

Pollença

Mallorca · Spain

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Pollença is a historic town in the north of Mallorca, in the Balearic Islands, at the foot of the Tramuntana mountains. It has a stone-built old town, a famous stairway of 365 steps up to a hilltop chapel, a Roman bridge and a lively Sunday market.

The municipality also includes the seaside Port de Pollença, with a sheltered bay, and the Formentor peninsula, with the island's most dramatic coastal road, a lighthouse and some of its best beaches. It is popular with walkers, cyclists and people who want a quieter side of Mallorca.

When to visit

Spring and autumn are the best seasons for walking and cycling, and the sea is warm until October. July and August are hot and busy, with heavy traffic on the Formentor road. Winters are mild but can be wet, and some businesses at the port close.

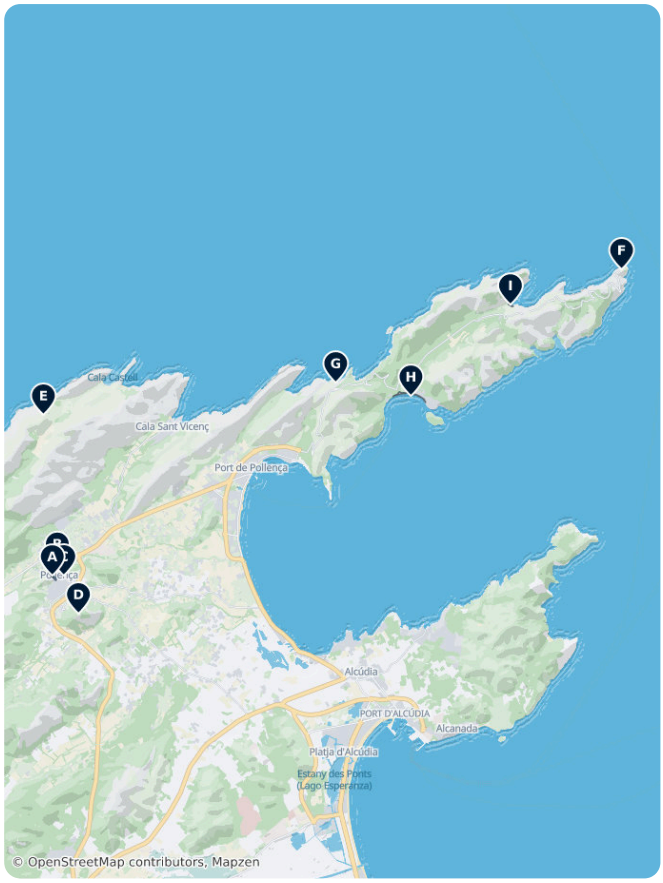
The Pollença Music Festival (July and August) holds concerts in the cloister. The Moors and Christians festival (*Moros i Cristians*) on 2 August reenacts a battle in the streets.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Good Good for cycling	14° / 17° Feels like 10°	10° / 6°	Dry air
February	Great Great for hiking	14° / 17° Feels like 10°	9° / 6°	Dry air
March	Great Great for cycling	16° / 20° Feels like 13°	11° / 7°	Dry air
April	Great Great for cycling	18° / 22°	13° / 10°	Dry air
May	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 26°	16° / 13°	
June	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 31°	20° / 17°	21 sunny days · Humid air · Calm winds
July	Great Great for the beach	29° / 33°	23° / 20°	23 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)
August	Great Great for the beach	29° / 33°	23° / 21°	21 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds
September	Great Great for sightseeing	26° / 30°	21° / 18°	Humid air
October	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 27°	18° / 14°	
November	Good Good for cycling	18° / 22°	14° / 9°	Dry air
December	Great Great for cycling	15° / 18° Feels like 12°	11° / 8°	Dry air

Best months: April, May, June, July, August, September, October

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights



- A Calvari Steps is the Calvari, a stairway of 365 steps between cypress trees, leading to a small chapel with views over the town.
- The Plaça Major is the main square, with cafés and the Sunday market.
- B Pont Romà is a Roman-style stone bridge over a dry riverbed on the edge of town.
- C Museu Dionís Bennàssar is a museum of local art, in a former convent.
- The church of Nostra Senyora dels Àngels is the main parish church, in the old town.
- D puig de Maria is a hill with a 14th-century sanctuary and a view of the bay, reached by a path and a road.
- E Castell del Rei is a castle ruin on a hilltop over the north coast.
- F Far de Formentor is a lighthouse at the end of the Formentor peninsula, on a cliff about 200 m above the sea.
- G Es Colomer Viewpoint is a lookout tower with views of the coast and the cliffs, on the Formentor road.
- H Formentor Beach and I Cala Figuera are beaches on the Formentor peninsula.

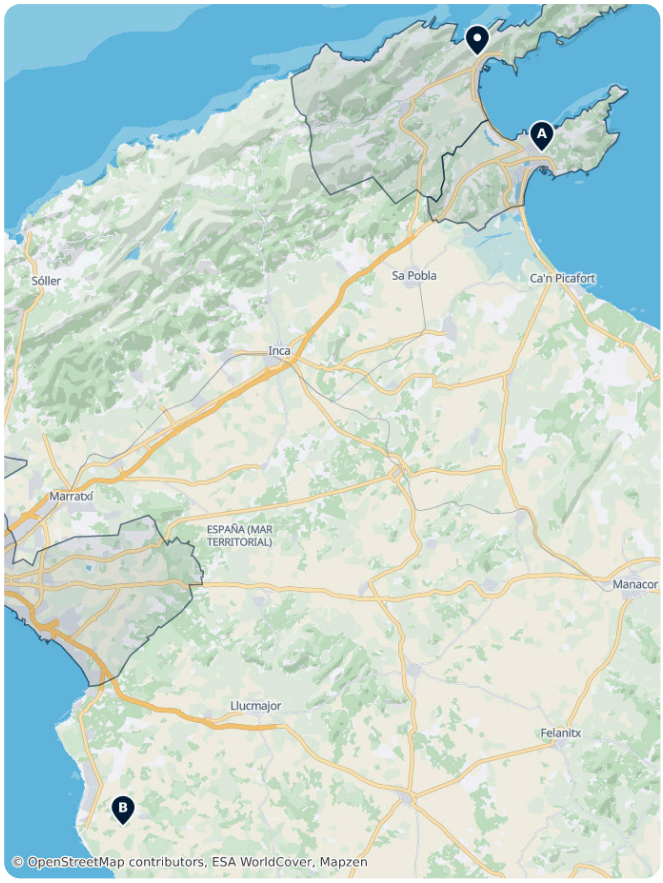
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What to experience

- Climb the 365 steps of the Calvari at sunset.
- Go to the Sunday market in the Plaça Major.
- Drive or cycle the Formentor road to the lighthouse, stopping at viewpoints.
- Swim at a beach on the Formentor peninsula.
- Walk up to the Puig de Maria sanctuary.

Day trips

- A l'Alcúdia (about 12 km): a walled town on a wide bay.
- **Cap de Formentor** (about 20 km): a winding road with viewpoints, to the lighthouse.
- **Cala Sant Vicenç** (about 6 km): a group of coves.
- B Palma (about 55 km): the capital of Mallorca.
- **Sa Calobra and Torrent de Pareis** (about 40 km by road): a canyon and a pebble beach in the Tramuntana.



Where to explore

Other places nearby:

- **Mallorca**: Mallorca, Palma, l'Alcúdia and **Cala d'Or**.

Getting there

- **By air**: Palma airport is about 55 km away, about an hour by car.
- **By bus**: Public buses run from Palma, Alcúdia and Port de Pollença to the town. A bus links the old town and the port.
- **By car**: The Ma-13 road from Palma and the Ma-2200 from Alcúdia lead to the town.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The old town is compact and walkable, with some steep streets. The port is about 6 km away.
- **Bus**: Local buses link the town, the port and the Formentor peninsula in summer.
- **Cycling**: The area is well known for road cycling, particularly the Formentor road.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The old town is compact, with some steep streets, and the port is several kilometres away.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

The area is known for road cycling, with the Formentor road among the best-known routes.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Useful for Formentor and the coves. In summer, traffic and parking on the Formentor road are very busy, so go early.
- **Parking**: Paid parking is available near the old town. Check for current access rules for the Formentor road in summer.
- **Roads**: The Formentor road is narrow and winding, with tight bends and many cyclists.

Food & drink

Mallorcan cuisine is simple and island-based. Try *pa amb oli* (bread with oil and tomato), *sobrassada* (soft cured sausage), *tumbet* (a vegetable dish), *frit* (fried offal and vegetables) and fresh fish at the port. The *ensaïmada*, a spiral pastry, is the best-known sweet.

Local almonds and olives appear in many dishes.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Churros · Churros con Chocolate
Fried dough sticks served with a thick, dark hot chocolate for dipping — a classic Spanish breakfast or late-night snack.

LUNCH

Paella Valenciana
A saffron-scented rice dish cooked in a wide, shallow pan. The traditional Valencian version uses chicken, rabbit, and green beans — best eaten at midday.

Gazpacho
A cold, blended soup of raw tomatoes, cucumber, pepper, garlic, olive oil, and vinegar, originally from Andalusia. Served as a drink or a starter, especially in summer.

DINNER

Pulpo a la Gallega
Boiled octopus sliced onto a wooden board and dressed with olive oil, coarse salt, and smoked paprika — a signature dish of Galicia.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Jamón Ibérico
Dry-cured ham from acorn-fed Iberian pigs, sliced paper-thin and eaten on its own or with bread. The finest grade, jamón ibérico de bellota, is one of Spain's most prized products.

Tortilla Española
A thick potato and egg omelette, served warm or at room temperature, found in virtually every bar in Spain. Often eaten as a tapa or a quick meal.

Patatas Bravas
Fried potato chunks served with a spicy tomato sauce or aioli — one of the most common tapas across the country.

Pintxos
Small snacks anchored to slices of bread with a toothpick, the Basque Country's answer to tapas. Found in bar counters across San Sebastián and Bilbao, often with elaborate toppings.

Croquetas
Crispy breaded cylinders with a creamy béchamel filling, typically made with jamón, bacalà (salt cod), or mushrooms.

DRINKS

Rioja Wine · Vino de Rioja

Spain's best-known wine region produces full-bodied reds from Tempranillo grapes, aged in oak. The crianza, reserva, and gran reserva labels indicate increasing age and complexity.

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Safety & health

Pollença is safe. In summer, use sun protection and drink water, particularly on the Calvari and at the beaches. Take care on the Formentor road, with sharp bends and cyclists. The cliffs at the lighthouse are high, so keep to the paths.

History

The area has been settled since the Bronze Age, and the Romans built a bridge and a nearby town, Pollentia, at Alcúdia. In 1550 pirates attacked Pollença, and the Moors and Christians festival commemorates the defence of the town against them.

In the 19th and 20th centuries artists and writers visited the area, and it became a retreat for painters and travellers. The Calvari steps were built in the 18th century.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Spain at a glance:

CURRENCY

EUR €

EMERGENCY

112

ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

Spanish

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Pollença Essentials

Pollença spans from the foothills of the Serra de Tramuntana to the dramatic cliffs of the Formentor peninsula. The historic center features the Roman Bridge and the 365-step Calvari stairway leading to an 18th-century chapel. Nearby, the Puig de Maria offers a medieval monastery and panoramic views. Along the coast, the Cap de Formentor Lighthouse marks the island's northernmost point, while the 16th-century Talaia d'Albercutx watchtower provides a vantage point over the bays of Pollença and Alcúdia. Sandy stretches like Port de Pollença and Cala Molins complement the rugged stone coves of Formentor.





Ⓐ Cap de Formentor Lighthouse

The Formentor or Cap de Formentor Lighthouse is an active lighthouse on the Spanish island of Majorca.

Calle Zn Formentor, 07460, Spain (39.96137, 3.21229)



Ⓑ Es Colomer Viewpoint

Located 200 meters above sea level, this stone-walled lookout offers views of the Mediterranean and the rocky islet of El Colomer. A paved pathway leads along the cliff edge.

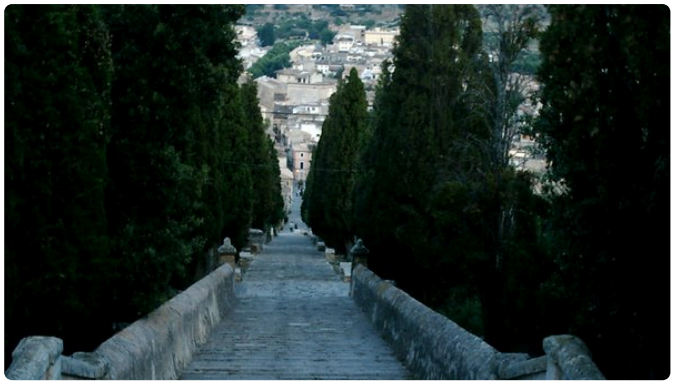
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C Formentor Beach

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D Calvari Steps

Beautiful stone stairway leading to a chapel. It has 365 steps.

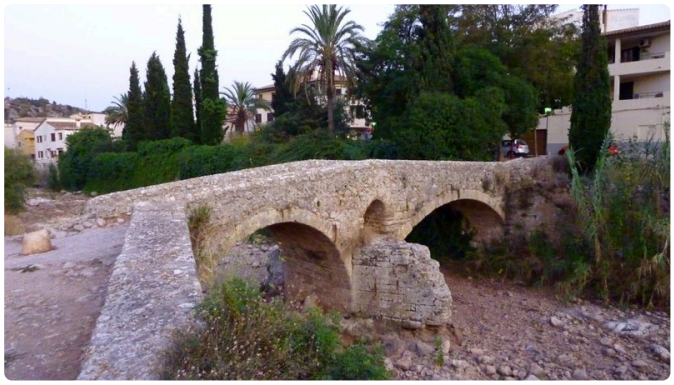
34 Calle de Calvari, Pollença 07460, Spain (39.87916, 3.01330)



E Port de Pollença Beach

A beautiful resort with a nice wide beach. Enjoy spectacular views to the Serra de Tramuntana mountains.

60 Paseo de Londres, Port de Pollença 07470, Spain (39.89683, 3.07967)



F Roman Bridge

Also known as 'Puente de Cubelles' in the past, this stone bridge was built by the Romans. Popular photo spot.

16 Calle del Pont Romà, Pollença 07460, Spain (39.88255, 3.01505)



G Chapel of Calvari

This chapel is definitely worth the climb. You can enjoy some spectacular views from the top.

324 Camino del Calvari, Pollença 07460, Spain (39.88027, 3.01199)



H Puig de Maria

A lovely hike offering wonderful views. There is a restaurant and a monastery on top of the hill.

07460, Spain (39.86897, 3.02246)

I Talaia d'Albercutx

A 16th-century defensive watchtower situated 380 meters above sea level. Originally built to warn of pirate attacks, it offers 360-degree views of the Formentor peninsula and the bays of Pollença and Alcúdia.

07460, Spain (39.92876, 3.11719)

J Santa Maria dels Àngels, Pollenca

Located in the main square, this parish church was founded by the Knights Templar in 1236 and largely rebuilt in the 18th century. It features a large rose window and a significant Baroque altarpiece.

(39.87709, 3.01596)

K Cala Molins

The largest of the four beaches in Cala Sant Vicenç, featuring fine sand and turquoise water. The cove is framed by the distinctive Cavall Bernat mountain ridge.

2 Calle de Cala Molins, Cala de Sant Vicenç 07469, Spain (39.91995, 3.05750)



L Cala Figuera Beach

The beach consists of small stones. Crystal clear water, however there are no services by the beach.

07460, Spain (39.95187, 3.17345)

Natural Wonders

This collection highlights the diverse landscapes of northern Mallorca, centered around the Formentor peninsula and the Serra de Tramuntana. It includes the dramatic coastal cliffs of Cap de Formentor and Mirador des Colomer alongside the Bronze Age hypogeum of Coves de l'Alzinaret. Higher elevations like Puig de Maria and Puig Gros de Ternelles provide panoramic views of the bays of Pollença and Alcúdia, while the Talaia d'Albercutx stands as a historic watchtower overlooking the rugged coastline.





A Es Colomer Viewpoint

A 200-meter-high cliff-side viewpoint offering views of the Mediterranean and the small islet of El Colomer.

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C Cap de Formentor

The northernmost tip of Mallorca, home to a lighthouse built in 1863 and dramatic vertical cliffs.

(39.96136, 3.21173)

D Talaied d' Albercutx

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07470 Pollença, Spain (39.92872, 3.11698)

E Hypogeum of Cala Sant Vicenç

The hypogeum of Cala Sant Vicenç is a set of caves dating back to the Bronze Age, located on the Spanish island of Mallorca.

84 Calle de Dionís Bennàssar, Cala de Sant Vicenç 07469, Spain (39.91513, 3.04828)

F mirador del Racó d'en Tomàs

Coastal viewpoint located on the road to Cap de Formentor, overlooking the rugged northern cliffs.

Ma-2210, Pollença, Spain (39.95430, 3.18976)

G Mirador del Molí Vell

Elevated viewpoint near Puig de Maria overlooking the town of Pollença and the surrounding valley.

(39.86929, 3.02405)

H Cova de ses Bruixes

A natural cave located in the mountainous terrain west of Pollença.

(39.90031, 2.92292)

I el Cavall Bernat

A prominent mountain ridge known for its sharp, jagged profile and steep coastal cliffs.

(39.92719, 3.08488)

J Puig Gros de Ternelles

A peak in the Serra de Tramuntana reaching 838 meters, situated within the protected Ternelles estate.

07460, Spain (39.90126, 2.96532)

K el Fumat

A 334-meter peak on the Formentor peninsula featuring a historic zigzagging stone path and views of Cala Figuera.

07460, Spain (39.94845, 3.17573)

L serra d'Albercutx

Coastal mountain range on the Formentor peninsula characterized by limestone formations and Mediterranean scrubland.

(39.92459, 3.09679)

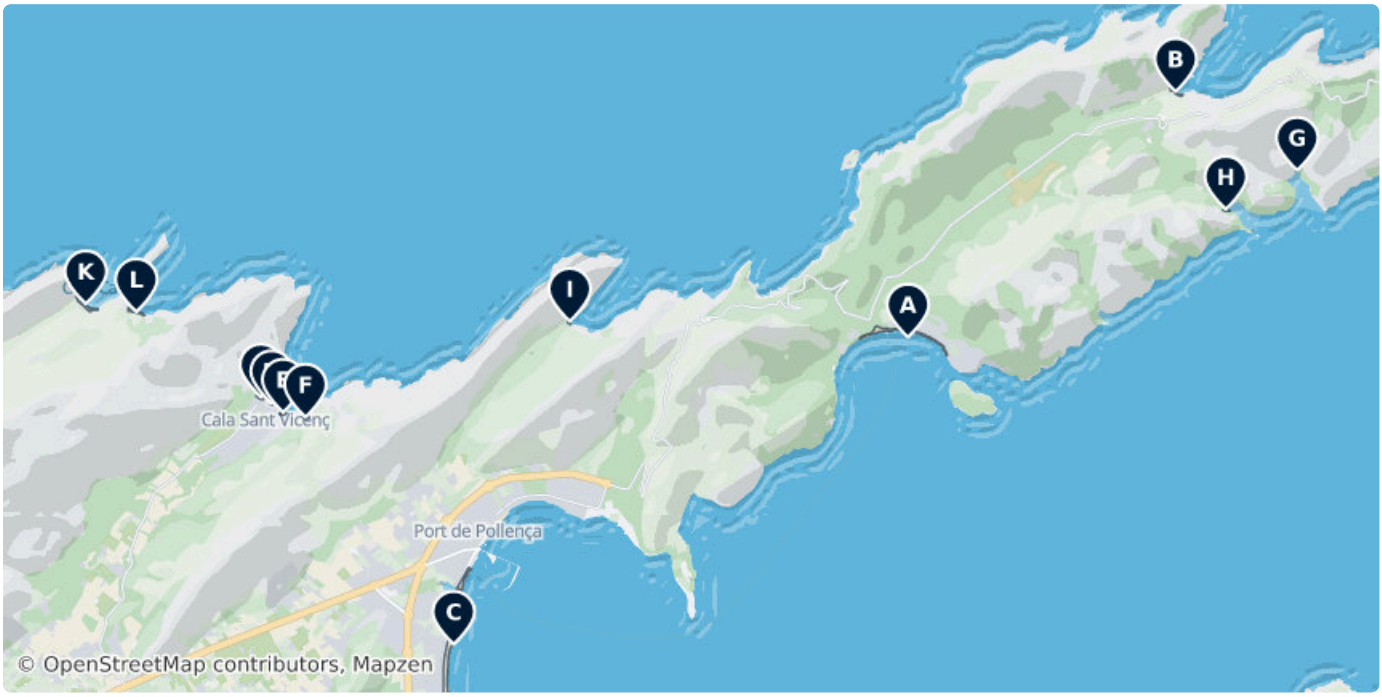
M cingle de Sant Francesc

A series of limestone cliffs located in the foothills south of Pollença.

(39.84562, 2.98358)

Best Beaches and Coasts

Pollença's coastline features a diverse range of Mediterranean environments, from the expansive sandy shores of Port de Pollença to the secluded pebble coves of the Formentor peninsula. The region is home to the four distinct inlets of Cala Sant Vicenç and the iconic Platja de Formentor, known for its fine white sand and pine-fringed backdrop. Many locations, such as Cala Bóquer and Cala Murta, require hiking through the Serra de Tramuntana foothills, offering access to clear waters and dramatic views of the Cavall Bernat ridge.





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D Cala Clara

A small sandy cove located in the resort of Cala Sant Vicenç. It features shallow, clear water and is surrounded by residential buildings and hotels.

16 Calle de Cala Clara, Cala de Sant Vicenç 07469, Spain
(39.92079, 3.05601)

E Cala Molins

The largest and most accessible sandy beach in Cala Sant Vicenç. It offers views of the Cavall Bernat mountain ridge and provides seasonal amenities including sun loungers.

2 Calle de Cala Molins, Cala de Sant Vicenç 07469, Spain
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F Cala Carbó

A quiet cove at the end of Cala Sant Vicenç. The shore is primarily composed of pebbles and rocks, often used for mooring small local boats.

16 Urbanización de la Cala Carbó, 07460, Spain
(39.91945, 3.06041)

G Cala en Gossalba

A remote, rocky inlet on the Formentor peninsula. Reached via a steep hiking trail, this secluded spot lacks services and is characterized by deep, clear water.

07460, Spain (39.94402, 3.18923)

H Cala Murta

A sheltered pebble beach tucked into a narrow bay on the Formentor peninsula. It is accessible via a 2-kilometer walk through a pine-forested valley.

Camí del Castellet, Pollença, Spain (39.94015, 3.17997)

I Cala Bóquer

A wild pebble beach at the end of the Bóquer Valley. The site is reached by a 3-kilometer hike from Port de Pollença through a scenic limestone canyon.

Spain (39.92899, 3.09474)

J Cala Barques

A sandy cove in Cala Sant Vicenç featuring views of the Cavall Bernat cliffs. It remains a traditional spot for local fishermen and offers clear waters for snorkeling.

(39.92145, 3.05463)

K Cala Castell

A remote beach located at the foot of the Castell del Rei ruins. Access involves a long hike through a private estate, which often requires a permit.

(39.93074, 3.03187)

L Cala Estremer

A small, rugged inlet enclosed by high limestone cliffs. Due to difficult land access, it is most frequently visited by boat or experienced hikers.

07460, Spain (39.92994, 3.03843)

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