

## Hiking in Majorca

### The Sacred Grove of Lluc



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### Take a break from daily life and combine with the extraordinary clearness of Nature

#### Walking route:

The monastery Lluc lies in the center of the northern part of the Tramuntana mountains. It is surrounded by the highest mountains of Majorca.

The monastery Lluc was built in dedication of the Virgin of Lluc, the patron saint of the island.

According to a legend the statue of a Black Madonna was found in the Sacred Grove. The Lluc valley is characterized by exceptional karstic rock formations.

The cave of the deads *Sa Cometa des Morts* was already used as a sanctuary by the native peoples of Majorca, at the times of the ancient Talayot-Culture (13th - 2nd century B.C.).

From the monastery we will walk into the Sacred Grove of Lluc. On unpaved and sometimes very stony trails and ways we go through the karstic mountains.

We visit the *Camel Rock*, *Sa Cometa des Morts* and a rock labyrinth with an exceptional view.

From there we go back on a circular route to the monastery.

We will have lunch together in a typical Majorcan restaurant (menu: 18,50 €).

**Duration:** Walking time: about 3 to 4 hours.

Total: 6.5 hours visiting the monastery and the restaurant included.

**Level of difficulty:** Easy to medium. Unpaved, sometimes stony trails.

Recommended for families (baby in backpacks, children over 5 years).

**Equipment:** Hiking boots, sun protection (glasses, hat, lotion for sun protection), rain gear, water to drink and sandwiches for picnic, there is a Majorcan restaurant.

**Meeting Point:** At the bus station of the Monastery Lluc, *Santuari de Lluc*.

By bus No. 330, by car: There is a metered parking lot at the monastery.