5. CALA TIRANT – BINIMEL·LÀ**Time:** 3 hr**Distance:** 9,6 km**Height climbed:** 30 m**Degree of difficulty:** medium**Cyclability:** medium

Access to the starting point: set off from the right side (E) of the beach of Cala Tirant.

5.1.- Cala Tirant – Sanitja**Time:** 1hr 30min**Distance:** 4,7 km

Cross the first beach and take the steps to the second one. At its end, go up to a track, turn left and, after 100 meters, turn right. Shortly afterwards, go to the right and, at the next turnoff, again to the right towards the coast. Walk along the coastal path bordering some stony coves and reach a shed, where you take a paved track for a few meters. Leave it turning right and come out onto the road of Cap de Cavalleria (Cf-3), near the Roman ruins of Sanitja.

5.2.- Sanitja – Binimel·là**Time:** 1hr 30min**Distance:** 4,9 km

Take the road to the left and turn right at the car park of the Platja de Cavalleria (1300 m). Go through a gap in a wall and walk downhill to this beautiful beach (10 min). Go along it and, then, take the coastal path which goes through a gate and drops down to Cala Mica (20 min). The path ascends, leaves a small cove to the right, climbs steeply near a wall and descends to Platja de Binimel·là.

STAGE 6. BINIMEL·LÀ – ELS ALOCS

✓	Time: 3hr 30min
KM	Distance: 8,9 km
○	Height climbed: 500 m
D	Degree of difficulty: medium-high
🚲	Cyclability: difficult between Cala Barril and Els Alocs

This is the most isolated and strenuous stage of the Camí de Cavalls and it passes the magnificent coves of Binimel·là, Pregonda and Calderer.

Access to the starting point: You reach Binimel·là from Es Mercadal or Fornells. At the car park, take the wide path to the left of the restaurant and, in 5 minutes, turn left to the beach. The informative noticeboard is on its right side (E).

6.1.- Binimel·là – Cala Pregonda

✓	Time: 30 min	KM	Distance: 1,8 km
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Cross the beach to the left, go up a few minutes to Pla Vermell (10 min) and, after a rocky cove, walk downhill to the first beach of Cala Pregonda. Ascend a little bit, take a track and go down towards the second beach.

6.2.- Cala Pregonda – Cala en Calderer

✓	Time: 1hr 30min	KM	Distance: 3,5 km
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Leave the beach to the right and, when the track veers right, keep straight on a footpath which borders some fields. Go over a pass and walk downhill to Cala Barril (15 min). Cross the paved road and the rocky cove and climb steeply on a narrow footpath with superb views. It follows the coastline, going up and down, through red and black landscapes, and drops down to Cala en Calderer.

6.3.- Cala en Calderer – Els Alocs

✓	Time: 1hr 30min	KM	Distance: 3,6 km
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Take the path uphill at the other side of the cove, where it goes through a gate and veers right. In a few minutes, it drops down to Cala Moragues (20 min) and leaves the coast to reach the highest point of the Camí de Cavalls at 125 meters (30 min). Walk downhill following a boundary wall, ascend between two walls and go down to the cove of Els Alocs.



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STAGE 7. ELS ALOCS – ALGAIARENS

	Time: 2hr 30min
	Distance: 9,7 km
	Height climbed: 200 m
	Degree of difficulty: medium-low
	Cyclability: medium- easy (difficult between Els Alocs and Macar d'Alfurinet)

Access to the starting point: the Camí dels Alocs starts at K.31.5 of the Me-1 and is paved until a pass (5km). The last section is an unpaved track unsuitable for a normal car.

7.1.- Els Alocs – Cala del Pilar – Macar d'Alfurinet

	Time: 50 min		Distance: 2,7 km
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Go to the left of the cove (W), walk uphill along the coast and cross two small coves (15 min). On an uphill sandy path, leave to the right the way to Cala del Pilar (5 min) and keep straight on to a transversal path (15 min) where you turn right. It goes through a gate, veers right and drops down to the next cove (20 min).

7.2.- Macar d'Alfurinet – Algaiarens

	Time: 50 min		Distance: 2,7 km
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Cross it, go to the left and take a forest path that climbs gently to a pass (25 min). On the way down, 30 meters after a gate, there is a water source on the right side. Take a track and, at the next two junctions, turn right. Go up a path (20 min) and go through two walls and one gate where the path veers right. In a few minutes, leave the fields and choose the forest track to the right. After another gate, turn left, walk on a cobbled section, pass a water cistern and go down to a good track (30 min). At the next turnoff (10 min), go to the right and, after a few meters, again to the right. In five minutes, turn left and come to the informative noticeboard for stage 8 at the car park of Cala d'Algaiarens (5 min).

STAGE 8. ALGAIARENS – CALA MORELL

	Time: 1hr 30min
	Distance: 5,4 km
	Height climbed: 150 m
	Degree of difficulty: medium-low
	Cyclability: difficult between Cala de ses Fontanelles and Codolar de Biniatram

Access to the starting point: from the northern ring road of Ciutadella, take the road of Cala Morell and, after 5 kilometres, the one to Algaiarens / La Vall to the car park (5 km), located near a beautiful beach.

8.1.- Algaiarens – Codolar de Biniatram**Time:** 30 min**Distance:** 1,7 km

From the informative noticeboard, cross the car park to the left and take an uphill track. At the junction (5 min), turn right, walk downhill and go through a gate to Cala de ses Fontanelles (15 min). At its left side, take a coastal path which climbs to a pass (7 min) and drops down to Codolar de Biniatram (8 min).

8.2.- Codolar de Biniatram – Cala Morell**Time:** 1 hr**Distance:** 3,7 km

The path veers right, goes through a gate and follows a boundary wall, far from the coastline. Pass a water cistern (20 min) and reach the housing estate of Cala Morell (15 min). Take the third street to the left (Via Lactia) which veers right and comes out onto a roundabout. Go to the right (Carrer d'Orrió), pass the burial caves (15 min, worth visiting) and turn left uphill on Carrer Lira. In two minutes, there is the informative noticeboard for stage 9 on the right hand side.

STAGE 9. CALA MORELL – PUNTA NATI**Time:** 1hr 45min**Distance:** 7 km**Height climbed:** 100 m**Degree of difficulty:** medium**Cyclability:** medium-difficult

Access to the starting point: at the entrance roundabout of Cala Morell, go to the left (Carrer d'Orrió), pass the burial caves and turn left uphill on Carrer Lira. In two minutes, there is the informative noticeboard for stage 9 on the right hand side.

Go through a gate and turn right towards the coast (5 min) where you go to the left walking along the cliffs. Follow a boundary wall (10 min) to the left, pass a restored cattle hut and, at the junction (10 min) walk to the left for 30 meters. Take a track to the right which, after a water cistern (20 min), narrows and becomes quite stony. Cross a dry stream, leave to the right a monument for a sunken ship and reach the road to the lighthouse of Punta Nati.

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STAGE 10. PUNTA NATI – CIUTADELLA



Time: 3 hr



Distance: 10,5 km



Height climbed: 200 m



Degree of difficulty: medium



Cyclability: difficult between Punta Nati and Calespiques

Access to the starting point: it is located on the road Cf-5, 7 kilometres to the north of Ciutadella and 300 meters before the lighthouse of Punta Nati.

10.1.- Punta Nati – Calespiques



Time: 1hr 30min



Distance: 5 km

After you start hiking on the flat and rocky plateau, you could see Mallorca on the horizon. Go through two gates (20 min), pass a water cistern and, in 20 minutes, walk uphill. Go down to a building (30 min) where you take a paved road for 300 meters. Turn right, walk along the coast (look for the Pont d'en Gil, a rocky peninsula pierced with a hole) and arrive at Calespiques (20 min).

10.2.- Calespiques – Ciutadella



Time: 1hr 30min



Distance: 5,5 km

Take the left street and, after 700 meters, turn right. At the roundabout, go to the left along a street that leads to the beach of Cala en Blanes. Behind it, take the street to the left and, at the junction, turn right on a nice promenade along the coast. Walk for two kilometres and, 100 meters after the old ferry station, at a car park, find the informative noticeboard for stage 11.



STAGE 11. CIUTADELLA – CAP D'ARTRUTX



Time: 3hr 30min



Distance: 13,2 km



Height climbed: 50 m



Degree of difficulty: medium between Cala Blanca and Cap d'Artrutx



Cyclability: medium-difficult between Cala Blanca and Cap d'Artrutx

Access to the starting point: set off from the car park and viewpoint over Port de Ciutadella located near the town centre and besides the ferry station (which will be moved further south around mid 2011).

11.1.- Ciutadella – Cala Blanca



Time: 2hr 30min



Distance: 9,5 km

Walk towards the town centre, turn right to the harbour and cross the bridge. Go up the steps on the left and, at Carrer de sa Muradeta, go to the right to Plaça des Born. Keep on its right, go right, go to Plaça de s'Esplanada and turn left along Carrer Mallorca following a bike lane. At the next two roundabouts go towards Son Oleo and the ferry station. Follow the signs to Sa Caleta, Cala de Santandria and Cala Blanca and, after its beach, turn right on Avda. Llevant. At a sharp left bend, leave the street and walk along the coast.

11.2.-Cala Blanca – Cap d'Artrutx



Time: 1 hr



Distance: 3,7 km

Go through several gates, come to Marina de S'Olivaret (30 min) and, in 15 minutes, find the informative noticeboard for stage 12.



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STAGE 12. CAP D'ARTRUTX – CALA EN TURQUETA

**Time:** 3hr 25min**Distance:** 13,3 km**Height climbed:** 120 m**Degree of difficulty:** medium-low**Cyclability:** medium-difficult

This beautiful stage links Cala en Bosc with the idyllic beaches of Son Saura and Cala en Turqueta. See route J ('Hiking in Menorca' section) if you prefer shorter hikes along this stage.

Access to the starting point: right at the entrance of the tourist resort of Cap d'Artrutx, turn right (sign 'Miradors, urb. Cap d'Artrutx') and park after 300 meters. An informative noticeboard is located further to the right.

12.1.- Cap d'Artrutx – Platja de Cala en Bosc

**Time:** 40 min**Distance:** 3 km

From the noticeboard, go to the street and turn right (S) to the lighthouse of Artrutx (20 min). A few meters further on, go to the right on Paseo Marítimo and, in Cala en Bosc, cross the bridge to the right. Keep straight on to reach the beach (20 min).

12.2.- Platja de Cala en Bosc – Platges de Son Saura

**Time:** 1hr 30min**Distance:** 5,3 km

Cross it, go to the right and walk along the coast to Platja de Son Xoriguer (15 min). At its opposite side, take the coastal path which goes by the Cova des Pardals (20 min, it is an underground access to the sea) and follows the coastline to Platges de Son Saura.

12.3.- Platges de Son Saura – Cala en Turqueta

**Time:** 1hr 15min**Distance:** 5 km

Cross both beaches and walk along the coast to Cala des Talaier (30 min). Behind it, follow the wall for several meters and turn right taking a rocky path by the sea. It drops down to a junction (45 min) where you go to the left. Go through a gap in the wall and downhill to Cala en Turqueta (5 min).

STAGE 13. CALA EN TURQUETA – CALA GALDANA

	Time: 2 hr
	Distance: 6,4 km
	Height climbed: 200 m
	Degree of difficulty: medium-low
	Cyclability: medium-easy

Along this stage, the Camí de Cavalls goes by the beautiful cove of Cala Macarella. A short worthy detour leads to Cala Macarelleta. See route J ('Hiking in Menorca' section) if you prefer shorter hikes along this stage.

Access to the starting point: at the southern ring road of Ciutadella (RC-2) take the road towards Sant Joan de Missa and, from there, keep straight on to the car park (10km). Walk along the track to the beach where you find an informative noticeboard.

13.1.- Cala en Turqueta – Cala Macarella

	Time: 45 min		Distance: 2,8 km
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Take an uphill path, go to the left at the first turnoff (5 min) and to the right at the next one (10 min). The downhill track comes to an important junction (7 min): Keep straight on if you want to visit the marvellous Cala Macarelleta (2 min) and, from there, go along the coastal path to Cala Macarella (15 min). Turn left at the junction if you want to follow the Camí de Cavalls to Cala Macarella (10 min).

13.2.- Cala Macarella – Cala Galdana

	Time: 45 min		Distance: 2,6 km
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At the other side of the beach, go up on the path (or take a flight of steps) to the top of the cliffs and walk across the forest where several viewpoints are signposted. Leave a wall to the left and go down to Cala Galdana.

13.3.- Cala Galdana – End of the stage 13

	Time: 20 min		Distance: 1 km
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Keep straight on, cross the pedestrian bridge to the right and walk behind the beach. At the Red Cross station, go to the left and, after 150 meters, to the right. Turn right on Avinguda de sa Punta and take the second street on the left (Carrer del Camí de Cavalls). At the end of it, you find an informative noticeboard.

STAGE 14. CALA GALDANA – SANT TOMÀS

**Time:** 3 hr**Distance:** 10,8 km**Height climbed:** 300 m**Degree of difficulty:** medium-low**Cyclability:** medium-easy

Beautiful stage with two different sections: The coastal one which goes by the gorgeous Cala Mitjana and the second part through forests and gorges. See route L on the 'Hiking in Menorca' section for a circular hike along this stage.

Access to the starting point: at the entrance roundabout of Cala Galdana, take the left street (Av. de sa Punta) and turn at the third street on the left (Carrer del Camí de Cavalls) where you find an informative noticeboard.

14.1.- Cala Galdana – Cala Mitjana

**Time:** 20 min**Distance:** 1,3 km

The wide path goes to the left following a boundary wall, veers right in 5 minutes and comes out onto a junction where you turn left (2 min). One hundred meters further on, go to the right, walk on the downhill track and leave to the right the beach Cala Mitjana (10 min). Keep straight on, go down to the car park where you turn right and, after a few meters, to the left.

14.2.- Cala Mitjana – Barranc de sa Cova

**Time:** 45 min**Distance:** 2,7 km

Walk uphill and, at the fork, turn left. After a cattle hut, go to the right, leave a path to the left and go through a gate. Cross two tracks and go down to Barranc de Trebalúger where there is a permanent stream. Keep straight on and cross the bridge in Barranc de sa Cova.

14.3.- Barranc de sa Cova – Sant Tomàs

**Time:** 1hr 45min**Distance:** 6,8 km

At its opposite side, the path ascends in zigzag bends and comes out onto a track where you go to the left (15 min). In front of a locked gate, turn right on a flat path which descends to Barranc de sa Torre (30 min) and climbs gently to reach another track (15 min). Walk downhill through the holm oak forest, follow a wall and reach a track in Barranc de Binigaus (20 min). Go to the right and, in 3 minutes, cross the beach to the left and walk along the coast. At the beginning of the pedestrian walkway in Sant Tomàs, you find an informative noticeboard for stage 15 (20 min).

STAGE 15. SANT TOMÀS – SON BOU



Time: 2 hr



Distance: 6,4 km



Height climbed: 50 m



Degree of difficulty: medium-low



Cyclability: medium-easy

Access to the starting point: at the entrance's roundabout of Sant Tomàs, walk towards the coast and find an informative noticeboard on the left at the beginning of the pedestrian walkway.

Walk along it and, at the end, turn right following a coastal path. It climbs to the top of the cliffs and comes out onto a dirt track (7 min). In 10 minutes, cross a bridge, leave the beach to the right and go to the left bordering the wetlands. At the house of Son Benet, turn left and reach the car park of a hotel. Take the street in your walking direction, turn left at the second street (Passeig Marítim) and, at the roundabout, keep straight on. At the end of the car park, on the left hand side, there is an informative noticeboard.

STAGE 16. SON BOU – CALA EN PORTER



Time: 2hr 30min



Distance: 8 km



Height climbed: 190 m



Degree of difficulty: medium-low



Cyclability: easy (difficult between Son Bou and the paved track to Lluçarí)

Access to the starting point: at the entrance of Son Bou, there is a car park on the right hand side where you find an informative noticeboard for Camí de Cavalls.



Platges de Binigaus

16.1.- Son Bou – Cala de Llucalari**Time:** 20 min**Distance:** 1,2 km

Follow it, walking for 50 meters on the road (towards Alaior) and taking the first street on the right. After 20 meters turn left and go up to a pass (10 min). The path veers left, descends to the bottom of Barranc des Bec and leads to Cala de Llucalari (10 min).

16.2.- Cala de Llucalari – Cala en Porter**Time:** 2hr 10min**Distance:** 6,8 km

Go to the left and walk uphill along the next gorge which you leave in 10 minutes going to the right. Go through several gates and take a paved road to the left for 700 meters. Leave it turning right, cross a dry stream and, at the track, go to the right. After 350 meters, turn left ('Torrenova- private property') and, at the next turnoff, leave the main track and keep straight on. Walk downhill to the gorge of Barranc de Cala en Porter, cross a bridge and, 50 meters further on, turn right. A new path has been built at the bottom of the cliffs which has good views over the lush valley. Go down in zigzag bends, take a track to the right and reach the car park of Hotel Aquarium.

STAGE 17. CALA EN PORTER – BINISSAFÚLLER**Time:** 3hr 45min**Distance:** 11,8 km**Height climbed:** 200 m**Degree of difficulty:** medium**Cyclability:** medium (difficult around the first gorge)

Access to the starting point: from the main street in Cala en Porter, turn right towards the beach. In front of Hotel Aquarium, there is a car park with an informative noticeboard.

17.1.- Cala en Porter – Es Canutells**Time:** 1hr 45min**Distance:** 5,4 km

Take the street uphill and, at the main street, turn right. After the 'Apartaments Siesta Mar', go to the left (towards Zona Esportiva) and, at the end, again to the left. Go through a gate on the right and walk downhill to a dirt track. Cross it on a straight line following the bottom of the gorge for 100 meters and go up steeply to the right. On the flat plateau, the path goes through several gates, descends to the bottom of a gorge and leads to the picnic area of Es Canutells.

17.2.- Es Canutells – Binisafúller**Time:** 2 hr**Distance:** 6,3 km

Take the street to the right and turn left on Avda. des Canutells. Keep straight on at the end of the resort and walk along the access road. After 1800 meters, at a left bend, go to the right, through several gates and take a track to the left. Cross a road, turn left at the next turnoff and, shortly afterwards, take a path to the right which comes out onto a track. At a white house, go to the right along a track which you leave after 150 meters. Take a path to the left, go down to the Barranc de Biniparratx and cross a road on a straight line. Go down along a wall to the road.

STAGE 18. BINISSAFÚLLER – PUNTA PRIMA**Time:** 2 hr**Distance:** 8,1 km**Height climbed:** 100 m**Degree of difficulty:** low**Cyclability:** easy except for two short sections

Access to the starting point: from Sant Climent, take the road to the housing estate of Cap d'en Font where you turn left towards Sant Lluís. After 400 meters, you have on your right hand side the car park of the Caló Blanc and, on the left (behind a gate) an informative noticeboard for stage 18.

18.1.- Binisafúller – Binibèquer Vell**Time:** 30 min**Distance:** 2 km

From the noticeboard, go through the gate and take the road to the left. At the end of Binisafúller, after the bridge, go to the right towards the beach and, at the right bend, turn left taking a path which starts behind a gap in the wall. It is quite rocky, has a good view over the cove and comes out onto a paved road. Keep straight on (Passeig de la Mar, forbidden direction for bicycles) and, before the 'Binibeca Club Resort', turn right. The public path borders the rooms of the hotel, goes to the left and leads to the harbour where you turn left uphill. When you reach the access road of Binibèquer Vell, go to the right crossing the beautiful tourist resort.

18.2.- Binibèquer Vell – Punta Prima**Time:** 1hr 30min**Distance:** 6,1 km

At the end of it, keep walking in the same direction along Passeig Marítim de Binibèquer Vell and, after the roundabout, towards Binibèquer Nou and Cala Torret. Turn right along the pretty coastal road to Punta Prima and, when it veers left, go to the right to Son Ganxo. Shortly afterwards, turn right on Passeig de sa Marina and, before Carrer de sa Torre (signposted as a 'dead end'), take a rocky coastal path to Punta Prima (10 min). At the

Camí de Cavalls

next junction, turn left and at the end of the beach, behind a gate, find the informative noticeboard for stage 19.

STAGE 19. PUNTA PRIMA – CALA DE SANT ESTEVE

✓	Time: 2hr 15min
Km	Distance: 7,3 km
🏔️	Height climbed: 70 m
D	Degree of difficulty: medium
🚲	Cyclability: difficult between Punta Prima and Cala Alcalfar and near Cala de Sant Esteve

Access to the starting point: at the entrance roundabout of Punta Prima, go towards the coast and turn left on 'Passeig de s'Arenal'. At the end of the beach, there is a gate and an informative noticeboard.

19.1.- Punta Prima – Cala Alcalfar

✓	Time: 45 min	Km	Distance: 2,7 km
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Walk along the coast on a rocky path and, after 30 minutes leave the watchtower of Alcalfar to the right and reach the cove (15 min).

19.2.- Cala Alcalfar – Cala de Sant Esteve

✓	Time: 1hr 30min	Km	Distance: 4,6 km
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Cross it heading left towards its access road and, at the next turnoff, turn left. At the main road, go to the left and, after K.9, turn right on Camí de Rafelet. Cross another road and keep straight on, ignoring all turnoffs. Go down on the wide path and, near the bottom of the valley, look for a gap in the wall on your right (for a worthy detour, go through it to Cala de Rafelet- 5 min). At the bottom of the valley, leave the wide path and take a narrow one to the left. After 6 gates and crossing 2 tracks keep straight on, walking along a beautiful cobbled path between walls. Take a paved road to the left for several meters and turn right on a narrow path which leaves to the right the access to 'Villa Eugenia' and leads down to Cala de Sant Esteve.



STAGE 20. CALA DE SANT ESTEVE – MAÓ



Time: 1hr 30min



Distance: 6 km



Height climbed: 50 m



Degree of difficulty: low



Cyclability: easy

Access to the starting point: set off from the car park of Fort Marlborough, located before reaching Cala de Sant Esteve (near Es Castell). Cross the road, walk on a cobbled footpath and turn right. After 150 meters, you find an uphill path to the informative noticeboard.

From the noticeboard, go down and take the paved street to the left along the seafront. When it veers right, go up on a cobbled path and, at the access road, turn left. At the first junction, go to the left towards Es Castell and, in this village, keep straight on. At the entrance roundabout of Maó, take the street to the left of the petrol station (Camí des Castell) which leads to Plaça d'Espanya. Go to the left to Plaça de la Constitució and Carrer d'Isabel II. After the Museu de Menorca, walk downhill to the seafront (Costa de ses Piques) and turn left to the beginning of the Me-3 road.



Torre d'Alcalfar