

Colliure | Cadaques

THE PAINTERS' ROUTE



This hiking route takes place along the Costa Brava, bordering France and Catalonia, where the Pyrenees meet the Mediterranean. Mountain slopes with vineyards ever-present on the French side, historic villages nestled around coves and bays, and a path surrounded by vegetation and scents that constantly remind us we are by the sea. The route was created 30 years ago and is walked by hundreds of hikers each year from all over the world, drawn by the light and colour, just as it once captivated the painter Matisse in Colliure and Dalí in Cadaqués. The route is linear, self-guided, and includes luggage transport at each stage.



Programme

7 days · 6 nights · 5 days of hiking

1st Day | COLLIOURE

Arrival in Collioure, hotel check-in, and free time to explore the town.

At the foot of the Pyrenees and cradled by the Mediterranean, Collioure, the capital of Fauvism, will delight you with its colourful façades, its 13th-century Royal Castle, its church with its impressive altarpiece, and its small, peaceful bay with turquoise waters. Spend the

2nd Day | 1st Stage from Collioure to Banyuls

Visit and Madeloc lookout. Mediterranean vegetation alternates between vineyards and scrubland. You can climb up to the Madeloc Tower, a high watchtower overlooking the nearby sea. Among the dry stone walls that protect and support the Grenache and Syrah vines, we descend to Banyuls, the sculptural town of Maillol. Overnight stay in Banyuls with a panoramic view of the Mediterranean.

Sporty option: 5H of walking | Distance: 13 km | Elevation: +700m / -700m

Easy option: 4H of walking | Distance: 12 km | Elevation: +500m / -500m

Coastal option: 5H30' of walking | Distance: 16 km | Elevation: +450m / -400m

3rd Day | 2nd Stage from Banyuls to Cerbère

Jump through the coves. Panoramic view of the Mediterranean Sea, heading towards the ruins of Querroig, a medieval watchtower. Our walk leads us to the untouched and wild area of Cerbère, a small port at the end of the world. Overnight stay in Cerbère, near the beach.

Sporty option: 5H of walking | Distance: 14 km | Elevation: + 700 m/- 700m

Easy option: 4H of walking | Distance: 13,5 km | Elevation: + 450m/ - 450m

Coastal option: 3H of walking | Distance: 10 km | Elevation: +250m/ -300m

4th Day | 3rd Stage from Cerbère to Llança

The sea gets closer, the vegetation becomes lower and more fragrant; you will likely pass through Garbet Beach, extraordinary for its colours and calmness.

Arrival at the coast and the port of Llança. Overnight stay in Llança, near the port and the beach.

Time: 4H30' of walking | Distance: 13,5 km | Elevation: + 500m/ - 500m

5th Day | 4th Stage from Llança to Port de la Selva

A beautiful ascent along a monastic path to the airy church of Santa Elena and the imposing thousand-year-old monastery of Sant Pere de Roda. A lovely descent between tumuli with views of the bay of Port de la Selva. Overnight stay in Port de la Selva, right by the water

Sporty option: 5H of walking | Distance: 13 km | Elevation: + 700m/ - 700m

Easy option: 4H of walking | Distance: 11,7 km | Elevation: + 550m/ - 550m

Coastal option: 2H50' of walking | Distance: 8 km | Elevation: +50m/ -50m

6th Day | 5th Stage from Port de la Selva to Cadaquès

You will cross the entire Cap de Creus massif (natural park), following paths we opened in 1995. Discover the "Dalí land" until you reach Salvador Dalí's house in Port Lligat and the lively fishing village of Cadaquès. Overnight stay in the heights of Cadaquès, near the town centre and Port Lligat.

Sporty option: 7H of walking | Distance: 20 km | Elevation: +500 m/-500m

Easy option: 5H of walking | Distance: 13 km | Elevation: +350m /-350m

Port Lligat (Cadaquès) - Dalí House-Museum

If you wish to visit the Dalí House-Museum in Port Lligat, opt for the easy route and book your tickets in advance at: <https://www.salvador-dali.org> or by phone at +34 972 25 10 15.

7th Day | Cadaqués

Discover the magical peninsula of s'Oliguera and the amazing shapes of the famous Cucurrucuc rock, bathed by turquoise waters teeming with fish. Meeting at the hotel and return to Collioure.

Time: 2H15' of walking | Distance: 5 km | Elevation: +100m/-100m

LEVEL 1* | From 4 to 6 of daily walking on easy trails. The total route is 60 km with numerous variants. **Sporty itinerary:** from 5H to 6H of walking with elevation gains of 400m to 700 m.

ACCOMMODATION | In 2* and 3* hotels, half board.

PARTICIPANTS | From 1 or 2 participants.

DATES | From 16.02.2025 to 20.06.2025 and from 01.09.2025 to 31.10.2025

PRICE | 895 €. Price per person in a double room. Single supplement: 195 €

The Price includes:

- 6 nights' accommodation in 2* and 3* hotels with half board.
- One map and route book per room.
- Luggage transport at all stages.
- Taxi service from Cadaqués to Colliure.

The Price does NOT include: Picnics or extras in the hotels.

General information

The Collioure - Cadaqués route is technically easy and suitable for people used to hiking for several days. On all stages, there are variants to shorten or lengthen the route, allowing you to adjust the itinerary to your preference and fitness level. The entire route follows a well-marked trail. The total daily positive elevation gain ranges from 400 to 700 m, as do the descents. Half board is included at all hotels. In the morning, before continuing the route, you will leave your luggage to be transported to the next accommodation at the end of the stage. No special equipment is required for the route, just trekking shoes and clothing. It is advisable to bring poles and a spare pair of shoes. Keep in mind the proximity of the sea and

the heat. The route is linear, and there is a final transfer to return to the starting point. You can leave anything you don't need in the car at the parking lot of the hotel on the first night.

Distances to Colliure:

- Madrid: 794 Km.
- Valencia: 537 Km.
- Barcelona: 195 Km.
- Bilbao: 676 Km.

There is a train service from Barcelona.

Visiting Collioure is highly recommended, as it surrounds a small bay with a fortress and a church closing it off. In the early 20th century, painters Matisse and Derain lived there, attracted by the town's light and colours. You can also find the tomb of Antonio Machado, who died in exile in Collioure. On the return transfer from Cadaqués, it is worth stopping to visit the Dalí Museum in Figueres.

Reservations

To make a reservation, please send your request to CAMINS by phone or email (reservas@andandosinequipaje.com), providing the following details:

- Full name of the person making the reservation
- Postal address (Street, number, town and postcode)
- ID number
- Mobile contact number
- Number of participants
- Specify your mode of transport to the start of the Trek
- Indicate whether you have a Mountain federation card

Please make a transfer of 100€ per person to CAMINS (Mountain Quality SL) to the following account number: ES39 2100 0035 0702 0032 7323 / Swift (Bic): CAIXESBBXXX.

Remember to send the payment receipt via email.

Once received, your reservation will be confirmed, and you will receive the receipt along with the detailed technical sheet of the Trek.

10 days before the start of the activity, you should make the full payment by transfer.