

AFTERNOON WALK THE SALTY RAVINE (OPTIONAL VISIT TO A MOORISH TEA PLACE PARADISE)

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The mountains of Crevillente are an off the beaten track place full of legends of bandoleros (bandits), a place with loads of history still benefiting from the irrigation schemes brought by the Arabs. The mountains host some of the most bizarre and astonishing salt ravines, red clay coloured cliffs together with green fig tree grooves (producing almost 95% of the figs of Spain)

Discover this place through a slow tourism walk with us where you will discover ancient legends, hidden places, astonishing gardens and Moorish recipes. The walk includes several surprises to the guests including as well a practical explanation on the traditional craft of basket making with esparto grass and a visit to a hidden Moorish tea place full of astonishing gardens and a house in the best Alhambra style together with delicious Arab sweets, local moor teas and even shisha pipes for those who like them.

BACKGROUND

Only 45 min away from Alicante by car hides the mountains of Crevillente, a place full of beautiful red clay cliffs, thousands of fig tree grooves, astonishing views down to the sea and salty ravines that pop up as lunar landscapes.

The mountains are cradle to some of the most interesting bandoleros (bandits) legends with Jaume el barbut (James the bearded) hiding in the area for many years until he was unlawfully ambushed by a new ruler and the land of the national admired poet Miguel Hernandez who wrote several pieces to the fig trees and fruits.

The walk will be hosted by a local young man, a nature lover and forest management student who will also discover the group the secrets of the crafts related to the most common flora in the area: the esparto grass, which has been used for centuries to make baskets, shoes, ropes and anything needed for the harsh rural live style.

Through this day we want to show you one of the most bizarre, beautiful and interesting places of the area transmitting you the stories of the place, and its flora and fauna .

Walk rating

The starting place is located in the slope of the mountain chain and we have up to 3 choices of walks depending on the physical condition of the guests. The one to the core

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of things recommends is a very easy walk that last for about 3 hours. It is done at a very slow pace and it has one Km long slope down and up.

Therefore, almost all people whether fit or in the way of being it, will enjoy it as it is not physically demanding, though it is recommended for people used to stroll at least once a week.

Average weather conditions (for a month of October)

- Average minimum temperatures: 13.4 °C
- Average maximum temperatures: 24.4 °C
- Average rain mm: 57

ITINERARY

DAY TOUR: CREVILLENTE MOUNTAINS

- **Prepack:** email sent with a detailed map on how to get to the starting point, contact phones and emails.
- **2:00 p.m Welcome at the meeting point (la rambla salada):** you will have an informal welcome chat with the local person serving as your host and who will explain you the activities and the philosophy of the initiative “to the core of things”.
- **2:15-3:30 p.m (Walk “the salty ravin and the 3 eyes aqueduct”):** together with your local hosts you will discover the mountains of Crevillente with some of the most beautiful red clay stone cliffs, Arab water irrigation aqueducts, lunar landscapes in salty ravines and plenty of stories of the flora, fauna and legends of this place. In this first part we will walk down to the salty ravine and we will walk up to the most emblematic 3 eyes aqueduct in the area.
- **4:30-5:30 p.m (the windows of the mountains + fig tasting):** in this second part of the walk we will walk up to the place called the windows of the mountains a place from where we can see the whole views of the wetlands, the coastline and the fig trees grooves. A place full of legends where we will taste the traditional figs of the place meanwhile admiring the views.
- **5:30-6:00 pm (esparto grass basket making craft show):** our local guide will show us how the most abundant plant in the area has been used traditionally to make almost everything that was needed in the rural live. During this live show he will produce one of the most common, practical and beautiful handmade baskets.

----- OPTIONAL -----

- **6:10-6:40 p.m:** car trip to the tea place
- **6:40 – 9:00 p.m (“the Moorish tea paradise”):** you will visit at dusk one of the most beautiful, astonishing, wonderful Arab style houses and gardens in the rural area of the mountains. The place is an Alhambra alike 15th century old house with 10.000 m2 of gardens full of exotic plants and even some animals like peacocks and domestic

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chickens. During this visit to the core of things will invite guests to a typical mint tea pot and a traditional Arab dessert dish.

Traditional figs



Traditional Esparto grass shoes



Red clay cliffs



The tea house



A nice Moroccan tea and pastries



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THINGS YOU SHOULD BRING:

- Hat - Water - Appropriate shoes and clothes
- Sun cream - Snack - Umbrella or rain coat in case of rain

BASIC DATA OF THE EXCURSION

- **MAX. SIZE OF GROUP:** groups with more than 15 people shall ask for availability
- **MIN. SIZE OF GROUP:** 5 (*individuals will be grouped to fill the minimum required. If groups do not reach the minimum people all costs will be reimbursed*)
- **NUMBER OF HOSTS ACCOMPANYING THE GROUP:** 1 (speaking English)
- **DATES:** AVAILABILITY TO BE CONFIRMED BY BOOKING REQUEST

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SERVICES INCLUDED

- Afternoon walk (3 hours walk including 2 guides)
- Esparto grass crafts show: the local guide will introduce the guests in the traditional basket making craft.
- Figs tasting: to the core of things will bring figs to taste in this traditional fig trees groves (95% of Spanish fig production)
- **OPTIONAL** (Visit to a Moorish tea place: together with the English speaking guide (Entrance and/or beverages in the tea place are not included in the price and shall be paid apart)

PRICES PER INDIVIDUALS:

BASIC PRICE PER PERSON: 19.5€ (16,1€ + VAT)

OPTIONAL PACK: 29.5 (24,4€ + VAT)
(With visit to the Moorish tea paradise)

(ASK FOR OUR SPECIAL DISCOUNTS FOR GROUPS >10 people)

PRICES FOR POTENTIAL EXTRA SERVICES

- Extra guide hour: 5€ per guest
- Small traditional esparto grass baskets: 5€ each
- Any other extras: According to market prices

Basic net Prices include: 3 hours stroll through the Crevillente mountains accompanied by a knowledgeable local host, 1 craft show by a local person with real time translation from a local guide, figs tasting .

Optional price extra includes: entrance to Moorish tea place including consumptions of up to 6€

*extra charge of 5€ per person for trips during regional and national bank holidays

** Other services not mentioned are not included in the price (transportation, etc.)

BANK ACCOUNT TO TRANSFER PAYMENTS:

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