Menorca - Walking the Cami de Cavalls

Discover the authentic countryside and stunning coastline of Menorca as you walk the ancient Cami de Cavalls, the Path of the Horses, around the coast of Menorca.

Dating the 16th or 17th century the Cami de Cavalls is an ancient pathway which was originally used by bands of armed men defending Menorca from invaders as they rode between coastal watch towers. This ancient and very beautiful pathway has recently been reopened and way marked as a GR long distance walking path.

Ringed by 140 sandy beaches Menorca is the greenest and most authentic of the Balearic Islands and the perfect destination for a relaxing walking holiday. Get acquainted with the true beauty of life in the Mediterranean: deep blue bays, white sand beaches, spectacular cliffs, rolling hills, quiet farmland, historical towns, and ports full of tiny boats and seafood restaurants.

Your walk begins and ends in the capital of Menorca, Mahón (also written Maó). Each day, you walk a section of the Cami de Cavalls, circling the entire island over the course of 6 days. You will walk the most interesting sections of the Cami de Cavalls and with the help of an occasional taxi transfer or bus ride, skip the less interesting parts.

You start off walking northwards into S’Albufera Natural Park, then along the coast to reach Cape Favaritx and the fishing village of Fornells. The next few days, your walks will take you past varied scenery: enormous watchtowers, steep cliffs, peaceful orchards and bizarre prehistoric structures.

As you walk, you’ll come to appreciate the island’s natural beauty and understand why Menorca was declared a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 1993. Intriguingly varied plant life surrounds you, as you walk from beach to beach and village to village.

Day five brings you to the friendly port town of Ciutadela, before you move onward, along the busier south coast were you traverse deep ravines and Mediterranean woodlands on your way back to Mahón.

Your walking holiday on the Cami de Cavalls in Menorca includes 7 nights accommodation in hand picked hotels of character, baggage and taxi transfers as required by the itinerary, a detailed information pack, route notes and maps as well as emergency telephone support.

Highlights

- Enjoying fabulous coastal and countryside walking on a historic route.
- Swimming in the clear blue sea at a deserted sandy cove along the way.
- Discovering the rich history and prolific plant life of this magical island.
- Strolling through sleepy fishing villages and bustling seaside towns.
- Enjoying an authentic sea food feast at a harbour side cafe.

Why Choose a Self Guided Walking Holiday in Menorca With Us?

Macs Adventure specialise in great value self guided walking holidays. We know what makes for an unforgettable trip and we pride ourselves on delivering outstanding walking holidays with every last detail taken care of. Our Menorca specialist will help you plan your perfect walking holiday in Menorca.
## Itinerary

Our standard itinerary includes 6 days walking and seven nights in Menorca, although this can be tailored to suit your requirements.

**Code: WSPSC**

**Days:** 8  (6 Days Walking)  
**Nights:** 7  
**Overnights:** 2 in Mahon, Fornells, 2 in Cala Morell, Ciutadella, Cala Galdana

### Day 1

**Arrive Menorca / Mahón**

Menorca has excellent flight links from most UK and European countries. Flight time from London is about 2h30. The airport is 4.5km from Mahón and taxis and regular buses are available.

Mahón is a historical port city of narrow lanes situated on the hill overlooking the blue waters of the bay. Occupied by English, French and Spanish troops over a period of 150 years (from the late 17th to the early 19th centuries), there is plenty to explore and the city centre boasts an interesting mix of architectural styles.

**Walk:** Optional city stroll  
**Overnight:** Small 3* Hotel, Mahon

Your hotel is located in the heart of Mahon. The Hotel has 16 spacious rooms, each individually decorated and well equipped. Frescoes and paintings depict the island’s history and good service make this a welcoming hotel.

### Day 2

**Walk from Es Grau to Port d’Addaia**

Your day begins with a transfer to the fishing village of Es Grau, just outside S’Albufera Natural Park, where you join the Camí de Cavalls. Your first walk takes you through marshes and dunes, which surround a huge freshwater lake.

Once past Cape Favaritx, the landscape becomes more rugged. The only splash of colour in this stark landscape are the bright pink blooms of Carpobrotus. The terrain changes again as you walk through an area of salt water marshes before arriving in the holiday town of Port d’Addaia. A short transfer brings you to your hotel in Fornells, Menorca’s northernmost fishing village.

**Walk:** 19 km, 5-6 hrs, 350m ascent/descent  
**Overnight:** Restaurant with Rooms, Fornells

This lively cafe right on the town square has simply decorated but comfortable rooms, which overlook the swimming pool. Enjoying coffee & breakfast on the town square is a delight.

### Day 3

**Fornells to Cala Pilar**

A short taxi transfer brings you to Cap de Cavalleria, where you pick up the Camí de Cavalls for a splendid walk along the rough, isolated coastline of the island’s most mountainous area.

The terrain alternates between rocky cliffs and low marshlands, and you traverse Mediterranean woodlands which are home to a wide variety of birds. Along the way, you can stop for a rest at a café on the beach, before reaching Pilar, where you’ll be met for the transfer to your accommodation in Cala Morell.

**Walk:** 17 km, 5-6 hrs, 600m ascent/descent  
**Overnight:** Farmstay, Cala Morell

Juan and Esperanza welcome you to their beautiful farm for the next two nights. Nestling in lovely surroundings the farm has eight beautifully decorated rooms, a swimming pool and the menu features local produce.

### Day 4

**Walk from Cala Pilar to Cala Morell**

You start your walk today at Platja Cala Pilar. Today the route winds through a flatter landscape and open farmland. This is an area famed for the production of Queso de Mahón, a local cheese, made at the old farmsteads which date back to the 17th and 18th centuries.

Today’s walk is relatively easy and you should have time this afternoon to relax around the swimming pool at the Agroturismo.

**Walk:** 14 km, 4 hrs, 200m ascent/descent  
**Overnight:** Farmstay, Cala Morell

### Day 5

**Walk from Cala Morell to Cales Piques**

Today’s route starts in Cala Morell, and takes you into an area littered with ancient dwellings from the Talayotic period.

Surrounded by typical Mediterranean vegetation – rosemary, rockrose, chamomile - you walk toward a dry limestone plateau, where the tramuntana wind blows constantly across fields enclosed by high walls. No modern houses in sight, just the strange pyramidal structures from earlier times. Your route ends in Cales Piques, where you catch a bus (or continue on foot) to the pretty port town of Ciutadella.

**Walk:** 14 km, 4.5 hrs, 250m ascent/descent  
**Overnight:** Comfortable 2* Hotel, Ciutadella

Perfectly located in the centre of Ciutadella, the medieval capital of Menorca, your modern hotel has 42 comfortable bedrooms and is the perfect base to explore this beautiful medieval town.
DAY 6
Walk from Son Xoriguer to Cala Galdana

After a short transfer to Son Xoriguer you continue your walk along the coast of Menorca. You will enjoy a day of lovely walking through woodlands of oaks, firs and wild olive trees and pass gorgeous coves such as Platges de Son Saura or Cala en Turqueta. So make sure you pack your swimmers! After lunch the terrain becomes more rugged, and you traverse deep ravines, or barrancos, to reach the coastal village of Cala Galdana.

There should also be time for an optional excursion into the Barranc d’Algendar, Menorca’s most spectacular gorge, and time for a swim at the pool or in sea!

Walk: 15 km, 4.5 hrs, 250m ascent/descent
Overnight: 4* Resort Hotel, Cala Galdana
Situated less than 100m from the white sands and crystal clear waters of Cala Gladana Beach this large 4* spa and wellness hotel boasts several restaurants, a huge pool and large spa. The perfect spot to relax after a good day’s walk.

DAY 7
Circular Walk from Cala Galdana

The last day of the walk is a varied and interesting journey. You begin your walk on the beach at Cala Mitjana, cross Migjorn plateau, home to the Mediterranean species, Hermann’s tortoise (Testudo hemanni) and later after leaving the Camí dels Cavalls return to Cala Mitjana to meet your transfer back to Mahón.

Walk: 14 km, 4.5 hrs, 350m ascent/descent
Overnight: Small Hotel, Mahon

DAY 8
Departure Day

Your holiday finishes after breakfast when you depart from the hotel. The airport is a short taxi ride and buses are also available.

Additional Nights and Extensions
You can add additional nights at any point along the walk or in Mahon, a great base to relax for a few days. If you would like to extend your stay in the Balearic Islands this trip combines very well with our walking or cycling holidays on Mallorca (Ferries daily) to make a two week holiday.

TRIP INFORMATION

Tailor Made Holidays
We are always more than happy to tailor our standard itineraries to suit. Just let us know what you would like and we will be happy to arrange tailor made walking holiday.

Grade & Fitness
This walking tour is graded easy to moderate. Long walking routes, but very little ascent / descent. Well-marked walking paths. Walks of 4-6 hrs, average ascent/descent of 250m. You should have a reasonable level of walking fitness to get the most from this holiday.

Navigation
The walks on this holiday are well marked and we supply route notes and maps. You should be comfortable reading a map and following directions.

Accommodation
You will stay in five carefully selected hotels, guesthouses and farm stays as you make your journey around the island. These range from large four star resort hotels to small restaurants with rooms. Each is different and offers a warm welcome and an authentic experience of Menorca.

Alternate accommodation
During high season, you might be booked into different accommodation which is not listed in the description. Any alternative accommodation will be of the same or better standard as those described.

Single Rooms
If you require single rooms within your party we would be happy to accommodate you although there is a single room supplement payable.

Solo Walkers
This holiday is available for solo walkers but we would recommend that you are experienced in walking and navigating alone. If you are travelling solo the holiday is slightly more expensive as transfer and room costs are not shared.

Meals
A delicious breakfast is included each morning and one dinner is included. Lunch and dinner are not included on other days. Most accommodations are happy to provide a packed lunch - this should be requested on arrival. Or you can pick up lunch in the village or stop along the trail. Your route notes have details for each day. Dinner is available either at your accommodation or nearby bars, cafes and restaurants.

Baggage Transfer
Your bags will be transferred between your accommodation as per your itinerary. We ask you to limit your luggage to one bag of up to 20kg per person.

Transfers
Local taxi transfers are included on days 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 as required by the itinerary.

Equipment
Your information pack has a detailed equipment list which includes standard walking gear such as good walking boots or shoes, warm and waterproof clothes and a day pack.
Getting to Menorca

By Air—Menorca has excellent flight links from most UK and European countries. Flight time from London is about 2h30. Airlines flying from the UK include; Thomson Flights, easyJet, Monarch, flythomascook and Jet2.

From the Airport—The airport is 4.5km from Mahon. Taxis are available at the terminal and shuttle buses leave every 30 minutes and cost Euro 1.50.

By Ferry - Ferries are available from Barcelona, Valencia and Mallorca (1hr) daily.

Travel Insurance
It is a condition of booking with us that you have suitable travel insurance that covers you for cancellation, curtailment, illness or injury.

M.A.C.S Responsible Travel
We operate holidays in some of the most beautiful areas of the world and try to operate in an environmentally aware and sustainable manner. We do this by following our M.A.C.S. Responsible travel policy. The full policy is available online and the cornerstones of this policy are:

- Minimise Impact & Maximise Benefit
- Action & Advocacy
- Carbon & Communities
- Sensitive & Sustainable

Price and Availability

Price
Please refer to our website for up to date prices

Availability
This trip is available from mid-March to the end of October. The best time for walking in Mallorca is April/May and September/October. June, July and August can be very hot and busy on the island.

Included
- Accommodation for 7 nights
- 7 breakfasts, 1 dinner
- Luggage transport on Days 2,3,5,6 & 7
- Transfers according to program on Days 2,3,4 & 6
- Detailed route descriptions and pre departure information pack
- Maps of the walks
- 24-hour assistance by phone

Excluded
- Flights and transfers to/from Mahon, Menorca
- Travel insurance
- Other meals, snacks & drinks
- Personal expenses such as drinks, phone calls, extra transfers, tips, etc.
- Any items not specifically mentioned in the program

Optional Extras
- Single room supplement(s) if applicable
- Solo walker supplement if applicable
- Airport transfers
- Additional nights during the holiday.

How to Book

Once you have read all the information in this factsheet or our website and would like to go ahead with your booking you can book securely online at www.macsadventure.com or by telephone on +44 (0) 141 530 8886

Book with Confidence

Financial Security
In accordance with "The Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992" all passengers booking with Macs Adventure Ltd are fully protected for the initial deposit and subsequently the balance of all monies paid to us, including repatriation if required (this insurance will not cover repatriation to the country of origin for the passengers outside of the EU), arising from cancellation or curtailment of your travel arrangements due to the insolvency of Macs Adventure Ltd

There is no requirement for Financial Protection of day trips, and none is provided. This insurance is only valid for packages booked that DO NOT include flights.

Consumer aware: Your booking is insured by IPP Ltd and its panel of insurers.