

To Port the Sóller Via Sa Figuera path

Leaving via the adobe wall of the rear area of the estate and when reaching the asphalt, going left. After passing two bars: Bar Buenos Aires and Bar Sa Petanca, we come across a V-shaped intersection where we have to choose the option on the right and after a hundred or so paces, we come to "Sa Costa d'en Flassada". Going up said path, after several convergences of paths, we reach **Camí de sa figuera**; which we follow in the direction of **Port de Sóller**. Later, after crossing a water course and going round a house, we look for a path which is hard to find. Then, from a building in ruins, we go down to the Summit of **Coll d'en Marquès**; a hillock which we must descend from along the asphalt road of **Sa Figuera** as far as Port de Sóller.

After the wooden adobe wall and a right of way, running between various neighbouring houses, we reach the asphalt of **Camí de Sa Figuera**; and we then reach **Bar Buenos Aires**; a former snack bar very popular on Saturdays and Sundays in the afternoon when delicious Majorcan tapas are served. After relishing one of the typical dishes that the island has to offer, we set off for **Camí de Ses Argiles** where we will come across **Camí de Sa Costa d'en Flassada**; the starting point of the route.

Near a discreet hiking sign, the ascent to the mountain begins in a modest narrow alley which stands out for its amazing upward slope, whilst going past the last few houses; laid out between each other vertically, one on top of the other, the path takes a very steep upward turn, distancing us from the valley. The asphalt then gives way to a craggy path and the route shows us for the first time its deteriorating cobbles. After a few steps made of boulders, in the midst of a typically Majorcan landscape and in the shade of the first pines, a terrace is laid out like a balcony, affording beautiful views over the valley.

Captivated by the wonderful scenario, a milestone reminds us that there is still a whole route before us and now moving into a pine forest the path resumes its ascent, being introduced into a landscape of great beauty, silent and wild. After several loops and after passing some trees that start at the foot of the path, the route converges with **Camí de Ses Marjades** which diverts, returning to the Sóller valley. Further up, in a forest area, the road appears all of a sudden by surprise that joins the **Sóller valley to Lluc Monastery**. On the other side of the road we come across a wooden adobe Wall which must be avoided, seeking out a paved track that runs between some olive groves until some metallic barriers prevent its continuation. The route resumes its cobbling at a corner and on a staggered path, the ascent continues on a notable upward slope which ruins between beautiful terraces packed with olives and former porches. It should be borne in mind that the olive groves documented in the area actually constituted the largest source of income for the local economy during the 14th and 15th centuries, serving as the main means of subsistence for the families of the valley. As we ascend, the slope seems inexhaustible and infinite. In the meantime, our stone path occasionally crosses another paved path; both intertwine during the course of the ascent until finally combining at the highest point of the route which seems unreachable.

Before finishing, the ascending slope meets the **Camí de Sa Capelleta**; a narrow path that descends in the shade of some pines, giving us the

chance to visit the **Sanctuary of "Sa Capelleta"**; a small, modernist-style building which since its construction in 1917 soon became the place of worship. Refusing this invitation, the route continues to gain height rapidly to the mountain and holm oaks can gradually be seen in the landscape.

The never-ending ascent terminates in the shade of a cool holm oak grove and situated at a convergence of paths **Camí de Sa Figuera** finally appears, a horse trail that connects Port de Sóller to the town of Fornalutx. Situated at the highest point of the route, the latter now offers many variants; in view of the fact that our intention is to keep walking to **Port de Sóller**, we will abandon **Camí de Sa Costa d'en Flassada**; which continues upwards as far as **Ses Barques Vantage Point**, affording unique views over **Port de Sóller**, a restaurant and a vantage point; they were erected owing to the construction of the **Puig Major** road in the late 1950's. Ignoring the option to descend via **Sa Costa d'en Nico** as far as the picturesque enclave of **Fornalutx**, an indisputable set of architectonic and landscaping interest, we join **Camí de Sa Figuera** in the direction of **Port de Sóller**. Passing amongst the gloomy spots of the area of **Ses Moncades**, where in springtime the surroundings are dominated by the yellow of the flowers of the *albaina*, we leave behind us the houses of the same name and as we pass by the olive groves now alternate with the lush, shady holm oak groves, affording us a beautiful landscape. Zigzagging, our route converges, just for a few instants, with a stretch of **Camí Vell de Balitx** which, in its time, was actually alongside the coastal road, the main communication axis that joined together the spots of **Sa Costera** and **Tuent** with the municipality of **Sóller**. After the final holm oak groves, the olive grove invades the hillside and the path continues around beautiful olive plantations, with rounded trunks that tinge the mountainside with silver and as it descends, etches out the reddish sites of the mountain. Immediately there is an explosion of different tones; they burst out showing all their splendour in a rustic landscape which provides a prime view of **Port de Sóller**.

After a water course, we go around the beautiful property of Can veri which still has its vousoir portal and as we leave behind us a shelter, we seek out a path which is hard to find and which departs from the shade of an olive tree. Behind a bed base, which serves as a gate, a curious custom which is very common in the olive groves of **Sierra de Tramuntana**, the route now goes down, via a tricky path that runs along a Cliff until reaching the houses of Can Bonjesus; in a state of ruins, we make do with beholding their hundred-year old date palm.

Then, going down a narrow path which we find at the rear of the property, in a few minutes we reach **Coll d'en Marquès**, situated at a crossroads; from here **camí de Sa Figuera** will descend along a winding road that crosses the beautiful spots of the valley of **Sa Figuera**. Further down we go round a group of former **possessions (large rural estates)** which constitute the village of the same name and after a few minutes the route will leave us at **Passelg de sa Marina del Port de Sóller**



5th Hiking Route around Sóller

The route consists of going up the mountain via the path of sa Costa d'en Flassada; a wide path with a high gradient. Situated at the highest point of the route, at a convergence of paths, we join **Camí de Sa Figuera** which is where we start the descent to Port de Sóller.



Duration	Difficulty	Slope	Return
2 h 20"	Moderate	297m	by bus

Tips and recommendations:

Although the ascent stage runs off in the shade of lush vegetation, it has a gradient that requires a great effort; on the other hand, owing to the wide variety of alternative routes it presents, it allows improvisation in line with the level of effort and time desired.



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