

Get to know Santa Eulària through its river route



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Pont Nou New Bridge

Pont Nou was built in 1927 and became the main thoroughfare into the village. It is known as the 'New Bridge' even though a third one has recently been built.



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River Panorama

This lookout point affords an excellent view: Puig de Missa with its fortified 16th century church, the River Interpretation Centre Can Planetes (*Molí de Dalt*), the irrigation channels, the fields and orchards, the mills, the New Bridge, the Old Bridge, the river, etc. while in the background we can make out the waterfront, the riverside beach and the sea.



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Puig de Missa Church

The Turks anchored off the coast, attacked the village of Santa Eulària and destroyed the church which stood there at the time. On its ruins, the current fortified church was built in the 16th century (1565).



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Water was diverted from the river along three main irrigation channels, all of which ran between the river and the small hill on which the fortified church was raised. The largest of these was the *Canal des Molins*, engineered during Moorish times (10th century). Channelled water also drove the flourmills in the area.



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Santa Eulària Farmland and Orchards

In the 1920s, to bring irrigation to the upper part of the village, an offshoot from the main channel (*Canal des Molins*) was built. Known as *Sèquia des Mallorquí*, it fell into disuse when tourism began to displace farming.



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Sèquia des Mallorquí Irrigation ditch

During the 15th century, the village of Santa Eulària coalesced around the church, which was later fortified. Built on top of a small hill, it presided over a few houses scattered across the fields and along the river.



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The River from Puig de Missa



The Upper Mill, or *Can Planetes* Mill, has today become the River Interpretation Centre bearing the same name. Formerly a traditional farmhouse, it retains its watermill, probably of Moorish origin (10th century). The original mill was in operation until the 18th century, when it was replaced by another mill with a vertical wheel, which ceased operate in 1960.



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Molí de Dalt Upper Mill
Can Planetes - River Interpretation Centre



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Camins de Missa - Camí des Novells

For over 500 years, inhabitants from a large part of the island attended Mass at the church that stood on *Puig de Missa*. Congregants made their way on foot or by cart along the various roads that led to the hilltop.



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Ethnography Museum of Ibiza

This museum is located in an old farmhouse known as Can Ros, a prototype of rural Ibicenco architecture. Within its walls, visitors may contemplate an array of objects belonging to the island's traditional popular culture (farming tools, jewellery, musical instruments, period clothing, weapons, etc.).

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Technical information for the walk

Distance: 3.1 km

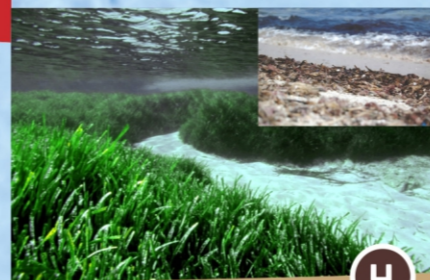
Estimated duration of the route: 1 h 30 min

Level of difficulty: low level throughout 80% of the route and medium level on some uphill stretches and steps. (e.g. The way up to Puig de Missa rises 52 metres above sea-level.)



2 Town Council

The Town Council building in Santa Eulària was built in the 19th century in the architectural style characteristic of Ibiza at that time. Underneath the square there is an air-raid shelter, built in 1937 during the Spanish Civil War.



4 Posidonia
Mediterranean tapeweed

A great variety of marine plant-life grows on the seabed around the coast. This aquatic vegetation contributes to the high quality of the water.



5 Islets

From the waterfront, several islets can be seen off the Santa Eulària coast. These islets are home to a variety of birds and reptiles, especially lizards, which are different from one island to the next; some are blue, others green, black or grey.



8 Molí de Baix
Lower Mill

The Molí de Baix was the last of Santa Eulària's flourmills to be powered by water from the Canal des Molins. The cannon on Puig de Missa was aimed directly at the sea in order to protect the river against pirate attacks coming first from the Maghreb and later from Turkish galleys.

Legend has it that the devil took part in the building of this bridge, which was purportedly constructed prior to the 18th century.



9 Pont Vell i Font d'en Lluna
Old Bridge and d'en Lluna fountain

At this point, as a gift, we tell you a tale

Santa Eulària des Riu

is the second largest municipality on Ibiza with a total area of 154 km² and a population of 36,000 inhabitants. It is located on the east side of the island and has more than 46 km of coastline with beaches and bays of extraordinary beauty and quality.

The Santa Eulària River Route runs through the village and along part of the river, highlighting the town's cultural and natural attractions as well as its heritage. The route celebrates the importance of the Balearic Islands' sole river, whose waters were used until the 20th century to irrigate the area's many fields and orchards and to drive its flourmills.

The painter Laureà Barrau i Buñol (Barcelona 1863 – Santa Eulària 1957) arrived in 1912 in Eivissa and was captivated by the light, colour and customs of the island. In 1932 he settled in Santa Eulària. In his work he captures with a great deal of light, the landscapes, streets, people and different scenes of life in Santa Eulària.



2 Sala Barrau



3 The River

Until the 20th century, village life in Santa Eulària centred on the river. The continuous flow of water enabled the nearby flourmills to operate productively in an era when bread was a staple of island life and was certainly fundamental to the local diet.

7 Torrent des lerns
Stream

Located one kilometre upstream from the river, just beyond Font des lerns, lies the source of a stream which is one of the main tributaries of the Santa Eulària River: the Torrent des lerns. Its waters were used for decades to irrigate the many fields and orchards that spread out along its banks.



3 Es Broll i Pou de Baix
The water pump and the Lower Well

The waters from the river were channelled in order to provide the village with irrigation.



10 Aquatic birds

If you see a blue shimmer in front of you, just above the water's surface, it is sure to be a Kingfisher (in Catalan *blauet*). Unlike other species, this bird is an expert fisher and can catch fish with its eyes closed.

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