

**Route:**

Playa del Portús (Portús Beach)–Campillo de Adentro–La Azohía, 10 km. to Campillo de Adentro, 12 km. to La Azohía.

Duration:

From five to seven hours.

Difference in ground level:

Maximum height above sea level reached, 270 m. on Collado de la Aguja. Minimum height above sea level, 0 m. in Cala Aguilar (Aguilar Cove).

Level of difficulty:

Easy, just be careful on the cliff areas and stretches of the Aguja Hill. Do not lose sight of the marked signs (yellow-white signs).

Trekking tips:

We would advise you to take along two vehicles, parking one in el Portús and the other at el Campillo de Adentro, and arrange to meet during the route to exchange keys.

Best season:

Any time during the year though preferably from Autumn to Spring. During the hot summer months bring along greater amounts of drinking water.

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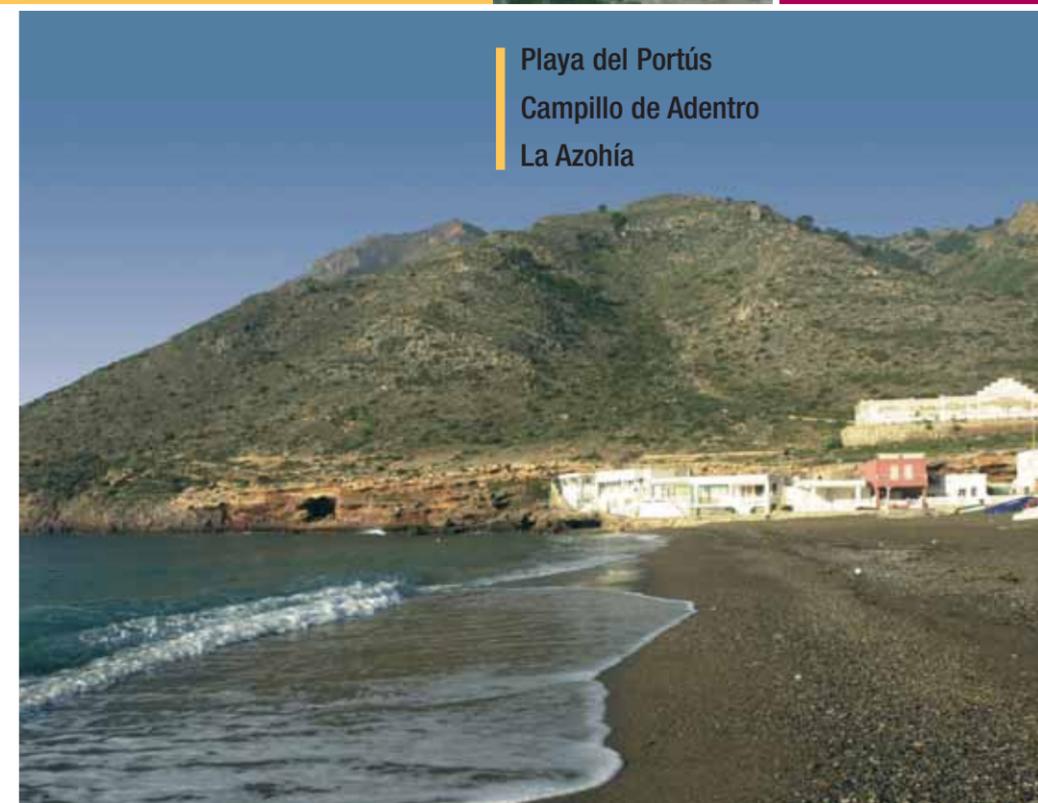
The route starts from the base of the massif of la Muela (551 m. max. height) on the playa del Portús, westwards from an old «Guarda Civil» barracks that looks over the entire beach. The path is well marked (yellow and white). Take the higher of the two initial paths, even though they come together again later on. Leaving the two beaches of Portús behind, walk towards a small cove into which a watercourse flows from the top of la Muela. At this point the pincarrasco pine trees reach the coast, surrounded by cornicabras periploca, the classical European fan palm so prevalent on the Spanish coast, and there is a wide variety of aromatic plants such as thyme, lavender, rosemary, etc. After quite a level area, you now have to cross cliff terrain, between watercourses, which descends very steeply from the massif of la Muela, mountains that skirt a large part of this



route. Do not lose sight of the yellow and white marks showing the high areas of several existing paths. You can now see the Cabezo (peak) de la Aguja (284 m.) which you will have to reach by its north-west pass. First you have to pass the area of the «Amarillos», little precipitous drops where you should ensure that you do not lose sight of the track, following the marks at all times, especially on the downward trek. Once you reach the riverbed, walk up a few metres of it (follow the signs) and take a small zigzag path going left which will take you to the pass. Once at the pass, cross on a road coming from the top of la Muela. This is the highest point you will reach above sea level (240m.), and in times past it was used to gain access to the military post of Cabezo de la Aguja, a post that is now deserted. A place you are recommended to visit for a rest is what is called the «Casa del Comandante» – «the House of the Major»- (do not drink water from the old tank because now it is not for drinking). From the Cabezo de la Aguja, go down the zigzag path until you reach Cala Aguilar, where you may visit Neptune's Cave or the Cave of the Virgin Mary (you will need 15 m. of rope to help you down) located on the east of the beach. The route continues along the west of the beach, which is the beginning of the path towards Boletes. You will come across very spectacular well marked passes by the sea. You can get water in the stretch where the path ends and the track begins. There is a small spring between the oleanders, to which you will be led by the croaking of the frogs! When you get to an old barracks, take the path northwards to the collado de Bolete. Once there, turn north-west, going around the Morra de los Garabitos (524 m), and continue on down the track as far as el Campillo de Adentro, where you can finish, or if you prefer, walk on to the next village of la Azohía. Continue along the la Bocaoria gully, which flows onto the beach of la Azohía, beside the small fishing harbour and the stack going into the sea, of which there is a view from the vigilance tower of Santa Elena, dating from the 16th century. This tower was built to warn Cartagena of the danger of Enemies on the coast when incursions from the Berber pirates were all too frequent. A visit to this restored fortification from which there is an excellent view of the coastline is a good way to end this route.



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