

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	GR 11 Day 1
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Irun – Faro de Higuier
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	7.8
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	100
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	1hr 31min 1hr 47min
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	E/A
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 43.391503, Long:- -1.792182
Directions to Start	From Irun – the best town for accommodation it is best either to take a taxi (about €15 in 2014) from the railway station, or to take a bus (E25) part way and then to walk the rest.
Short walk description	A necessary excursion to start the GR11 so that you can say you started from the sea!! Nothing much to commend it as a walk save the diversion to look at the old town of Hondarribia.
Full Walk Description	Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
Start facing the lighthouse (Faro) and walk a few metres L to find a footpath descending towards the sea.	
This curves around to the R following GR121 signs and around the headland to make its way towards the Port.	
The initial stages on a coast path are interesting enough but soon you join a road where you turn L to descend to the Port.	680m, 10min
Now just follow the coast road until you curve L by a beach. Continue beside the beach for 200m and then at the first bridge on the R cross this to have a large yacht marina on your L and continue below restaurants and cafes.	2.5km, 28min
When you reach some steps going up between shops take these to the road and then turn L at the top.	

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Go straight across the first roundabout and then half L at the next to stay beside the sea.

Skirt around the stationary blue boat - the Maribel - in the car park and continue beside the sea.

3.8km, 42min

Just before some gardens with a sign (Jabier Ugarte) cross diagonally through these and then cross the road to find a lift which you can take for an optional viewing of the old town of Hondarribia with Parador and charming cobbled streets.

4.2km, 46min

Return to the foot of the lift and follow the road S away from the gardens.

Continue ahead at the roundabout now walking on the RHS of a very busy road.

Pass the airport with market gardens on the RHS and keep L (straight) at 2 junctions to eventually curve L and reach a large roundabout where you cross directly ahead to walk up Fuenterribia Kalea to pass shops, banks and some restaurants.

To reach the railway station and its many bars with **accommodation** keep R at a fork.

To continue ahead on the GR11 keep L at the fork.

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

Route followed is shown in Red

