

Hiking in Majorca

The way to **Puig d'Alaró**

Take a breath, where the island breathes Energy.



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We will walk on an ancient pilgrimage route.

Walking route:

The Puig d'Alaró lies in the middle of the Tramuntana mountains and you can walk to it either from the village Alaró or from the village Orient. Together with its twin mountain Puig d'Alcadena it can be seen from far away. Eye-catchingly positioned they form together with other mountains the silhouette of the Tramuntana mountains.

Halfway up the Puig d'Alaro is the former mountain farm *Es Verger*, today it is a very famous Majorcan specialty restaurant, here our hike begins.

We walk up in good to walk wide serpentines to the plateau: *Pla d'es Pouet*. There we can look wonderfully over the wide land to Palma. On a beautifully paved path we go through a small pass and the ups and downs of the slope to the ancient Moorish fortress *Castell d'Alaró*. It goes on partly stony paths up to the small chapel and then to the summit.

The legendary Puig d'Alaró, the left of the twin hills, was for the Majorcans in ancient times a place of pilgrimage. Here they asked during a great drought for rain and laid the foundation stone for the chapel of *Nostra Senyora del Refugi*. We go the same route back down.

We arrive again at the old mountain farm and today's restaurant *Es Verger* there we can eat the Majorcan wood oven specialties for lunch.

Duration: Walking time: about 4 hours

Total: about 6 to 7 hours, with breaks and including restaurant.

Level of difficulty: Medium, there are curvy, unpaved trails.

Altitude difference: 300 m, highest point: 821m.

Recommended for families (baby in backpacks, children over 7 years).

Equipment: Walking shoes or hiking boots, easier with walking sticks, sun protection (hat,

glasses, lotion for sun protection), rain gear, water to drink and a picnic.

We will eat at the Majorcan specialty restaurant Es Verger.

Meeting Point: At the parking lot of the restaurant *Es Verger* to reach only with car halfway up the

Puig d'Alaró.