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PUIG DE MARIA

You begin the route on kilometre 51.8 of the Ma-2200 road which goes around the town of Pollensa on the eastern side, 300 metres to the south of the monument commemorating the poet Costa i Llobera.

A line of cypress trees marks the start of the route, which quickly climbs the mountain hillside, passing not far from some very elaborate boundary walls built at the beginning of the 20th century by master dry stone wallers ("margers") from Pollensa.

Continue along the narrow paved road that has some bends, next to which you will find the remains of the old bridle path and the watering place known as Piqueta de l'Ase, where passers-by heading to Puig de Maria would water their animals.

A little further on is the end of the stretch that is fit for cars, and the start of the cobbled bridle path, restored in 1994 by the "margers" of the Council of Mallorca. After going through a gate you will find the Cova del Dimoni next to the path as well as the rock known as the Cadireta del Bon Jesús. The Camí dels Ermitans is



a little further along on the left. It was built at the beginning of the 20th century, and leads to the Clot de la Verge Maria, a chasm where according to tradition the image of the Virgin Mary appeared.

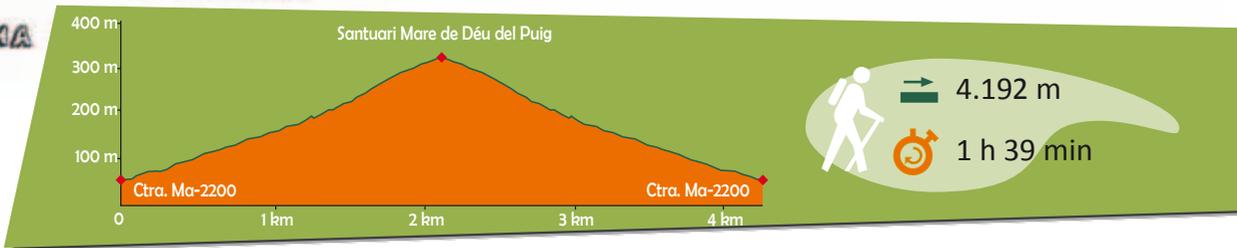
Leaving this path, you go straight on until you arrive at the sanctuary of Verge María del Puig, from where you can view the bays of Pollensa and Alcúdia, the Pla de Mallorca plain area and the Serra de Tramuntana, with the Puig de Massanella in the background.

You simply cannot miss out on a visit to the different buildings of the old monastery of cloistered nuns, which survived until the 16th century, and was occupied by the order of Saint Peter and Saint Paul; the refectory, the chapter house, now a chamber museum with votive offerings, the church, whose origins date back to the 15th century, with the image of the Mare de Déu del Puig (St Mary of the Mount), and the walled enclosure with its robust defence tower.

You will retrace the entire route on the way back, allowing you to enjoy beautiful panoramic views over the town of Pollensa and the Serra de Tramuntana. Also, consider the chance to spend the night at the guesthouse managed by the Puig Brotherhood.

LA CADIRETA DEL BON JESUS

The Cova del Dimoni is found on the cobbled path that ascends to the summit of the Puig, just before you go through a gate. It consists of a small chair shaped cavity in the rock, which is known as La Cadireta del Bon Jesús. According to legend, pregnant women who sit there will have a happy childbirth.





Start / End: Pollença, road Ma-2200,
km 51,8 (48 m)

Distance: 4.192 m

Time required: 1 h 39 min

Difficulty: low

**Net increase
in altitude:** 270 m

**Net decrease
in altitude:** 270 m

Not suitable for: children under the age of 3,
prams for children,
wheelchairs

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EL CLOT DE LA MARE DE DÉU

According to legend, around the 14th century Flor Ricomana, Simona and Dolça, three devout women who were doing penance at the Can Sales estate, close to the town of Pollensa, saw how the mountain lit up during sunset, especially on Saturday, a day devoted to the Virgin Mary.

The news quickly spread among the townspeople who organised a procession to the area and discovered an image of the Virgin; as you would expect, the women of Can Sales moved to the mountain and created the first community of female hermits in Mallorca.

