

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAINWALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Barranco de Infierno from Pego
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Pego Pla del Metge Almela
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	21.5
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	970
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	5hrs 40mins 7 hrs 30mins
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/B/Scr
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.838446, Long: -0.121450
Directions to Start	<p>Pla del Metge Almela. Approaching Pego from:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-Orba on CV715 turn L after PEGO town sign (large steel pylon on corner) into wide road. Continue to Stop sign and you're there.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-El Vergel/N332 on CV700 turn R at 2nd island signed Adsubia. Straight on over two islands, L at 'T' junction, pass Mercadona on LHS, straight on at next island, straight on at Stop sign, R immediately after college and you're there.</p>
Short walk description	A demanding walk over hills and through a scramble barranco with fabulous views all day.
Full Walk Description	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>From the car park move south along the road beside a wall with blue tiles cresting it and turn R into the avenue (Passeig Calvario) with a line of trees that leads to the cemetery. At the end of this keep R down a tarmac road straight ahead and at a junction turn L signposted "Figuereta".</p> <p>Ignore the first turning to the RHS and at a fork keep L on a rougher tack and departing from the concrete.</p> <p>Cross a barranco bottom and admire the crags on the RHS which are used for climbing instruction.</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%; text-align: center;"> <p>Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far</p> <p>675m 8.5mins</p> <p>1.1km 14mins</p> </div> </div>

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<p>The track goes ahead steeply in zig-zags and when you pass a fenced finca on the RHS the track deteriorates a little, plateaus and descends a little. There is a junction with a signpost to the LHS (Bodoix) and our footpath continuing ahead and now rising steeply across gravel and rough ground and with some crags high above us and to the LHS. Eventually as the path begins to level a little we reach the end of the line of crags where the path rises to reach the top of the ridge line.</p>	<p>3.2km 59mins</p>
<p>Here we go along the crest, descend a little and then move up to the R and on the LHS of a shallow barranco. There is a deep well hidden (but visible) in some undergrowth on the LHS and shortly a ruined finca off on the RHS and then 100m or so beyond this a slightly indistinct junction with the clearer path ahead on the L which we follow to shortly arrive at a junction with a Y/W path where we turn L.</p>	<p>3.6km 1hr 8mins</p>
<p>Follow this up in zig-zags to crest a small ridge and arrive at the Refugio Figuereta</p>	<p>4.2km, 1hr 16mins</p>
<p>Leave this on the track which initially goes uphill for a short distance and then starts to descend gently.</p>	
<p>Reach a fingerpost signed to Travessia de Masset – a G/W local path and follow this to just before a large pot hole where you turn L.</p>	<p>5.1km, 1hr 27mins</p>
<p>Follow this path as it descends delightfully on a crag hugging line to reach the tarmacked road to Vall d'Ebo where you turn R.</p>	<p>6.4km, 1hr 51mins</p>
<p>Walk along the road until you reach a track doubling back on yourself (with G/W markers) to the L and steeply downhill.</p>	
<p>It quickly turns R and heads straight for the river bed which you cross with care if there is any water and reach a track where you turn L.</p>	<p>7km, 2hr 1min</p>
<p>Follow this to reach a fork where you turn R slightly uphill and quickly pass the Font del Gill.</p>	
<p>Ignore a subsidiary track off to the RHS and walk downhill to soon reach the river bed after some heavily eroded sections of track.</p>	
<p>Join the river bed and keep to the RHS as you turn a corner to the R.</p>	<p>8.2km, 2hr 17mins</p>
<p>There are some rocky ledges on the RHS which are easier going than the river bed and on one of these you find a footpath with cairns and Y/W markers going briefly uphill, turning a bend to the R and then descending again to re-join the river bed.</p>	
<p>From here for some time there is no alternative but to follow the bed of the river enjoying the views all about to the crags above with their multi-coloured façades.</p>	
<p>When you reach a set of bus sized boulders across the river bed the best route through is to scramble through to the RHS and having threaded the first set a second set can be passed even further to the RHS.</p>	
<p>Beyond these you reach a dam which you clamber up to and exit down a rocky ramp on the LHS.</p>	
<p>Now a little vigilance is required to spot your exit from the river bed. A few minutes after the dam as terraces appear above you on the RHS you may spot the departure of a Y/W path on your RHS and then shortly after this a similar exit on the LHS with a cairn</p>	<p>11.4km, 3hr</p>

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<p>which you take.</p> <p>Follow this path upwards in zig-zags to reach the Fuente de Reinos with a couple of troughs in front of it.</p> <p>Directly above this there is a short section of scree which we quickly pass now on much better footpaths.</p>	19mins
<p>Follow these under the crags above moving R to finally exit onto easier ground and arrive at a track with a large finca at the end. (Juvees del Mig)</p> <p>Turn R up the track and then L onto a road at a T-jnc.</p>	13km, 3hr 52mins
<p>Follow this road now over sections of tarmac and some of gravel always ignoring side turnings as it wends its way around the flanks of the mountain above. Eventually you reach a fingerpost on the RHS signed PR-CV 58 to Tormos and Pego. Follow this.</p>	15.5km, 4hr 24mins
<p>Walk down to arrive at a junction with a track where you turn L signed to Pego.</p>	16km, 4hr 31mins
<p>After an uphill section arrive at the road between Vall d'Ebo and Pego.</p>	17.2km, 4hr 45mins
<p>Turn L for a few metres and then look for a footpath going off half R soon with Y/W markers.</p>	
<p>Follow this downhill to re-cross the road</p>	17.5km, 4hr 50mins
<p>which you follow down for some time. Go around the first sharp bend to the R and keep ahead. After some 500m on the road look out for a rising track on the LHS with Y/W marker which you take.</p>	
<p>Follow this briefly uphill to reach a finger post on the RHS – still for the PR-CV 58 to Pego – which we follow.</p>	
<p>Follow this downhill in zig-zags to reach a track where we turn R.</p>	19.3km, 5hr 16mins
<p>Pass a turning on the RHS for the castle which we can ignore!</p>	
<p>A little way down look carefully for a footpath leaving the track where there has been a landslip and the path dives over a concrete parapet with yellow marker.</p>	
<p>Follow this down to reach a track at a house where we descend straight down the hill.</p>	19.9km, 5hr 24mins
<p>Reach a major road and turn L following this back to the Pla del Metge Almela.</p>	
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	For hardened walkers with some scrambling experience.

Route followed is outlined in Red

