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SUMMARY ROADBOOK

TREK&WINE IN WESTERN PRIORAT

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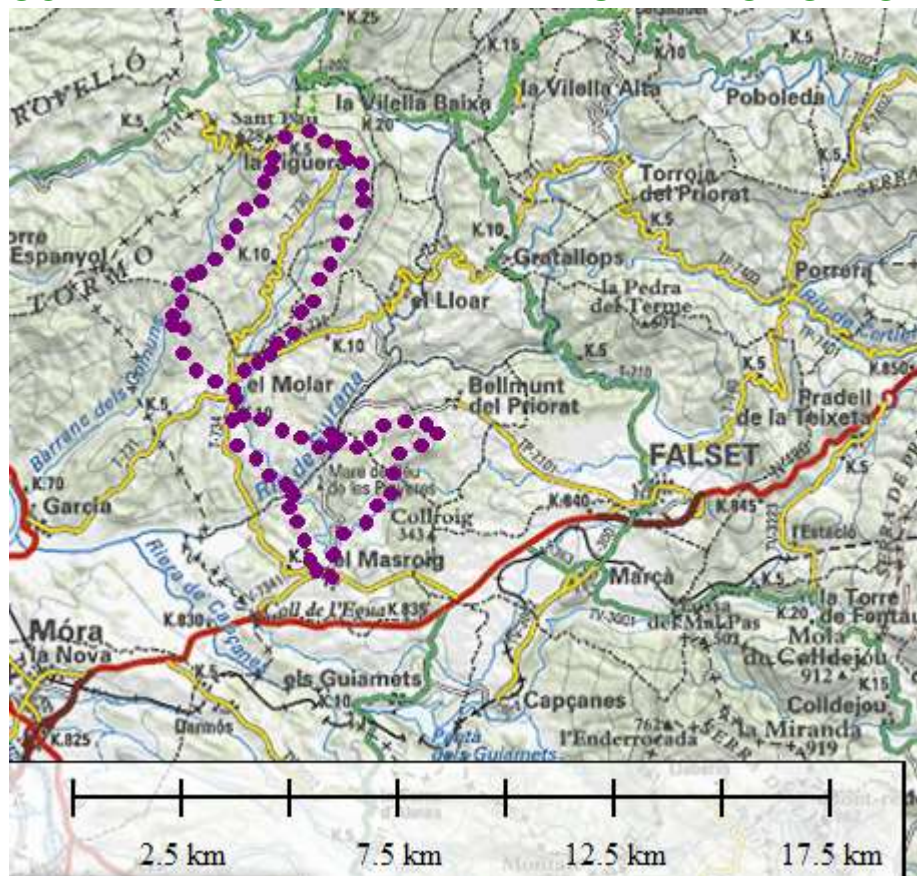
TOPIC OF THE ROUTE:

Wine trails and gastronomy in western Priorat

ONE HIGHLIGHT TITLE OF THE ROUTE:

Enjoy, taste and discover Priorat wine trails

SCHEMATIC TRAIL MAP WITH NUMBER OF STAGES:



SMALL ARTICLE ABOUT THE HIGHLIGHTS:

The western side of Priorat is a territory of mainly DO Montsant, of lower hills and mountains. A place inhabited since ancient times, where the first drops of wine were imported by the Phoenicians in exchange for the lead of local mines. Prehistory, history and gastronomy create a lovely combination that can be enjoyed following the paths of farmers and miners.

NAME OF THE ROUTE: Trek&Wine in western Priorat

INTRODUCTORY TEXT: The western side of Priorat is a flatter area very unknown, as it is located out of the most visited areas of the region. It hides a beautiful landscape of well cultivated fields, rolling hills with vineyards, old mines and cliffs with great views. A territory full of history, from the pre-Iberian civilizations to the Spanish Civil war.

**DESCRIPTION OF EACH STAGE / DAY
(Road Description):**

DAY 1: ARRIVAL AT PRIORAT AREA: Arrival by train at Falset-Marçà train station. Welcome by the local guide, introduction to the walking week giving all roadbooks and walking maps. Transfer to the accommodation El Perxe, in El Molar.

DAY 2: PATHS OF MINERS AND FARMERS: Circular walk to El Masroig and Bellmunt, crossing the river Siurana and walking past vineyards, wineries and olive groves. Get to know the history visiting the pre- Iberian hamlet of El Roget and taste the wines of the local cooperative of El Masroig.

DAY 3: WALKING UP TO THE BALCONY OF PRIORAT: Round walk up to La Figuera, a great balcony of the Priorat. Discover also the viewpoint used during the Spanish Civil war, watching more than 40 km of the big river Ebre, where the last bloody battle took place.

DAY 4: DEPARTURE: Transfer to Falset-Marçà train station and departure.

PACKAGES RELATED TO THE ROUTE

Between Camp de Tarragona and the lands of the Ebro, hidden behind the pre-littoral sierra at only 40 km. from the beach, we find the region of the Priorat. From north to south and from east to west, under the omnipresent eye of the Serra of Montsant, today a Natural Park, we find areas of great beauty and natural interest: the area of Siurana, the sierras of Pradell–l'Argentera or the Sierra of Llaberia with the majestic Mola. Very well-conserved places.

A territory ideal for trekking and in some cases climbing which can be found all around the Priorat geography.

So touring the Priorat is to immerse yourself in a land of character. Villages and landscapes form an inseparable whole which captivates the visitor. The Priorat is a land of contrasts, infused with peace, with typical countryside of dry agriculture and a very hilly geography which hides its' charm in vineyards, olive groves, verges and dry stone of the mountains.

In Spain, and nowadays in the whole world, is the name of Priorat already a synonym of wonderful and powerful wines. Moreover, here in this small region we find two different appellations of origin of wines (DOQ Priorat and DO Montsant).



GENERAL PRACTICAL INFORMATION:

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Situation: Starts and ends at El Molar.

Number of stages / days: 4 days, 2 walking days

Total Distance: 39.9km

Total estimated time: 12h 10min

Cumulative elevation gain: +1060m

Cumulative elevation loss: -1060m

Maximum altitude (m): 330m

Minimum altitude (m):

Signposting: Routes well signposted, and also with paintings, yellow lines for the wine trail and white and red for the GR.

Additional information or advice:

Physical skills and general instructions:

- ✓ The walking routes are not extreme but appropriate for people used to walking.
- ✓ Avoid the hottest moments of the day and bring always at least litre of water per person

Code of good practice:

- ✓ Take waste with you to dispose of it in the designated areas.
- ✓ Do not enter fields, vineyards, olive groves... unless the farmers let you
- ✓ Do not eat grapes, cherries, almonds, hazelnuts, or any other fruits from the fields unless the farmers let you

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