



Route:

Los Belones–Golf Course–Atamaría, 6,5 km.

Duration:

Between 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 hours

Difference in ground level:

max. 268 m above sea level, min. 10 m.

Level of difficulty:

Easy. Characteristics of the trek: This route covers a mountainous zone near the sea, with an autochthonous vegetation of Mediterranean thicket, baby European fan palms (*chamaerops humilis*), aromatic plants, woodland zones of halepensis pine and Cartagena cypress "Tetraclinis articulata", as well as panoramic views of the Mar Menor, Campo de Cartagena, the Golf course and the Mediterranean Sea. The utmost care must be taken since this route spans protected ecosystems, the Calblanque - Peña del Águila area.

Trekking tips:

You can cover part of this route in two vehicles leaving one at the starting point of «La Fuente», near the town of los Belones, and the pickup vehicle at the junction of the MU 320 road leading to Atamaría and Llano del Beal.

ROUTE:

You can get to Los Belones on the MU-312 road between el Algar and Cabo de Palos. Exit the fast lane in the direction of Los Belones and take the old road that traverses the village. At the fourth crossing, a road going south leads to the source of La Fuente, where you can leave your vehicles. This is the starting point of the trek, at the peak of La Fuente, south of Los Belones. Start by walking along a south-west track which is initially the same route as the PR-1 (Los Belones–Cala Reona). This will take you to an old abandoned barracks, where the track forks eastwards into the PR-1 and westwards into the PR-2. Take a small path going westwards and, a few metres away, on a rise, you will come across a path going downhill to la cala de las Mulas (the cove of the Mules) in a southward direction. From the vicinity of this cove, a narrow track goes over the small hills of

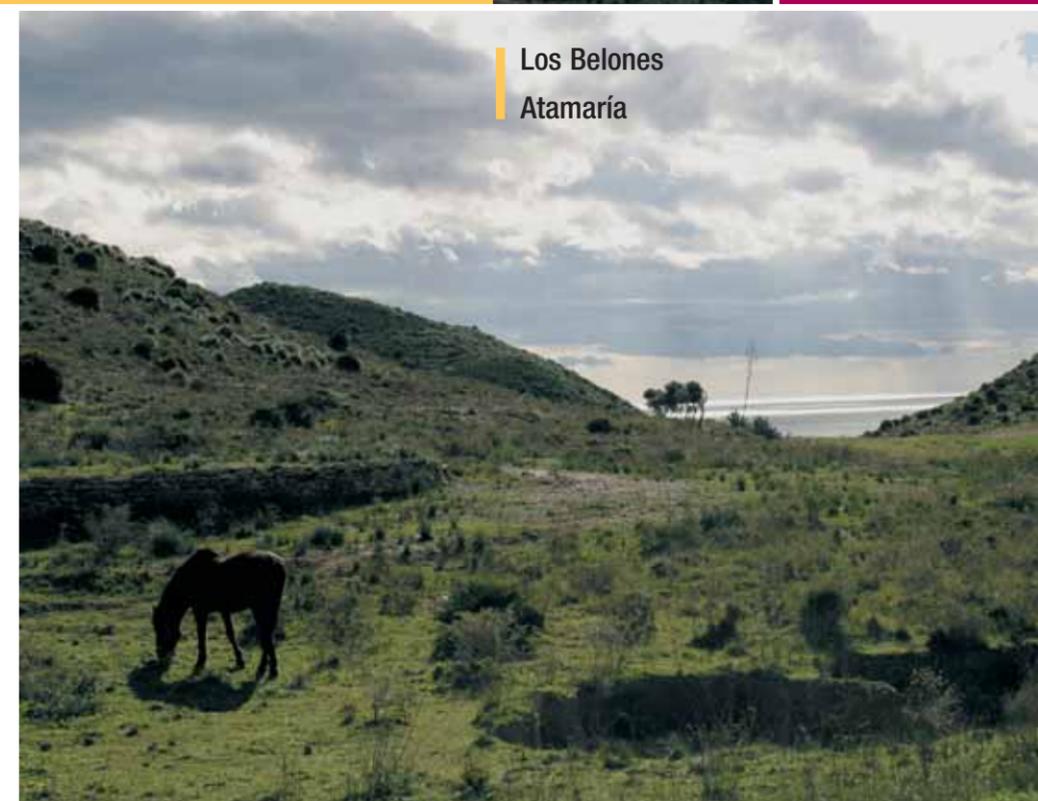


grey slate in a westward direction along stretches of coast between cliffs and small coves. The vegetation consists of thorny thicket with a prevalence of cornicabras (turpentine trees) as well as *periploca laegvifata*, and the European fan palm, *chamaerops humilis* abounds in some riverbeds. Along this track you will see the Mediterranean Sea to the south and to the north rise the grey crests of the slate peaks. The track goes along for about one kilometre where it diverges uphill in a north westward direction until it reaches a rise from which a mud track leads down southwards to the Cala del Barco (Cove of the Boat) as well as northwards towards the entire golf course area. From the hill, continue up along the mountain westwards towards the peak, where you will meet the track again along which you should continue following the signs. As you are coming down the hill cross another track and continue up until you get to the top, 268 m. high. From this point you will have a panoramic view: to the south, the Mediterranean Sea or Mar Mayor, to the north the residential sport complex of the Golf Course and, straight ahead, el Mar Menor. Once you have been refreshed by the marvellous view and the different Mediterranean and Menor sea breezes, continue westwards, and when you reach the woodland area follow the signs around it which will lead you into a wood comprising halapensis pine trees, and the cypress trees of Cartagena, the tetraclinis articulata. Continue until you meet a north bound track of 1.2 Km, which leads to the junction with the PR-4 route of Portmán–El Llano del Beal, west of which is Portmán, and north of which is el Llano del Beal. This is the end of the route.

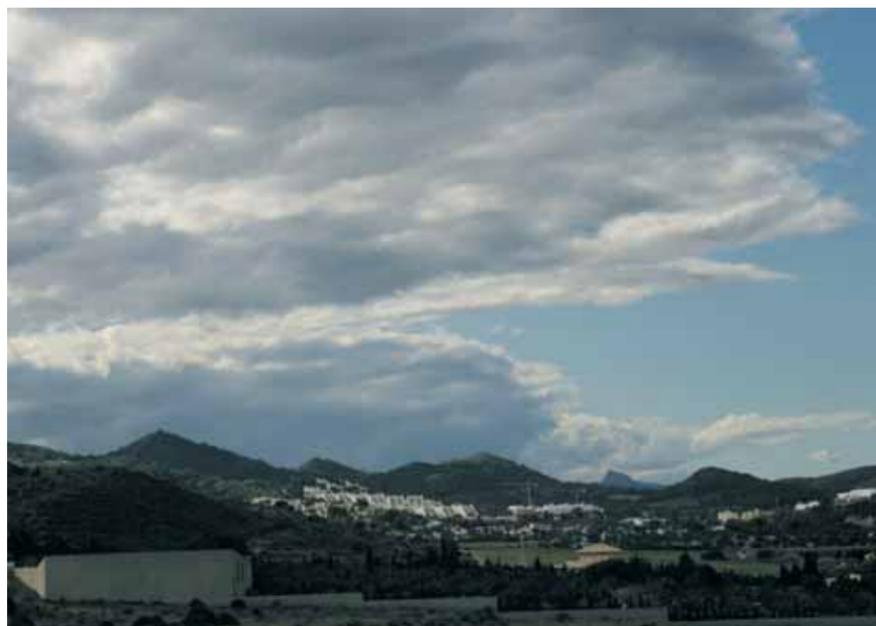
Alternative route:

If you decide on this alternative you can take the route from Cabo de Palos (Cala Reona) to El Llano del Beal, covering three PRs on the east coat of Cartagena.

The route starts along the PR-1 route of Cala Reona–Calblanque–Los Belones (10 km.), and joins the PR-2 route of Los Belones–Atamaría (6.5 km.) and continues as far as El Llano del Beal by the PR-4 route of Potmán–Llano del Beal (4 km.), making up a total route of 20.5 km., which takes approximately 7 to 8 hours.



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