

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Morro Blau from Bolulla	
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Bolulla. Calle Projecto Dos doubles back into the village from its northern edge. Park here.	
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	13	
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	930	
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	4hr 5.5hr	
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	VS/C	
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.677399, Long -0.112679	
Directions to Start	Follow the CV715 either N from Callosa or south from Tarbena and on the northern outskirts of the village turn uphill into Calle Projecto Dos with bins at the side of the road. Park anywhere along this street. Bar L'Era is at the top and is the start of the walk.	
Short walk description	A demanding mountain challenge with fantastic scenery into the barranco Tancat, up to the castle of Bolulla on its rocky promontory and across to the summit of Aixorta. Seeping coastal views on the way down.	
Full Walk Description		Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far
<p>With your back to the bar walk uphill on concrete to the R and around a corner that swings slightly R.</p> <p>You are soon on the LHS of a barranco below you working steadily uphill and ignoring side turnings to house driveways. (There is an early fork L which you ignore also)</p> <p>900m from the start (now on tarmac) along a level section, shortly after a driveway to the L, look out for a track descending to the R and take this.</p>		900m, 11.5min

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<p>The track crosses and recrosses the barranco and then at a cairn on the R drop into the barranco and follow it up. Follow this for a short distance before climbing up a wall on the R to find a better defined mozarabic path which we follow L.</p> <p>Join a track where we turn R as it immediately swings around L climbing.</p> <p>After the track straightens out look out for a footpath leaving on the L at a cairn and follow this uphill.</p> <p>Join tarmac and turn L up the hill. Ignore the first turn L and.....</p> <p>350m later leave the tarmac on the L up a track with a cairn. The track ends very quickly and you continue up a footpath directly ahead to meet a wider track where you turn R still uphill and soon rejoin the tarmac and turn L.</p> <p>After only 100 m leave this by a cairned footpath on the R to climb up and reach the tarmac road.</p> <p>Here turn immediately R but then sharp L to follow a steeply rising concrete track which soon passes a refurbished house on the R and ruin on the L. Continue ahead.</p> <p>Just before reaching the col on this track turn off L at a cairned and clear footpath. (the ridge to the castle is above you to the R)</p> <p>Continue on this until you reach a large cairn with red paint spot where you turn L.....</p> <p>(soon with blue paint as well) descending towards a barranco below you. (Path cleared in 2017) Where there is doubt keep R with frequent paint marks to cross the barranco and follow out on a rocky mozarabic path. (still with blue paint marks)</p> <p>Follow this line carefully as it rounds a spur (ignore a smaller descending path at a fork) and keep level through trees.</p> <p>Once clear of the trees turn up R beside them now climbing up a steep corrie still with intermittent blue paint marks.</p> <p>Beyond the tree line keep steeply uphill to reach a plateau to the L of a craggy line and on a ridge which descends from higher up the mountain. (There is a very large blue paint mark on a large rock above you – unfortunately!)</p> <p>When you have gained this more level stretch turn L up it and keep uphill and on the L edge to seek out a piece of asbestos standing in a cairn as a marker. (Note – gps track route slightly devious for few metres here!!)</p> <p>From this look below and ahead of you to find a cairn which sits on the beginning of a thin path which wanders level along the flank of the mountain aiming for a level spur (almost a col) ahead and at the same level as you are. Follow this thin path with difficulty.</p> <p>On the col turn L for 50m to find an easy way of descending which you take more directly down below you for 100m aiming past a metal pole before turning back R still descending gently towards a barranco under crags.</p> <p>Pick up a path which carries on towards the barranco and after walking level across a</p>	<p>1.6km, 21min</p> <p>1.9km, 27min</p> <p>2.5km, 38min</p> <p>2.9km, 45min</p> <p>3.4km, 51min</p> <p>4.2km, 1hr 4min</p> <p>4.7km, 1hr 16min</p> <p>5.2km, 1hr 29min</p> <p>6km, 1hr 47min</p>
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<p>terrace reach a small scree covered spur where there are cairns and here turn R up beside the scree.</p> <p>This path continues to improve and climb steadily soon clearly on the LHS of the barranco.</p> <p>Near the top of the barranco swing slightly L and then R to pass 2 abandoned baths.....</p> <p>now on an ascending ruined track which you follow uphill to reach a junction with a track in much better condition and here turn L (noting the ruined car abandoned here)</p> <p>(A deviation to the R here on the ascending track allows you to follow up and circle the summit of Morro Blau. Keep L at all junction until you pass a firewatch building on the summit and then descend to meet a bend where the track/ploughed field appears on your R. Adds about 1.5km to the route)</p> <p>Ascend this gently until it swings hard R towards the crest of the ridge and here abandon the main track to walk directly ahead initially on a track and then across a ploughed or crop filled small field.</p> <p>Again when this starts to swing R abandon the track and walk directly ahead across large rocks. Ignore a path descending directly and instead cross the rocks to the R gently descending until you reach easier ground after 200m or so where you can now descend more directly down the nose of the ridge finding some small paths to aid your progress.</p> <p>As you descend this below you and slightly to the L is a flat ridge leading out leftwards (Pla de Codolla) with a small rocky summit at its end and you must make for this keeping on the L flank of this ridge until you can find a sketchy path leading down on the RHS of a large barranco. (There is a broader and longer flat ridge more immediately and further L below you here) Follow this clear path until you are just above some terraces on the LHS of the barranco and here drop steeply to cross the barranco and drop down to reach the terraces and walk out level to the L to reach a track.</p> <p>Turn L along the track and pass a footpath joining you from the L and a few metres after this reach a cairn for a footpath on the RHS which we take.</p> <p>This is a clear engineered path with occasional R/W markers and it drops down with great views (pinnacle on RHS with cross) to reach a track where we turn L.</p> <p>Leave this after passing a roofless building on the LHS to join a footpath rising slightly.</p> <p>Ascend a terrace to avoid vegetation and immediately after you have passed this drop down again to find a track going L. As this starts to ascend look out for a footpath going off R and working around a bowl below pylons.</p> <p>Descend beside plastic covered terraces to reach a track where you turn L and almost immediately R at a junction.</p> <p>Curl around the end of a spur descending on the tarmac road to reach the outskirts of the village and an ascending road directly ahead of you. Walk up this to reach the plaza with Bar L'Era on your RHS.</p>	<p>6.7km, 2hr 4min</p> <p>7km, 2hr 10min</p> <p>7.7km, 2hr 19min</p> <p>7.8km, 2hr 22min</p> <p>9.3km, 2hr 56min</p> <p>10.8km, 3hr 20min</p> <p>11.9km, 3hr 37min</p>
<p>Walk Recommendations or restrictions</p>	<p>Rough ground is covered – particularly on the descent with danger of slips.</p>

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Route followed is outlined in Red



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