

COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Barranco de Turrubanes
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Vall d'Ebo Main road through town is Avenida Marina Alta. Park at E end of this just after crossing the bridge. Do not go around the N bypass road.
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	13
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	520
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.75 5.25
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/C/Scr/X
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat:- 38.806474, Long:- -0.157435
Directions to Start	From the Orba to Pego road near Pego take the CV712 to Vall d'Ebo. Meet at start of village near Bar l'Entra.
Short walk description	Although graded MS this is a demanding walk with some exposed scrambling near the end of the day. Nevertheless it visits some exquisite scenery in a remote barranco with fascinating rock sculptured bed.
Full Walk Description	
<p>The best way to start this walk is to walk into the village, pass the Bar L'Entra and then turn R downhill and R again to meet the main road.</p> <p>Cross it directly and walk up the tarmac lane and continue uphill when another road joins you from the L.</p> <p>Swing around to the L and then at a zig-zag bend back to the R, walk straight ahead onto a track with a Y/W cross.</p> <p>Continue on this steadily uphill until you pass an ivy clad ruin on the LHS and almost immediately run into a level parking area.</p> <p>Turn up R on an indistinct line and cross to the R on a bancal to find an emerging path running across to the R. This may be hard to locate but it is worth persevering. A clue is that very quickly it runs up below a line of crags above you to the L.</p>	
Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far	
0.9km, 12min	
1.2km, 17min	
1.6km, 22min	

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Follow this up on rocky ground until you reach a cairn at a level area and here it again becomes unclear for a few metres.

It is best to just scramble up the rocks for about 4/5 metres until you reach a clearer line turning back to the L and if you follow this it quickly becomes a much more obvious mozarabic path.

1.9km, 29min

Now continue on this along the flank of Solana del Garrofer (carob) on a mostly very clear line. Occasionally the path dips or climbs to avoid vegetation, but you must seek out the correct line – always indicated by the wall edge of the path.

Continue on this until the path swings around to the R dropping slightly to a crossing of a barranco.

When you reach the bed of the barranco abandon it and instead start to climb moderately on the L bank of the barranco to rise gently up towards some crags above you.

3.1km, 54min

Stay below these and continue until you find a smaller gully leading up in a weakness in this crag and scramble up here.

At the top of the gully the ground eases and terrace walls appear.

Cross any level terrace to the R and keeping to the RHS of the gully wander up aiming slightly to the RHS of the now visible masts on the top of Miserat.

When you crest a small ridge turn R a few metres and then drop to a col in front of the masts to reach a road.

3.9km, 1hr 8min

Turn L on the road and continue to pass a track on the RHS. 200M after this turn L

4.5km 1hr 15min

aiming generally SW to reach a soon visible ruin with walled enclosure.

Pass this to the L and continue on the same heading to find a shallow barranco and walk down this on the RHS on indistinct paths to reach the road.

5.3km, 1hr 29min

Turn L here and continue ahead until you drop down to a cross roads. Leave the road by continuing ahead on a track which soon passes a building with a pond beside it.

5.9km, 1hr 36min

Pass the pond on either side and continue ahead to find a track which we follow directly ahead.

Continue on this track until after it has descended a little it reaches some stony terraces and here abandon the almost invisible track and instead work leftwards and downwards across the terraces with the barranco in sight below you and to the R.

6.5km, 1hr 43min

When the terraces stop you must find your way down steep and rough ground to reach the bottom of the valley below you – all the while admiring the fantastic scenery around.

When you reach the bottom continue to the L and downhill along the barranco bottom. This can be tricky when damp or wet so take care!

6.9km, 1hr 52min

Continue along this until a few terrace walls appear on the RHS with a thin path ascending them.

8.1km, 2hr 20min

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<p>Climb up a couple of terraces to find a small cave (with ladder!!) and continue rising gently and working to the L along them.</p> <p>You will intersect a thin track (possibly with small electric fence – easily crossed, but take care!) and you follow this level to reach a small casita with tables and chairs within almost beside the main road.</p> <p>Now turn R to follow the road for 50m and before it swings L walk directly ahead and steeply uphill aiming to the LHS of a ruin above you.</p> <p>Step over the Armco onto the road and turn R for a few metres before turning L again onto a footpath with finger post.</p> <p>Follow this initially uphill and soon descending with a fantastic barranco on your LHS to reach a junction where you walk ahead past a rock with an orange cross on it.</p> <p>Climb briefly to pass a ruin above you on the LHS and almost immediately turn L to reach the edge of a steep slope descending to the barranco below. There is a small scree descent before the path turns to the R to start dropping towards the barranco floor.</p> <p>This section is demanding and tricky in the wet and even in the dry demands care as a fall would be injurious at the least. You are aiming for a clearly visible short concrete ramp ahead and below you and when you reach this you can drop into the valley bottom.</p> <p>Cross it 5m ahead and climb up the other side with an imposing crag on your LHS. Climb only a few terraces and then work along them to the R to pass immediately below a small building and just beyond this find a narrow concrete track rising uphill which you take.</p> <p>At the first bend the concrete ends but follow the track and when you reach the next junction with a small caravan above you on the RHS, ignore the track which turns R and instead continue ahead on a grassy ramp.</p> <p>Now continue to follow this as it rises up and turns to the R along a terrace (less clear). This continues and becomes a clear track and when you reach a T-jnc turn L and downhill on a clearer and broader track.</p> <p>This soon runs into tarmac and you continue ahead to reach a junction beside Font de la Serra and opposite the wash house turn R on a thin track and almost immediately R again on a zig-zagging footpath.</p> <p>This reach a level area and you walk across this past a ruin on your RHS and aiming to the R of a distant antenna.</p> <p>Quickly reach a set of high terrace walls and turn L to find the best descent route through these and then keep a little L to intersect a clearer track continuing ahead to drop onto a concrete road where you turn L.</p> <p>At a junction keep R and quickly at a second turn R again and then almost immediately L up a concrete ramp and into the town.</p> <p>Continue to a T-jnc and turn L and then R to walk down the main street to your car.</p>	<p>8.6km, 2hr 30min</p> <p>8.9km, 2hr 35min</p> <p>9.4km, 2hr 43min</p> <p>9.8km, 2hr 51min</p> <p>10.2km, 2hr 58min</p> <p>11.6km, 3hr 17min</p> <p>11.9km, 3hr 22min</p>
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	Exposure, scrambling and navigation skills needed.

Route followed is outlined in Red

