

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Queralt circuit										
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Berga Santuario de Queralt										
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	8.5										
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	410										
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	2.5hr 3.5hr										
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/A										
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 42.107759, Long 1.828399										
Directions to Start	The C16 leads northwards from Barcelona to the French border and the Cadi tunnel. Near to Berga take the N exit and follow signs to the Santuari de Queralt on the B4241 and then turn R onto the B4242 to follow this road up to the Santuari. Park in either car park.										
Short walk description	A varied walk around the rugged Queralt ridge and across to Espinabet with a similar return through woodland with fantastic features near the end of the walk.										
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Drop down to cross a stream and walk up the track on the other side and thread through buildings to arrive at a road.	2.6km, 50min
Turn L uphill here and very quickly R at a junction along a concreted track at a finger post.	
When this starts to swing around to the R, look out for a footpath ascending more steeply L to reach the road. (you could continue up the track and turn L at the road.). Cross the road from the footpath to start up towards a house on a track.	3.1km, 58min
This swings around to the R and ascends and you pass an indistinct track junction on your LHS a little way up.	
About 20m beyond this take care to find a footpath ascending to the L and follow this uphill.	
Thread your way through some dilapidated buildings to reach a concrete track where you turn R to make a small diversion up to the church.	3.6km, 1hr 8min
When viewing is complete retrace your steps and continue downhill on the concrete track to pass a building and reach a fuente on the RHS.	3.8km, 1hr 11min
Continue around on this track now following yellow paint splashes and at a junction keep R to pass a building where the concrete surface temporarily stops.	
Soon afterwards you pass a large fenced restaurant on your LHS and meet a road. Continue ahead on this until you reach a more major road which you cross to walk down a tarmac lane - signed to Font Freda -beside the camp ground access.	4.8km, 1hr 25min
At the bottom of the hill turn L still downhill (Carrer Maria Angels Esteban)and after a few hundred metres look out for a rough track on the RHS with finger post which we follow to cross the <u>stream</u> .	5.3km, 1hr 33min
Quickly reach a corral which you pass on the RHS going uphill.	
Soon fork L to work up beside a stream.....	5.6km, 1hr 37min
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Soon after a fuente (in this case a tank) on your R the track ends and becomes a footpath still with yellow markers and this works up just under a crag on your LHS.	
At the top of this you reach a small col at a junction and turn R slightly down now with white markers. (Going L with see you following the yellow markers)	6km, 1hr 46min
Reach another footpath joining you from the L and continue slightly R still with white markers.	
Soon reach a cross roads of paths with finger post and continue directly ahead.	6.4km, 1hr 53min
You are now on a very level path with some walling and this continue delightfully until a black water pipe emerges from the surface of the path and this marks a point where you start to descend quite steeply.	

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Soon you descend some improbably steep wooden steps some guarded with ropes and chains until finally you reach the Ermita de Sant Joan on your RHS.

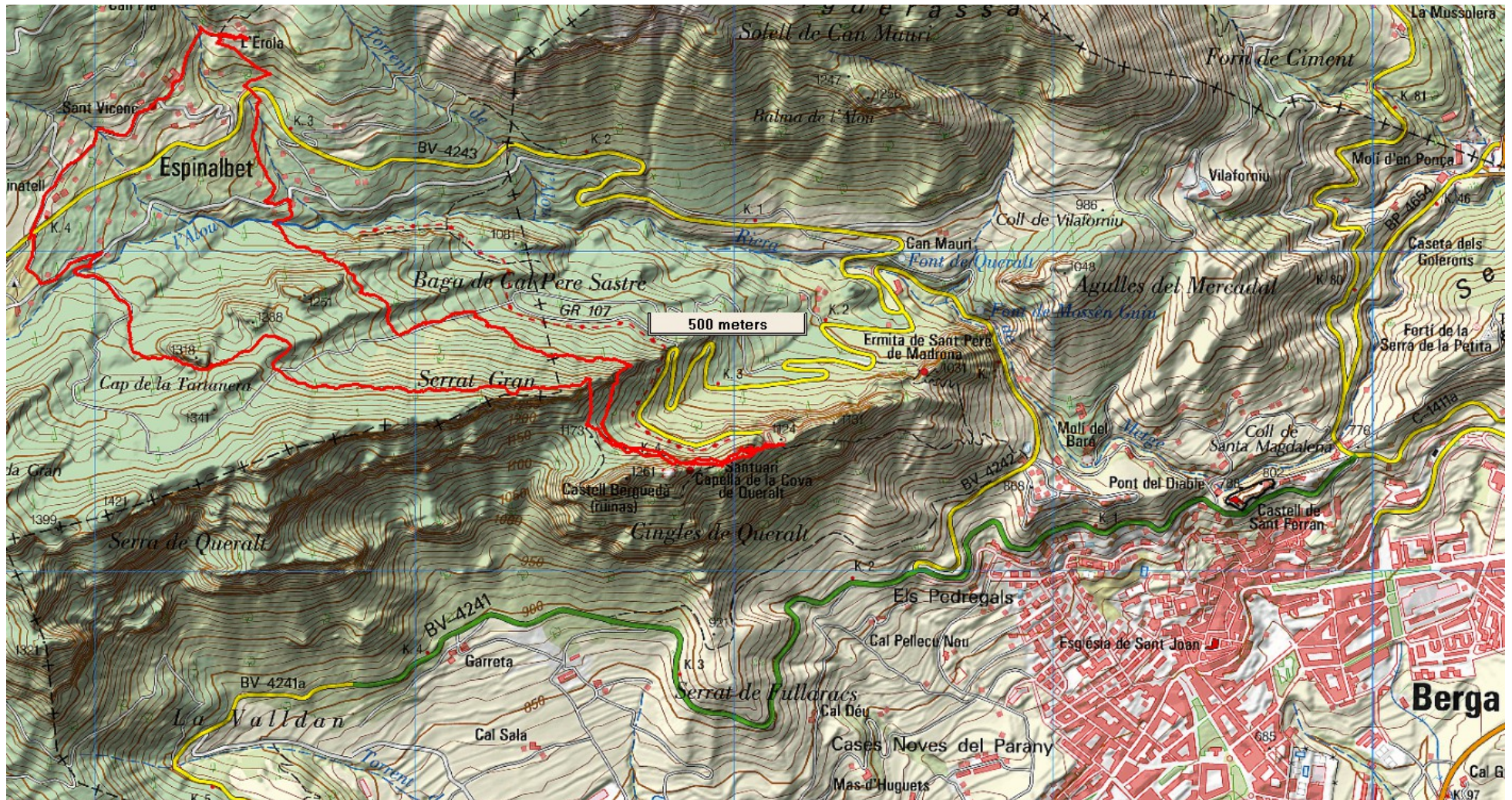
7.7km, 2hr 14min

Now continue to the L following a finger-post which directs you back to the bulls'head and quickly afterwards the Santuario.

Walk Recommendations or restrictions

None

Route followed is outlined in Red



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