



EXCURSION VALLEDEMOSA - SOLLER

After the track of Chopin and the archduke Luís Salvador

Culture and spectacular views over cliffs on the sea - these are the most distinguished aspects from our trip to the Tramuntana.

We begin in Valldemossa, a picturesque village with a turbulent history: Due to the freshest climate here the King Jaume II gave the orders to construct a small palace, the Palace King Sancho.

Valldemossa is famous, nevertheless, due to the fact that Chopin, with his lover George Sand, spent here the winter of 1838-39. The Monastery of the Carthusian is the place in which they lived, and it is possible to visit it. It is worth ! It was a place where big prominent figures as Rubén Darío, Jovellanos, Santiago Rusiñol, among others spent some time.



It is also essential a route through the picturesque streets of the "Down town", steep and narrow, surrounded by an abundant and leafy vegetation. Here the time seems to have stopped. If you have the option to take a "coca de patata", you will not be upset.

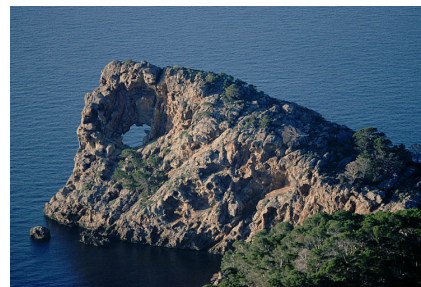


Today, Michael Douglas, has contributed very much to the glory of Valldemossa. His exhibition "Costa Nord" shows many interesting things about the historical evolution of the North Coast.

He himself lives in "S'Estaca" - a former residence of the archduke Luís Salvador.



When we come to Son Marroig, we will take a picture of the group. Son Marroig was also a place of residence of the archduke, placed between the sea and the mountain, with spectacular views and next to "Na Foradada".



Finally we will go to Sóller's Port, where we will be able to enjoy the views to the Mediterranean sea, and where we will have time for lunch.

Later we will go to Sóller, a nice city of provinces. A walk along the village turns into a fascinating experience, there are houses that have their origins in the 14th century or before, and a high number of modernist buildings.



One of the most famous streets is The Street of " Sa Lluna (The moon). It has this name due to Sa Lluna's House, one of the most ancient of Sóller. This is Sóller's most commercial and important street, it follows the line of the former irrigation ditch, and that is why it is so sinuous.





If you can, do not hesitate to take a " Suc of taronja " (juice of orange), obtained of the oranges of Sóller, the best of the Island with no doubt, or any of the ice creams " fet a Sóller " .



To return to Palma we will go by the Sóller's mythical railway, which is characterized among other things for being a narrow-gauge railway, very rare now, and for presenting an ancient trailer stock of handcrafted maintenance..

In addition, Sóller's Railway is special for the attractive way that makes

overcoming the natural barrier posed by Alfàbia's Saw. For this, the railway crosses thirteen tunnels with lengths ranging from 33 up to 2.876 meters, exceeds several bridges, the viaduct " dels zinc - ponts " of five arches with lights of 8 meters of height and heavy curves.





RESTAURANTES CANYÍS – Port de Sóller

From medieval epochs, the inhabitants of Sóller have used the Mediterranean Sea as channel of communication with the exterior, to avoid the mountains that in the former time were isolating Sóller of the rest of Majorca. Their ancestors had to construct ships because the trade from land was impossible. As a result, Sóller's valley, the most isolated region by land of the whole island, has been for centuries the Majorcan most open town to the world, the most singular and the most seafaring: trade, invasions, emigrations, fishing, oranges, textile factories, olive oil, builders of crafts, modernist architecture, railroad...

In the Port de Sóller you will find this unique and exciting history, that of a village with the personality and the captivation that has provided their ancient chimera of sailing.

Es Canyis, open since 1954 and always run by the same family, is located in one of end of the bay of Sóller. To the traditional Majorcan cookery offered by María and Mateu at the beginning was added the know how and determination of their daughter Ana and son-in-law Michel, who arrived on the island in 1967 from France, bringing a new air to their cuisine.

They have managed to keep up its reputation for fine food in a kitchen where the cutting edge of new culinary technology goes hand in hand with the essence of the most traditional cuisine.

At Es Canyis they select the best ingredients from our land to make their dishes, such as the freshest vegetables and salads from the market gardens of Sóller, or fish and shellfish from our coast, which they manage to bring to the table shortly after being caught by the fishermen of the port. They make the desserts, confectionary and ice creams, a real passion in the family, traditionally every day.

Anaïs, heir to the vast knowledge of her grandfather Michel in the world of the baking, makes the desserts, one of the restaurant's main attractions.



Price of the Excursión: 75 Euros (Included entrances, Guide, Lunch, Transportation and VAT)