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SUMMARY ROADBOOK

TREK&WINE IN PRIORAT

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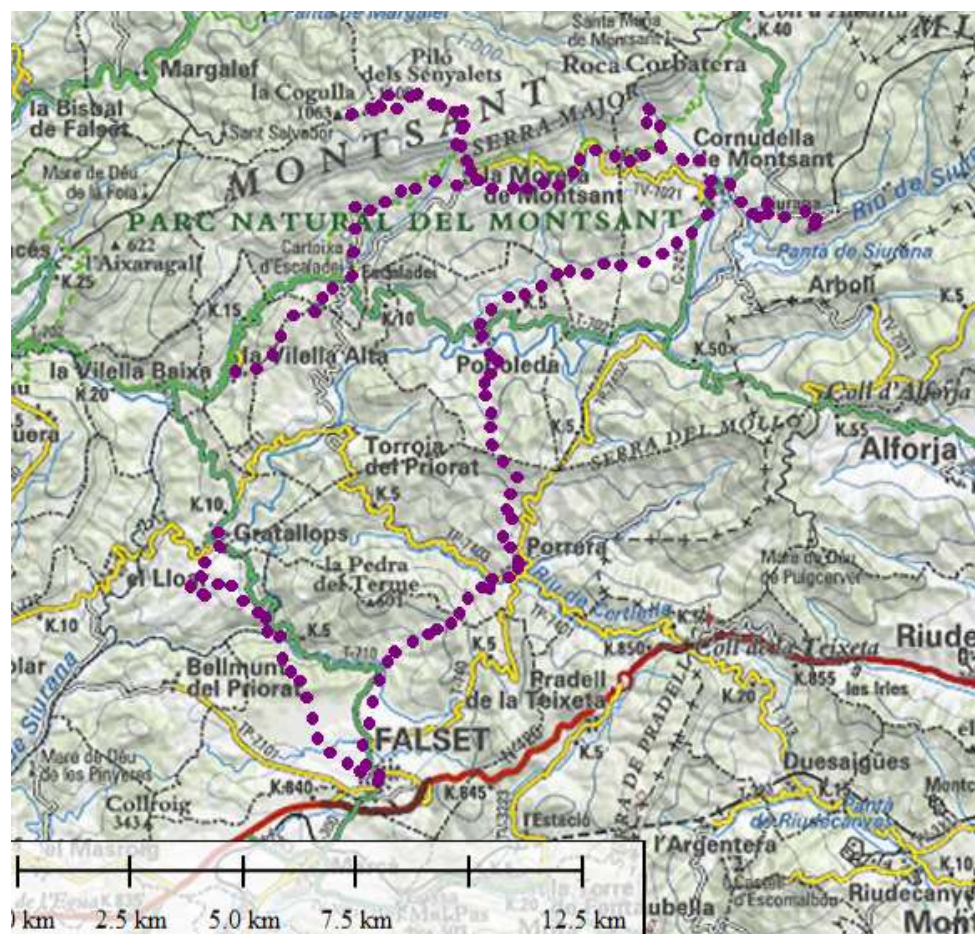
TOPIC OF THE ROUTE:

Wine trails and gastronomy in 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:

During one week, you will get to know the fascinating and unknown Priorat, you will see the vineyards cultivated in the rolling hills and in the sheer gravity-defying slopes of llicorella (the typical slate of Priorat), get into the history of the Scala Dei Carthusian monastery, the cradle of Priorat wines, walk up to the Montsant Natural Park, to its hidden nature treasures and wide views over the Priorat, conquer the legendary Siurana, the last muslim bastion of Catalonia, enjoy the cool river banks of Siurana, and you will admire the architectural splendour that wine brought in to the captivating villages of the Priorat. And, of course, you will taste the excellent Priorat wines with the wine makers, that will open the doors to their wineries, as well as the organic olive oil.

NAME OF THE ROUTE: Trek&Wine in Priorat

INTRODUCTORY TEXT: Get to know the Priorat wine region close up, with a comprehensive week that will let you discover this little country sheltered by the mystic mountain of Montsant. Two different destinations of origin of wines and a highly diverse landscape will surely amaze you .

**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 and transfer to the hotel. Introduction to the walking week giving all roadbooks and walking maps. 1st night in Falset, accommodation with breakfast in Hostal Sport.

DAY 2: THE BEATING HEART OF WINE: Walk the ancient bridle path that connected Falset with Gratallops, recently restored. Enjoy the amazing architecture of the path and walk through both appellation of origin, the type of soil will tell us. At your arrival at Gratallops, enjoy a guided visit and a wine tasting of the DOQ Priorat.

DAY 3: THE CARTHUSIAN MONASTERY, THE CRADLE OF PRIORAT: Walk from La Vilella Alta to La Morera de Montsant, walking past the village of Scaladei and the Carthusian monastery considered the cradle of Priorat. After walking among vineyards, you will be able to taste the wines of the historial winery of Scaladei. In

Scaladei you can also enjoy an organic olive oil tasting. In the afternoon, follow the old Carthusian monks path up to La Morera de Montsant, located at the foothills of the impressive rocky walls of Montsant.

DAY 4: PRIORAT FROM A BIRD'S EYE VIEW: Walk up the Montsant mountain range, to enjoy the bareness of its highest parts, and down to a verdant spot of great beauty, called Clot del Cirer. Great views over the region and challenging path with the little pebbles rolling under our feet.

DAY 5: FROM MONTSANT TO SIURANA, TERRITORY OF PRINCESSES AND WARRIORS: Walk up to the Montsant Natural Park going east to meet the magic spot of St Joan del Codolar chapel and the emblematic Siurana, called the pearl of the Priorat. Siurana, located on top of a cliff with great views over the Priorat, is also the entrance to another nature reserve, Prades mountain range, with a very different landscape to enjoy.

DAY 6: WALKING ACROSS THE HISTORICAL PRIORAT: Walk from Cornudella to Poboleda and Porrera, captivating hamlets with amazing and majestic houses, that remind us the great splendour wine brought in. The winding bridle paths that linked those villages show us the tough work of growing and harvesting grapes in this soil, which at the same time give unique intense and mineral flavors to the wine..

DAY 7: AMONG A SEA OF WORLD FAMOUS

VINEYARDS: Your last day of walking will lead you up to the rolling hills again, using the old wine paths, to gently drop down to the village of Falset, the biggest in Priorat, which is its administrative capital.

DAY 8: DEPARTURE: Leave the area by train at Falset-Marçà train station.

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).

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GENERAL PRACTICAL INFORMATION:

Difficulty Level: Easy to Moderate

Situation: Starts and ends at Falset, which have a train station nearby and a shuttle bus connecting the train station with the village.

Number of stages / days: 8 days, 6 walking days

Total Distance: 71.5km

Total estimated time: 22h 50min

Cumulative elevation gain: +2560m

Cumulative elevation loss: -2300m

Maximum altitude (m): 1109m

Minimum altitude (m): 145m

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 grooves,... unless the farmers let you

Do not eat grapes, cherries, almonds, hazelnuts, or any other fruits from the fields unless the farmers let you

General Topographic Profile: (Please insert graphic profile in here as per example)

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