

59 ARINSAL - COLL DE TURER - ALT DE LA CAPA (COMAPEDROSA NATURE PARK)

WALKING IN ANDORRA



DON'T MISS...

visiting Massa, the La Massana tamarro creature in the River Pollós, in Arinsal village.

DID YOU KNOW...

in this village, in February 1996, one of the largest avalanches in the history of Andorra took place? Although it affected eight buildings and more than 300 people were evacuated, no-one was injured. The avalanche dropped 1.5 million cubic metres of snow.

BEHIND THE NAME

Arinsal: related to the Basque word haran (valley), could come from the characteristic U-shaped glacial valley, with water points and erosive morphologies.



Pal



Arinsal



Coll de Turer

Alt de la Capa is a peak with a height of 2,572 metres, and is considered the viewpoint of Pal and Arinsal. This pyramid-shaped peak cannot go unnoticed and moves everyone, whether or not they love the mountains.

This mountain crowns the slopes of Arinsal, a northern mountainside completely dotted with slopes and ski lifts. On the other hand, the slope overlooking Pal is much wilder and more pristine, making it ideal for mountaineers who like to tread more lonely and often narrower paths. This isn't just a big mountain, but rather a real pearl of the Andorran high mountain.








The first part of the route goes through deciduous forest, which, as you gain height, gives way to a Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*) forest. You'll be accompanied by woody plants such as hazelnut (*Corylus avellana*), with rough, toothed and pointed leaves and wild cherry (*Prunus avium*), also with pointed leaves but in this case elliptical, and the wayfaring tree (*Viburnum lantana*).

In terms of fauna, you can see Northern wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*), water pipit (*Antus spinoletta*) and black redstart (*Phoenicurus ochros*).

LA MASSANA

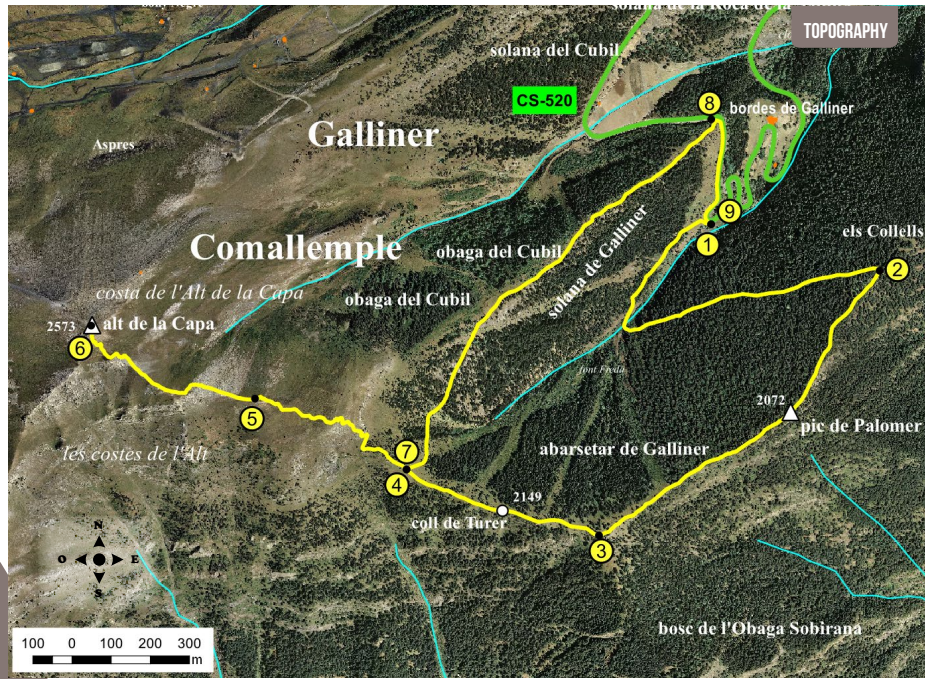
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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

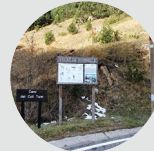
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ROUTE SIGNAGE

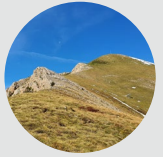
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-  WRONG DIRECTION



PLACE ALTITUDE	DISTANCE ASCENT/DESCENT	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
1 COLL DE TURER SIGN 1.818 m	-- (--)	--	N42 33.934 E1 28.409	Take the CG-5 towards Arinsal. Pass the village and continue along the CS-520 in the direction of the Arinsal ski resort. After kilometre 2, you'll see a sign for Camí de Coll de Turer.
2 CROSSROADS OF PATHS 1.938 m	1.060 m (+120 m)	30'	N42 33.868 E1 28.725	At the beginning, the path climbs straight through the forest. Shortly afterwards, the slope softens and even flattens out to a crossroads with two possible directions; Camí de Palomer and Coll de Turer.
3 SIGNPOST 2.168 m	2.130 m (+232 m)	1h 20'	N42 33.499 E1 28.205	Turn right towards Coll de Turer. From this point, climb a steep slope through the forest until coming to a flatter area. Continue on more gentle terrain and, shortly afterwards, you'll reach a high point with a signpost.
4 COLL DE TURER 2.180 m	2.704 m (+27 m -15 m)	1h 30'	N42 33.587 E1 27.846	Follow the route up and down over the spine of the mountain to Coll de Turer.



PLACE ALTITUDE	DISTANCE ASCENT/DESCENT	TIME	COORDINATES	DESCRIPTION
5 CREST LINE 2.370 m	3.266 m (+190 m)	2h 05'	N42 33.680 E1 27.560	From Coll de Turer, carry straight on up in a north-westerly direction. Shortly afterwards, cross over a small stretch of rock and continue up an alpine meadow. Zigzag over the steep slope to the ridge of the mountain, where the slope softens.
6 ALT DE LA CAPA 2.572 m	3.823 m (+202 m)	2h 45'	N42 33.776 E1 27.252	From this point, continue to climb the ridge. Being able to see the peak at all times will help to keep you motivated! Walk the last few metres to the top of Alt de la Capa, where magnificent views await.
7 COLL DE TURER 2.180 m	4.935 m (-392 m)	3h 35'	N42 33.587 E1 27.846	Return along the same path to Coll de Turer.
8 CAMÍ DEL GRAU SIGN 1.836 m	6.235 m (-344 m)	4h 25'	N42 36.287 E1 28.012	Once in Coll de Turer, turn left onto a grassy slope that descends in a northerly direction. This first section of Camí Grau is not very well-trodden and you'll therefore need to pay attention to the yellow dots that mark the path to follow. The path descends straight between forest and clearings, always in a north-easterly direction. After a steep descent, come to the main road, where you'll find a sign for Camí Grau.
9 COLL DE TURER SIGN 1.818 m	6.535 m (-20 m)	4h 30'	N42 33.934 E1 28.409	Go down the CS-520 for a few metres until returning to the starting point of your route.



ROUTE PROFILE

