

A scenic photograph of two kayakers on a calm blue sea. In the foreground, a man in a green kayak and a blue life vest is paddling. Behind him, a woman in a yellow kayak is also paddling. In the background, a large, craggy rock formation rises from the water under a clear blue sky. The text 'IBIZA Kayak routes' is overlaid in white on the right side of the image.

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Ibiza, with its crystal-clear waters and more than 200 kilometres of spectacular coast, is an ideal destination for all types of water-sports: diving, wind-surfing, sailing, kayaking, etc.

Slicing through the waters of Ibiza in a kayak provides you with a completely different view of the island. Innumerable spots which are only accessible from the sea await discovery... including bays sheltered by cliffs, natural caves, etc.

There is a wide variety of businesses where fans of the sport can sign-up for all types of services as well as schools which offer courses taught by qualified professionals.

What are you waiting for? Come kayaking in Ibiza...

► WHAT TO BRING

AUTUMN, WINTER AND SPRING SEASONS

Sun-cream, lycra clothing, water-proof footwear, a waterproof thin jacket which is both protection from the spray from the paddles as well as from the wind. Drinking water and something to eat.

It is advisable to bring a waterproof bag to keep things in which we don't want to get wet.

SUMMER

Sun-cream, sun-glasses, sun-proof clothing which protects against chafing from the life-jacket and water-proof footwear. Drinking water and something to eat. It is advisable to bring a waterproof bag to keep things in which we don't want to get wet.

“Glancing water, brilliant sun, a pretty canoe, and a light heart, all your baggage on board, and on a fast current, who would exchange this for any diligence or railway, or steamboat, or horse?”

John McGregor,

A thousand Miles in the Rob Roy Canoe on

Rivers and Lakes of Europe (1866)

Pioneering kayaker

• LEVEL 1: LOW

• LEVEL 2: MEDIUM

• LEVEL 3: HIGH

• LEVEL 4: SUPERIOR

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ROUTE 1

▶ SES FIGUERETES ↪ ES SOTO

- **SET-OFF POINT:** Ses Figueretes beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 1 - 1.30 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 4,7 km

This route sets out from an urban beach, Ses Figueretes, from which we should head to our left (northwards).

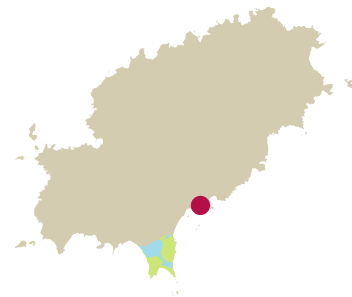
We follow the coast along the seafront promenade and soon the cityscape will give way to the cliffs of Puig des Molins, an area with very few buildings. Running alongside this area of great natural beauty in the heart of Ibiza city, we will find an extensive underwater posidonia meadow.

As we continue along we come across various islets to our right and a splendid panorama of Formentera. After paddling approximately 1 km, we will reach a small sandy beach where we can take a rest.

A little further on, if the sea is calm, we may paddle between the rocks and through a natural tunnel which bring us directly to the area Es Soto, with its small beach known as Platja de Ses Dones (Women's Beach).

The route continues along the coastline of the cliffs until we come to an area with various pebbly beaches, just below the renaissance walls that protect the old city: Dalt Vila. We can disembark in the area of Baix de Sa Penya, located at the foot of the impressive Santa Lúcia stronghold.

Let us return to Ses Figueretes following the same route in reverse.





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ROUTE 2

► ES TORRENT ↩ PORROIG

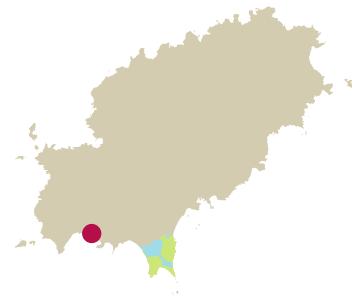
- **SET-OFF POINT:** Es Torrent beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 1 hour
- **DISTANCE:** 3,5 km

This simple route is particularly recommended for those with no sea kayaking experience who would like to enjoy a peaceful and pleasurable excursion on a summer day when the prevailing winds are generally east and northeast.

This route sets out from the pebble beach of Es Torrent, which is situated in a quiet bay; here the underwater landscape is especially rich, with areas of underwater posidonia meadow, sandy sea beds and rocky areas.

We soon reach the well known area of Ses Illetes, where we should continue paddling along the coast until we are into the bay of Porroig. First we will pass the tranquil inlet of Es Cucó before coming to Porroig beach, with its many fishermen huts for the local fishing boats.

After a well-earned rest, it is a good idea to return to Es Torrent rounding the islets, but staying close to the coast on windy days.





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ROUTE 3

► CALA BASSA ↩ PUNTA DE SA PEDRERA

- **SET-OFF POINT:** Cala Bassa beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 1.30 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 4 km

This route allows us to explore the northern coast of the municipality of Sant Josep de Sa Talaia setting out from Cala Bassa, a large, crystal clear beach where the juniper tress sweep down to the sea and which offers welcome shade from the hot island sun.

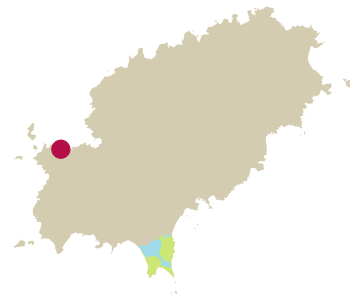
Paddling to our left, a short few metres later we will come across an opening in the wall which conceals one of the most spectacular caves on the island. We will have to paddle a few metres in the dark to reach a vault with a collapsed ceiling that has created a large window of light.

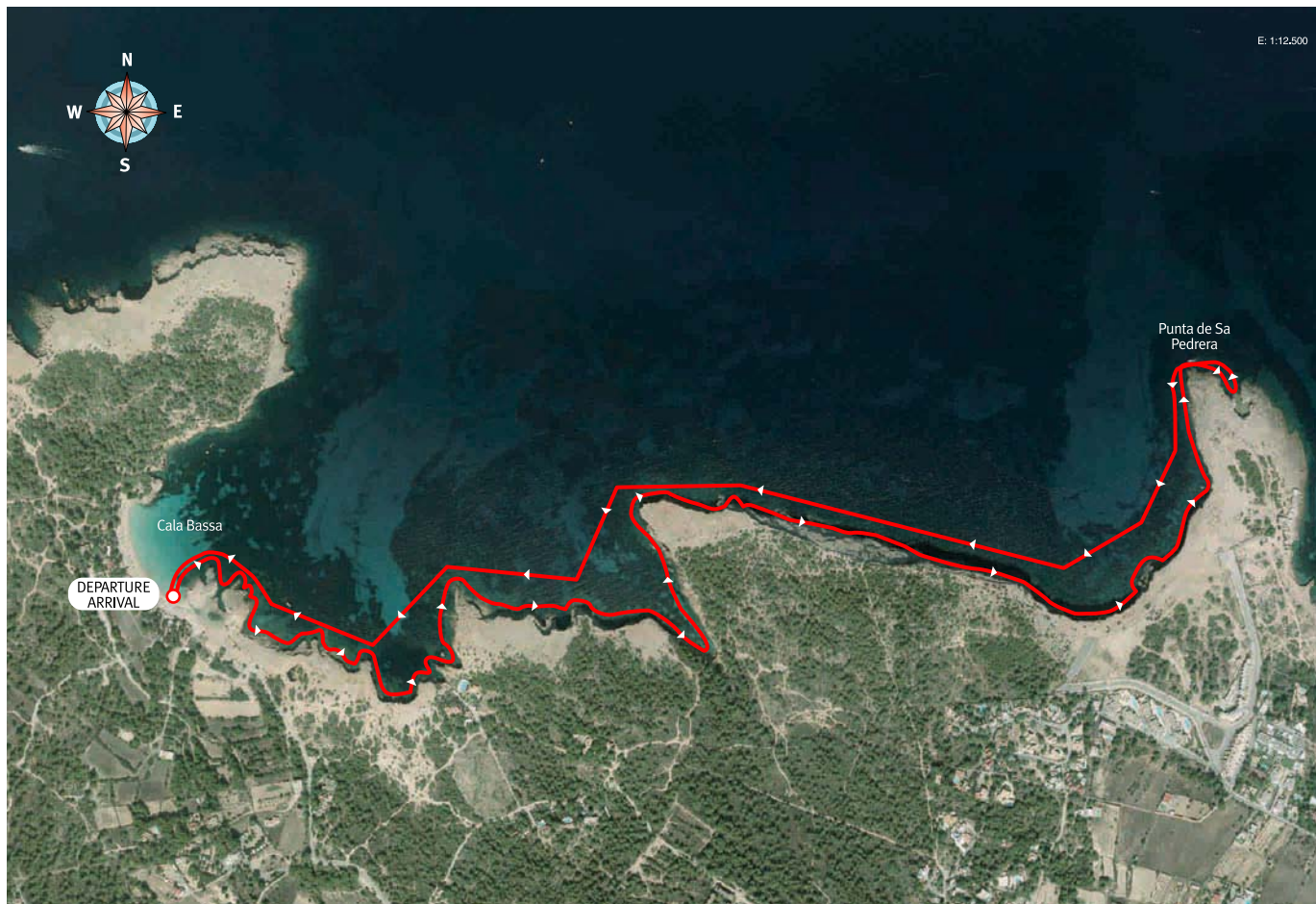
Let us continue along the coast, parallel to the rocks that gain in height and offer a landscape of low jagged cliffs with multiple caves and some coves that can only be accessed by the sea.

Just before entering a bay in which Port des Torrent is located, we arrive at our destination: Punta de Sa Pedrera. Its name refers to a quarry sandstone where we will be able to rest traversing the gap that separates it from the open sea, wherever sea conditions allow it.

Let us return to Cala Bassa following the same route in reverse.

This is a very simple route, when sea conditions are right, that leaves you with a good taste in the mouth.





ROUTE 4

▶ CALA GRACIÓ ↩ CALÓ DES MORO

- **SET-OFF POINT:** Cala Gració beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 1 hour
- **DISTANCE:** 3,5 km

This simple route sets out from the sandy cove of Cala Gració in the direction of Sant Antoni de Portmany downtown bringing you on to Caló des Moro beach.

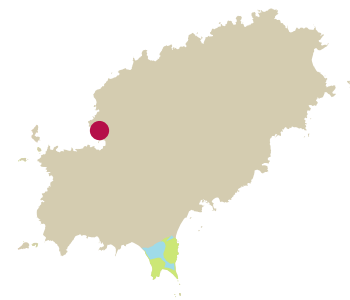
Before heading off to the left explore its adjoining tranquil little cove to the right: Cala Gracioneta.

Let us paddle towards Cap Blanc and enjoy a landscape dominated by pine trees and rocks. After passing the headland, we will arrive at Cova de Ses Llagostes, a cave that currently houses Ibiza's Marine Species Recovery Centre where we will find specimens of loggerhead turtle, dogfish and some small sharks, amongst other unique species.

From here it is just over 1 km to Caló des Moro,

our destination: a beach integrated into the urban area of Sant Antoni. Here we can enjoy a drink on a nearby terrace and enjoy the sunset opposite the islet of Sa Conillera.

Let us return to Cala Gració following the same route in reverse.





ROUTE 5

▶ CALA SALADA ↩ RACÓ DE SA GALERA

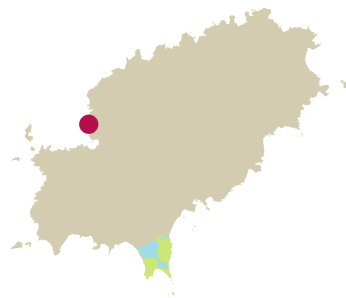
- **SET-OFF POINT:** Cala Salada beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 1 hour
- **DISTANCE:** 4,3 km

This easy route will allow us to explore a particularly beautiful stretch of the coast of the municipality of Sant Antoni de Portmany which is perfect for swimming in any of the spots.

Before leaving the bay of Cala Salada, we will pass in front of Cala Saladeta: a beautiful small sandy beach that evokes images of paradise. From here, let us paddle to our left (southwards) and continue along the cliffs with their impressive colours and shapes.

Just over 1 km later we reach Racó de Sa Galera, a cove sheltered by the Punta de Sa Galera headland, where we can alight from our kayak. All along this long and narrow headland we can enjoy wonderful snorkelling through the marvellous beds of posidonia.

Let us return to Cala Salada following the same route in reverse.



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Punta de
Sa Galera

Racó de
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ROUTE 6

▶ CALA XARRACA ↩ ES CANARET

- **SET-OFF POINT:** Cala Xarraca beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 1.30 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 6,6 km

This route goes from Xarraca bay to Es Canaret bay, taking us along the entire coastline of Punta de Xarracó through a dreamlike landscape with its caves of mysterious lights and pristine waters.

The route starts at Cala Xarraca, a beach situated at the end of a stream. We continue along the coast to our left (northwards). Soon will we reach an area with many reefs and a large islet: Sa Mesquida. All along the coast we will see many oleanders and reed beds which reveal the presence of freshwater springs.

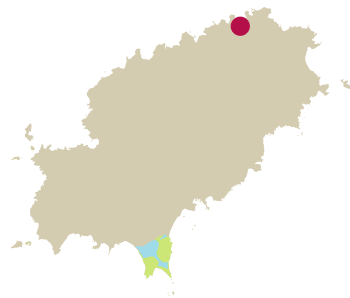
Let us continue along the route, staying close to the coast at all times, so we do not miss the entrance to a deep cave, with its underwater entrance and the light flowing through it to illuminate the seabed below.

All the landscape along this stretch is very rugged, with a multitude of small inlets, coves and caves until we get to Punta de Xarracó. We need to stay alert in this area as there are many rocks at sea level.

Southwards, having passed Punta de Xarracó and paddling through dense underwater posidonia meadows, we reach the islet of Es Canaret which is separated from the coast by a very narrow strait. This creates a very sheltered spot for the jetties in the area.

Our destination is the small beach at the end of the bay, at the foot of a huge mansion and beneath an old gypsum mine, opening to which is visible. A small freshwater spring flowing out onto the sand gives the whole scene an idyllic touch.

Let us return to Cala Xarraca following the same route in reverse.





ROUTE 7

► ES PORTITXOL DE PORTINATX ↪ LIGHTHOUSE OF MOSCARTER

- **SET-OFF POINT:** Es Portitxol de Portinatx beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 1.30 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 4,6 km

This short kayaking route allows us to explore, from the sea, the most northern tip of Ibiza: Punta des Moscarter. The entire route runs along the cliff face which means there are no coves to disembark in.

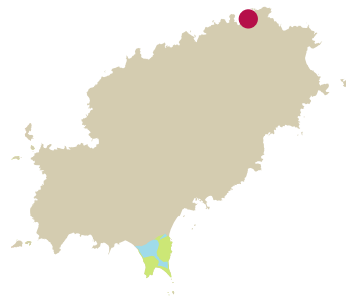
We set out from Es Portitxol de Portinatx, a small natural port in a beautiful inlet that is sheltered to the right by the islet of Sa Guardiola.

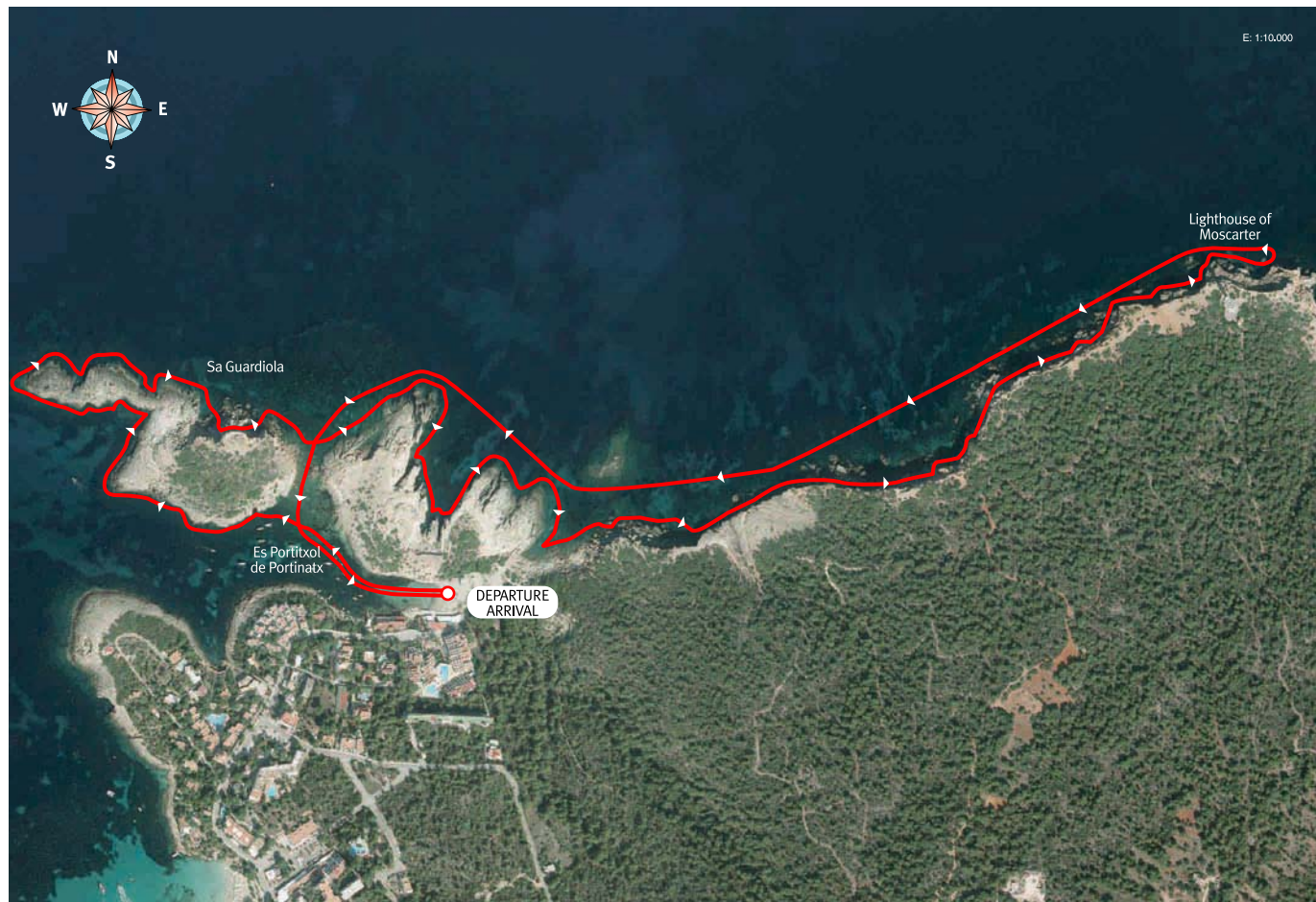
Heading to our right we will soon come to a beautiful cave on the islet. Then we can either round that islet, which is quite large, or paddle along the narrow strait between the coast and the islet.

Passing it, let us continue along the coast past a low cliff that has been eroded away by the

harsh north winds of wintertime. Our final destination is the imposing lighthouse of Moscarter, with its green and white diagonal stripes.

We shall return to Es Portitxol de Portinatx following the same route in reverse.





ROUTE 8

▶ ES FIGUERAL ↪ CALÓ ROIG

- **SET-OFF POINT:** Es Figueral beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 1.30 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 5,3 km

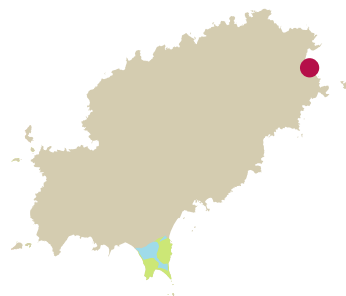
Let us set out from Es Figueral beach heading to our right (southwards) and after passing some protruding rocks that make the route more interesting, we will arrive at Punta de S'Albadar.

From here a fairly unspoilt area begins where the cliffs start to get a little steeper. Directly to the left, rising out of the sea and beside the coast stands Illot de S'Hort, an islet which we can easily paddle around.

Let us continue our journey towards Punta Verda and, immediately after, we will come to Caló Roig, where a tiny sand and pebble beach with reddish soil on the rock faces, awaits us for a good rest. As, there is no land access, we can be pretty sure that we will be alone here.

Let us return to Es Figueral following the same route in reverse.

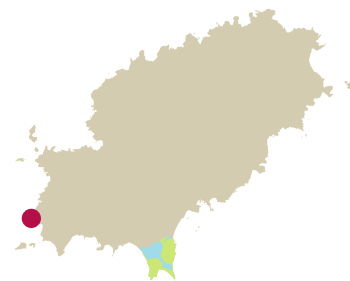
This is a very simple route when sea conditions are good; it will leave us a good taste in the mouth.





ROUTE 9

▶ CALA CARBÓ ↺ ES VEDRÀ - ES VEDRANELL



- **SET-OFF POINT:** Cala Carbó beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 3 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 14,3 km

This route get us to know the two most magical and mystical islets of our topography and which are steeped in legend. Most of this route lies within a protected area, so it is necessary to get information on the activities permitted within this perimeter. We will have to watch out for marine traffic as well, particularly in summertime.

We recommend adapting the itinerary to weather conditions and trying to paddle with the wind behind, as the route runs along a fairly exposed part of the coastline.

We set out this route from the small sheltered beach of Cala Carbó and, although we can see the silhouette of the two islets as soon as we leave the bay, it is a good idea to paddle along the coast until we reach Punta de L'Oliva head-

land, crossing over from there (it is a longer paddle stretch, but less tiring).

Soon into the trip we will pass in front of the minuscule Cala Truja, a small pebble beach, and the sandy cove of Cala d'Hort. Let us continue paddling as the white cliffs gradually get steeper as we move along.

Once we have reached Cap Blanc, where we will avoid the rocks just hiding below the surface, we will soon come to Racó des Mataret, a pebble beach where we can rest before continuing on to the islets.

Once we have got to Punta de L'Oliva headland, we continue on towards Punta des Enterrossais, the closest area to Es Vedranell. Let us paddle along the coast of the islet leaving it to our right as we continue gradually into S'Olleta, a hidden bay sheltered by the tall walls of Es Vedranell. Let us continue on the trip to Punta des Escullets, where we start crossing over to Es Vedrà.

We continue on the route in a figure of "eight",

circling Es Vedrà and continuing to the right paddling along its northern face. We will pass between some rocks at sea level, Sa Galera, and Es Vedrà; we will paddle round Es Vedrà by its Cap de Sa Bestorre headland. Let us carry on along the southern face finishing the loop and returning to Es Vedranell.

Let us sail along the northern side of this islet returning, directly this time, to Cala Carbó without following the coastline.





ROUTE 10

▶ PLATGES DE COMTE ↪ S'ILLA DES BOSC - SA CONILLERA

- **SET-OFF POINT:** Platges de Comte beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 2 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 10,2 km

This route allows you to explore two of the islets of the Nature Reserves of Es Vedrà, Es Vedranell and the Western Islets, S'Illa des Bosc and Sa Conillera. This trip goes through a protected area; therefore it is important to inform ourselves as to what activities are permitted here. It is also important to be alert to marine traffic, particularly in summertime.

In addition, we are advised to adapt our itinerary to meteorological conditions and to try to paddle with the wind, as the route is in a fairly exposed area. The route follows a figure of "eight" with S'Illa des Bosc initially to our right and Sa Conillera to our left.

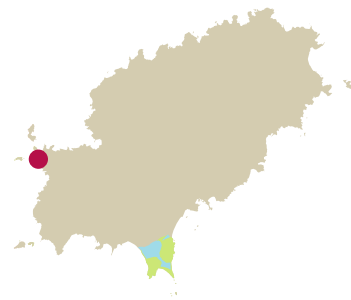
Setting out from Platges de Comte, an idyllic spot with various sandy expanses and turquois-

se waters, we paddle towards S'Illa des Bosc, the first islet we will reach leaving various reefs behind us.

Let us continue along the coast of the islet, leaving it to our right, as we reach Cap des Picatxos and from here, we will cross over to Cap des Blancar, the southern part of the islet of Sa Conillera. We continue our route, leaving the island to our left as we pass a small beach, Cala de S'Olleta, and a small port.

The cliffs gradually get steeper now until they reach the highest point at Punta des Cavall. Once we have passed this point, let us continue along the west coast of the island, which is the part that has been most eroded by the great force of the sea.

Back at Cap des Blancar, now we head towards Cap des Picatxos to finish traversing the coastline of S'Illa des Bosc along its eastern side. Finally, to finish the figure of eight circuit, let us paddle the stretch across to Ibiza.





ROUTE 11

▶ CALA SALADA ↩ SES BALANDRES

- **SET-OFF POINT:** Cala Salada beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 3 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 14,5 km

This route of average difficulty brings us along one of most spectacular stretches of the municipality of Sant Antoni de Portmany. We will visit a rugged coastline with idyllic coves that can only be accessed by sea or along secluded hiking tracks.

The route starts at Cala Salada, a small east-facing beach from which you should head northwards leaving behind the paradisiacal small cove of Cala Saladeta. We will pass between the coast and S'Illeta de Cala Salada until we reach Sa Foradada, a beautiful rock with a large hole that links the northern and southern slopes.

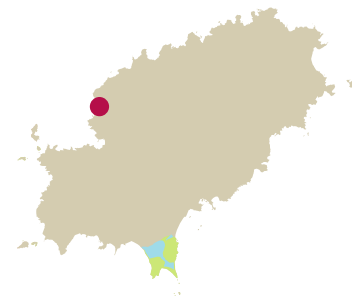
Paddling alongside the cliffs that gradually gain in height will allow us to enjoy the surrounding unique geology. We pass along the coast of

the impressive Cap Nunó and continue paddling northwards.

Some 5 km from the start of the route, we will arrive at the area known as Coralls d'en Guillem, which we will recognize by its fishermen boat huts. Continuing beneath the magnificent cliffs of Sa Penya Esbarrada we reach Punta Roja, which gets its name from the reddish colour which can only be seen at this point of the route and where a freshwater waterfall cascades down to the sea.

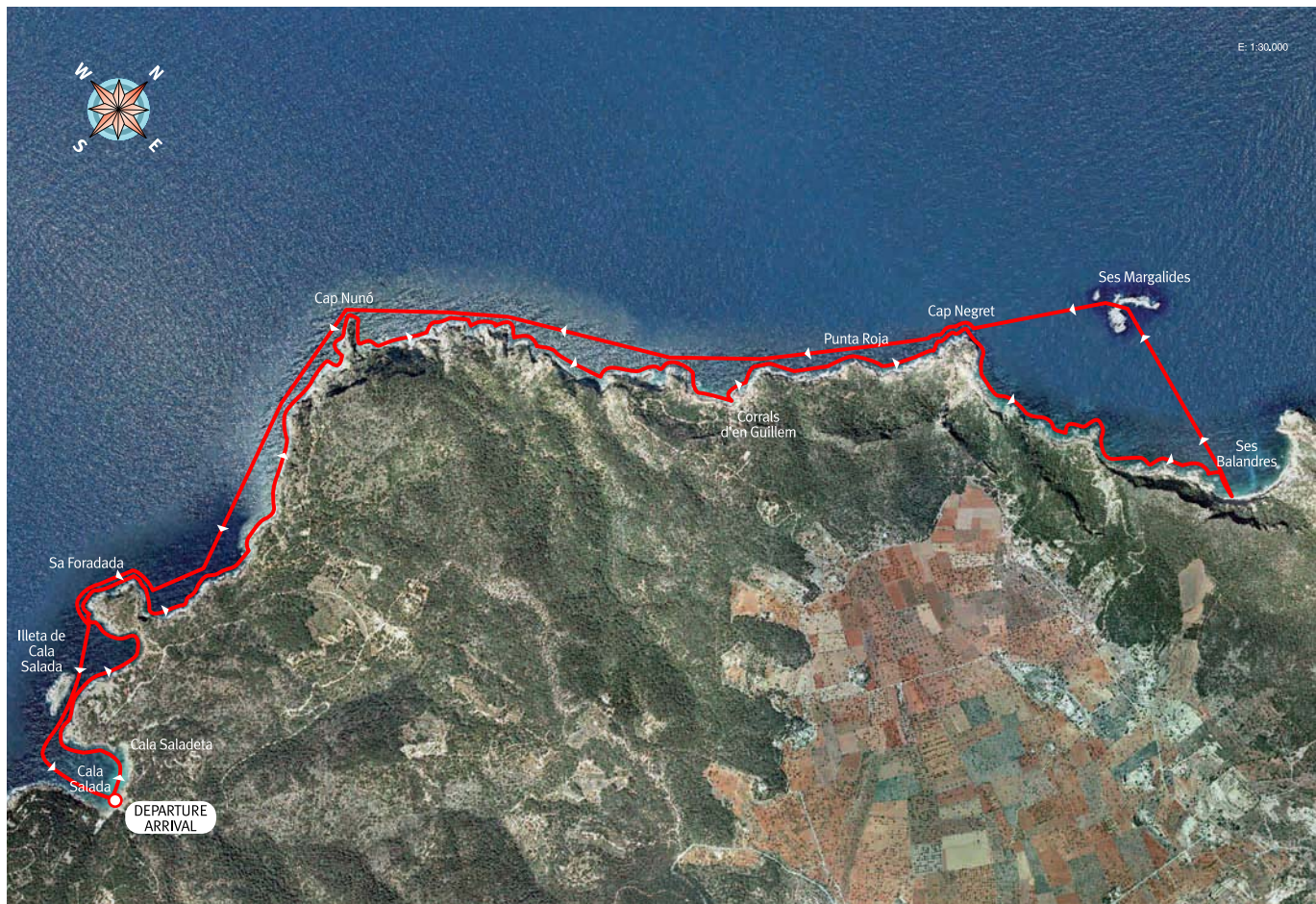
We will soon arrive at Cap Negret, from where we can make out the islets of Ses Margalides. If sea conditions allow it and the wind is not too strong, we should not miss the opportunity to experience passing beneath the natural arch that opens into the largest islet.

Let us return to a good-sized pebble cove that extends beneath a high cliff, Ses Balandres, where we will find isolated fishermen boat huts that make the place an unusual yet inviting enclave where we might take a rest.



Let us return to Cala Salada following the same route in reverse.





ROUTE 12

► BENIRRÀS ➞ ES CANARET

- **SET-OFF POINT:** Benirràs beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 2 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 10,3 km

This kayaking route brings us along an unspoilt section of the northwest coast of the island of Ibiza.

Setting out from Benirràs, a beach situated in a deep bay famous for its sunsets, we soon come across a cave (with two entrances) located on the left hand side of the bay. Also worthy of a visit is the islet of Carall Bernat which dominates the centre of the bay.

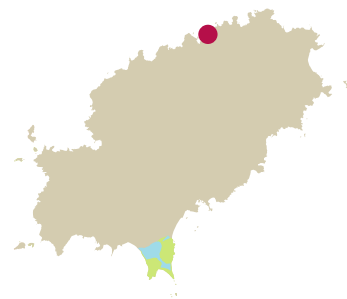
Paddling northwards, we will come across the gigantic Cova de S'Orenga, one of the many caves along the Ibiza coast used as a hideout since ancient times.

Let us continue along the route enjoying the rugged coastline which stretches out to Caló de S'Illa, an inlet with white pebble beaches

and a perfect spot to take a break. If the sea is not too choppy we continue the route crossing the small stretch that separates Illot d'Encalders islet from the coastline. If sea conditions do not allow this, we will paddle instead around the islet.

After paddling around Punta Negra and Cap Blanc headlands we will enter the bay of Es Canaret and its first beach: Caló des Porcs, named after the monk seal population that once frequented the area. However, our destination is the next small beach, nestled below a small freshwater waterfall and located at the foot of a huge mansion and an old gypsum mine.

Let us return to Benirràs along the same route in reverse.





ROUTE 13

▶ CALA DE SANT VICENT ↪ CALA DE JONC

- **SET-OFF POINT:** Cala de Sant Vicent beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 2 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 9,7 km

This trip allows us to explore the northeast part of the island, a wild territory at the mercy of the north wind storms that have created an extravagant geological landscape of eroded layers.

Let us set out from Cala de Sant Vicent beach and paddle to our left leaving the urban area behind us as we continue on towards Punta Grossa, a headland crowned with an abandoned lighthouse.

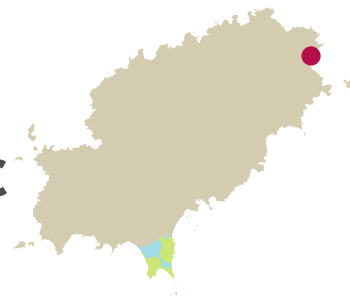
We have three options when it comes to circumnavigating the headland as there are two small islets opposite the coast here.

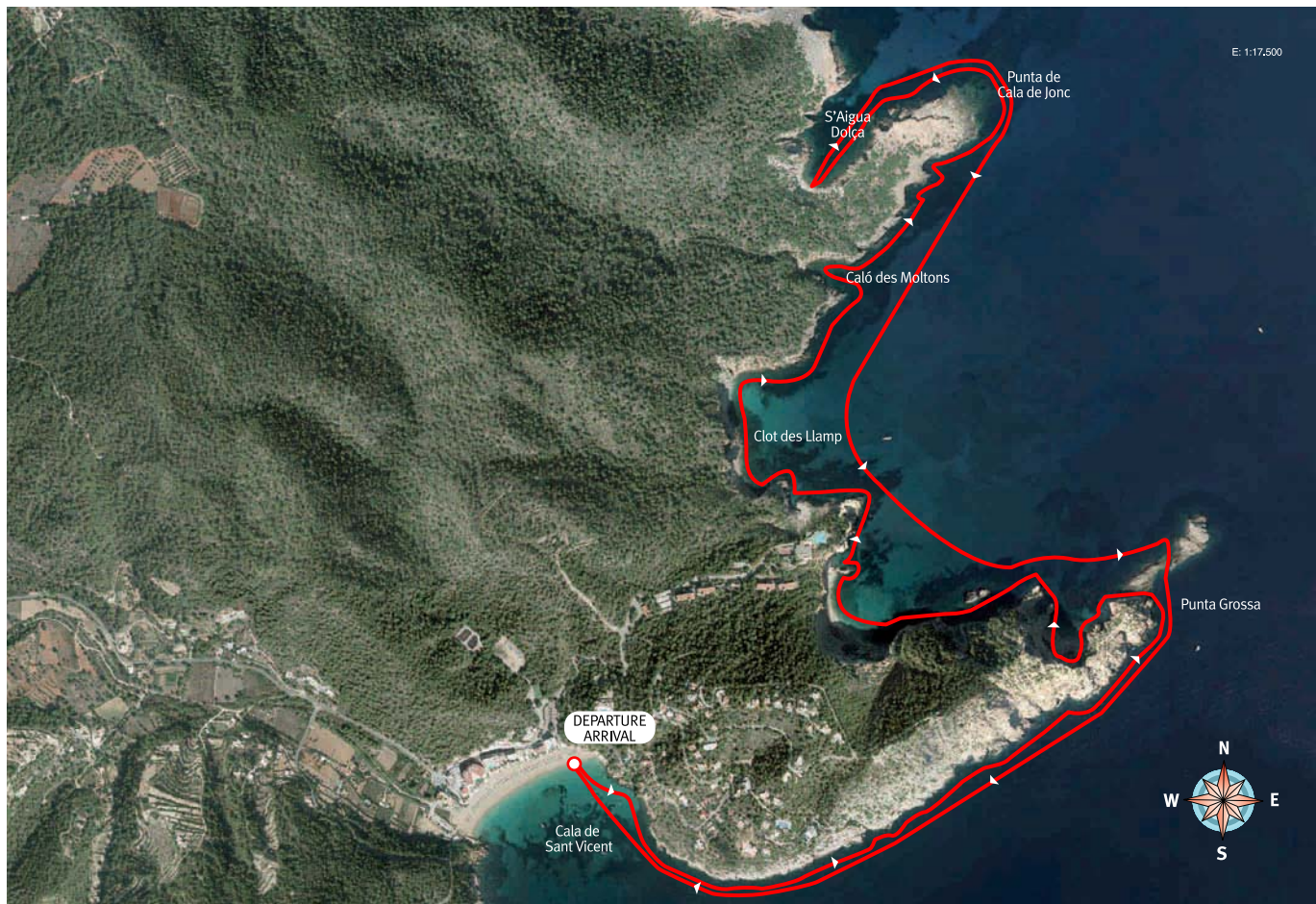
Let us continue paddling westwards to arrive shortly to the small pebbly cove with its white

sand called Clot des Llamp. We continue on passing the Allà Dins resort to arrive at Caló des Moltons.

Our destination lies just beyond the next headland, Punta de Cala de Jonc, and is the paradisiacal cove of S'Aigua Dolça, where we are unlikely to find any signs of life other than the odd cormorant or seagull.

Let us return to Cala de Sant Vicent following the same route in reverse.





ROUTE 14

▶ CANAL D'EN MARTÍ ↪ TAGOMAGO

- **SET-OFF POINT:** Canal d'en Martí beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME** 2.30 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 12,2 km

This route takes us around Tagomago which is one of the islets close to Ibiza with the most attractive geology.

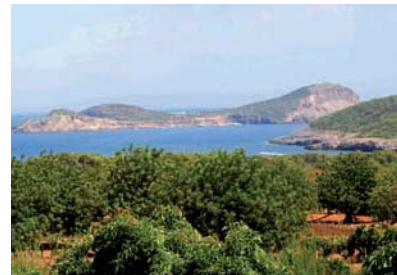
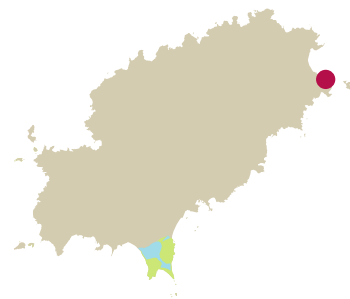
We set out from Canal d'en Martí heading to our right, towards Punta d'en Valls, where the D'en Valls defence tower protrudes. Until we reach this point, the rock is dark with low-lying cliffs and there are small reefs in the sea to circumnavigate.

From Punta d'en Valls, we head towards Tagomago, to arrive at a sort of bay in which boats usually anchor. Here the water is crystal clear and the colours go from turquoise blue to emerald green, passing through the dark tones of the underwater posidonia meadows or the reddish colour of some of the rocks.

From here we head northwards towards Punta de Sa Rajola, to begin our circumnavigation of the island. Here we will see rocky layers laid out in straight lines unlike to the curved patterns that can be seen in other parts of Ibiza. The colour of the rock here also varies from greyish to brown, red and green.

Once S'Olla de Tramuntana has been reached, we will find a small pebble beach, which is perfect for taking a rest and swimming; then let us continue on to Punta des Nius and S'Olla de Llevant. We continue paddling onwards until we pass Cap de Xaloc, with its lighthouse on top.

From here let us head northwest, staying along the coast until we reach Punta de Ses Cuines and returning again to Punta d'en Valls to get back to Canal d'en Martí.





ROUTE 15

▶ CALA LLONGA ↩ SANTA EULÀRIA RIVER

- **SET-OFF POINT:** Cala Llonga beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 2 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 9 km

This kayaking route allows us paddling through a truly beautiful and rarely frequented part of the east coast of Ibiza. We will enjoy the numerous coves and low cliffs along the route to the Santa Eulària river, the last section of which is navigable.

Setting out from Cala Llonga beach, an extensive sandy area situated at the bottom of a narrow long bay, let us continue paddling to our left (northwards). We will soon leave behind the urban area and discover small coves that would tempt us to stop and rest, but our route continues on to Punta Roja.

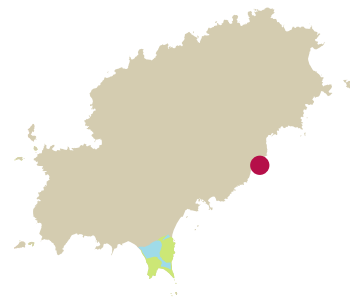
From here we can see Punta de Sa Cova Blanca in front of us and a large inlet that connects to it: Cala Blanca, which gets its name from the whitish hue of the water from the local clays

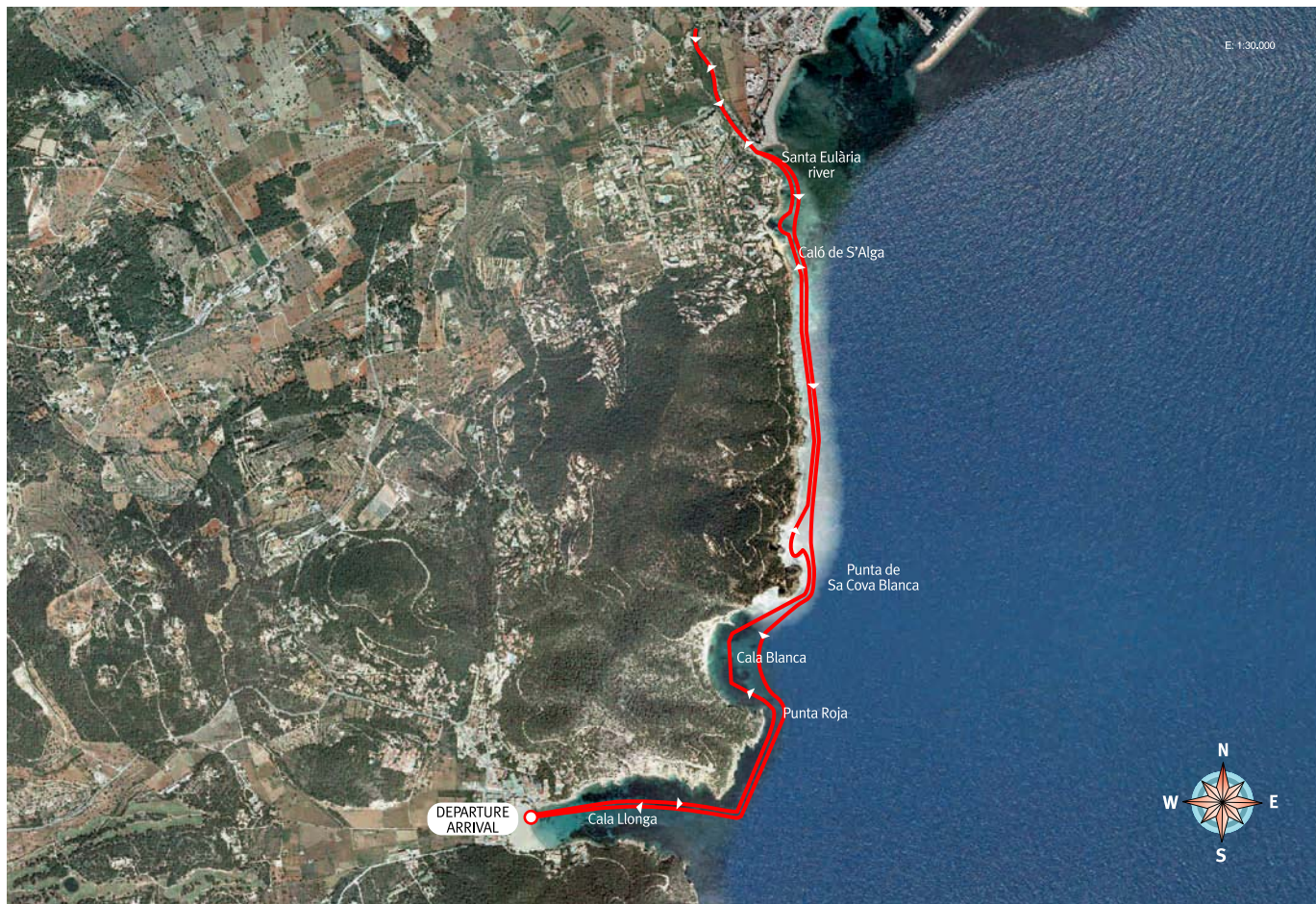
that leave suspended particles in the water.

From here, we will paddle 1.5 km parallel to the coast of Puig d'en Pep, along which there will be no opportunity to get out of the kayak, arriving at Caló de S'Alga, which is a small beach at the foot of the Siesta resort.

All that is left now is continuing along a small rocky section of coast until we reach the mouth of the river, which we will recognize by the reefs of posidonia that break the surface of the water. We will paddle upstream to enjoy this last section of the river course amid its reed beds.

Let us return to Cala Llonga following the same route in reverse.





ROUTE 16

▶ TALAMANCA ↔ CALA OLIVERA

- **SET-OFF POINT:** Talamanca beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 2.30 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 12,9 km

This route starts at Talamanca, a beach fairly sheltered from the most part of the winds. Its bay is peppered with *posidonia oceanica* that at times stretches up to the very surface of the water.

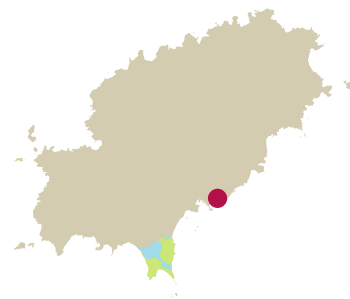
Let us paddle to the left leaving behind various sandy beaches, until we arrive at Punta des Andreus: a bathing area beside the rocks with a curious beach bar and round the small headland to be greeted by three inviting caves that are just waiting to be explored.

We continue on to Cap Martinet, a narrow outcrop of land and rock, where the folds of the rock layers and erosion have created fanciful sculptures. Passing this headland, we come to a small bay with the pebble beaches of Cala Martinet and Cala Roja. The entire coast here

is made up of cliffs and small beaches which can only be accessed by sea until we reach S'Estanyol beach, which can be accessed by car and has a small beach bar.

Next up is Cala Espart, a small cove which you will recognize as it is the first beach at the foot of the Roca Llisa resort. Our destination, Cala Olivera, is a little further on, past the housing development. We will recognize this beach by its small beach bar and the two small islets directly opposite it.

Let us return to Talamanca following the same route in reverse.





ROUTE 17

► SA CALETA → PLATJA D'EN BOSSA

- **SET OFF POINT:** Sa Caleta beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 3.30 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 17.7 km

This route passes through Ses Salines Natural Park; it is therefore important to find out which activities are permitted in this area.

We set out from Sa Caleta, a small cove with boat huts where we may well spot a fisherman or two preparing their nets. Shortly after starting out our route, we will see the remains of an old Phoenician settlement to our right just above a cave facing out onto the sea.

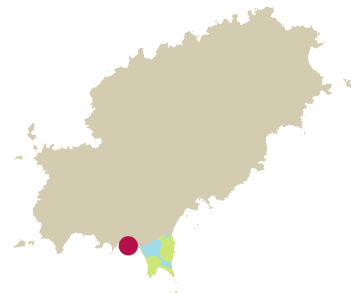
Let us paddle to our left (southeast) passing along a very long pebble beach: Platja des Codolar, which borders the airport runway and the salt pans. Sometimes we may spot groups of flamingos, herons or the odd osprey here.

At the other end of the beach, the coastal mountain of Puig des Falcó welcomes us with its towering cliffs and the curious looking shapes of its rock layers.

As we come closer to Punta de la Rama we will pass through a reef and from here in the distance we may now make out Ses Salines beach and Punta de Ses Portes, crowned with its defence tower of the same name.

Before reaching this beach we will come across a small inviting bay, full of dry posidonia, which is a lovely spot to rest on a nice soft bed. From here let us continue on to Canal de S'Olla, a stream that runs down to here when there is torrential rain.

Next up is Sa Canal, a small area of fishermen huts beside a large breakwater where the boats pull in to load up with salt and which gives way to Ses Salines beach, a long sandy area that ends in small bays of pure white sand, bordered by rocky cubes, remnants of the old sandstone mines.



From this spot runs the strait that separates Ibiza and Formentera, Es Freus, which is dotted with islets (En Caragoler, Es Penjats, Ses Illetes Negres, Illa des Porcs and Espalmador).

After passing Punta de Ses Portes, the small quarries continue until we reach Platja des Solseró beach and immediately after it, Es Cavallet beach. The coast then grows in height and low cliffs emerge which are cluttered with numerous hollows and curious caves until we reach La Xanga, where the islet of La Esponja is home to a fine colony of Audouin's gull.

From this point we can make out the defence tower of Sal Rossa, or Des Carregador. In the past there used to be a dock here for boats loading up with salt. From here extending out ahead of us is the long Platja d'en Bossa beach with its numerous tourist establishments and, at the end of it, we can see the walled city of Ibiza.

DEPARTURE ARRIVAL



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ROUTE 18

▶ ES PORTITXOL DE PORTINATX ➔ PORT DE SANT MIQUEL

- **SET OFF POINT:** Es Portitxol de Portinatx beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 3 hours
- **DISTANCE:** 15,3 km

This long trip is the ideal opportunity to explore a large section of the northwest coast of Ibiza, a wild and unspoilt coast with very limited road access.

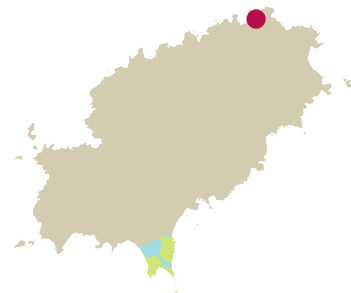
We set off from Es Portitxol de Portinatx, a small natural port in a beautiful inlet which is sheltered to the right by the islet of Sa Guardiola and which has some small caves nicely concealed along its course.

Let us paddle westwards along the coast to reach Punta de Sa Torre, crowned by the defence tower of Portinatx, which opens out onto a large bay that shelters Cala Xuclar, S'Illot des Rencí and Cala Xarraca. From here we will not come across any other road accesses to the coast until we reach Caló de S'Illa.

From Cala Xarraca, continuing in the same direction, we come to a passageway through rocks which immediately leads to a channel between Ibiza and the small islet of Sa Mesquida. Almost directly opposite the islet, there is a cave into which light flows from a small hollow. Further on we shall come to Punta de Xarracó, a spectacular unspoilt area of large and small rocks, close to the low seashore with its lunar landscape look.

We continue along the coastline of the head to get to a channel beside a small islet: Es Canaret. In this bay, a tiny cove awaits us at the foot of a huge mansion and beneath an old gypsum mine and, a little further on, we find Caló des Porcs.

We continue towards Cap Blanc and Punta Negra and soon we will reach Illot d'Encalders, an islet that is very close to Ibiza and which leads us through a narrow strait, if the sea is calm, to Caló de S'Illa beach.

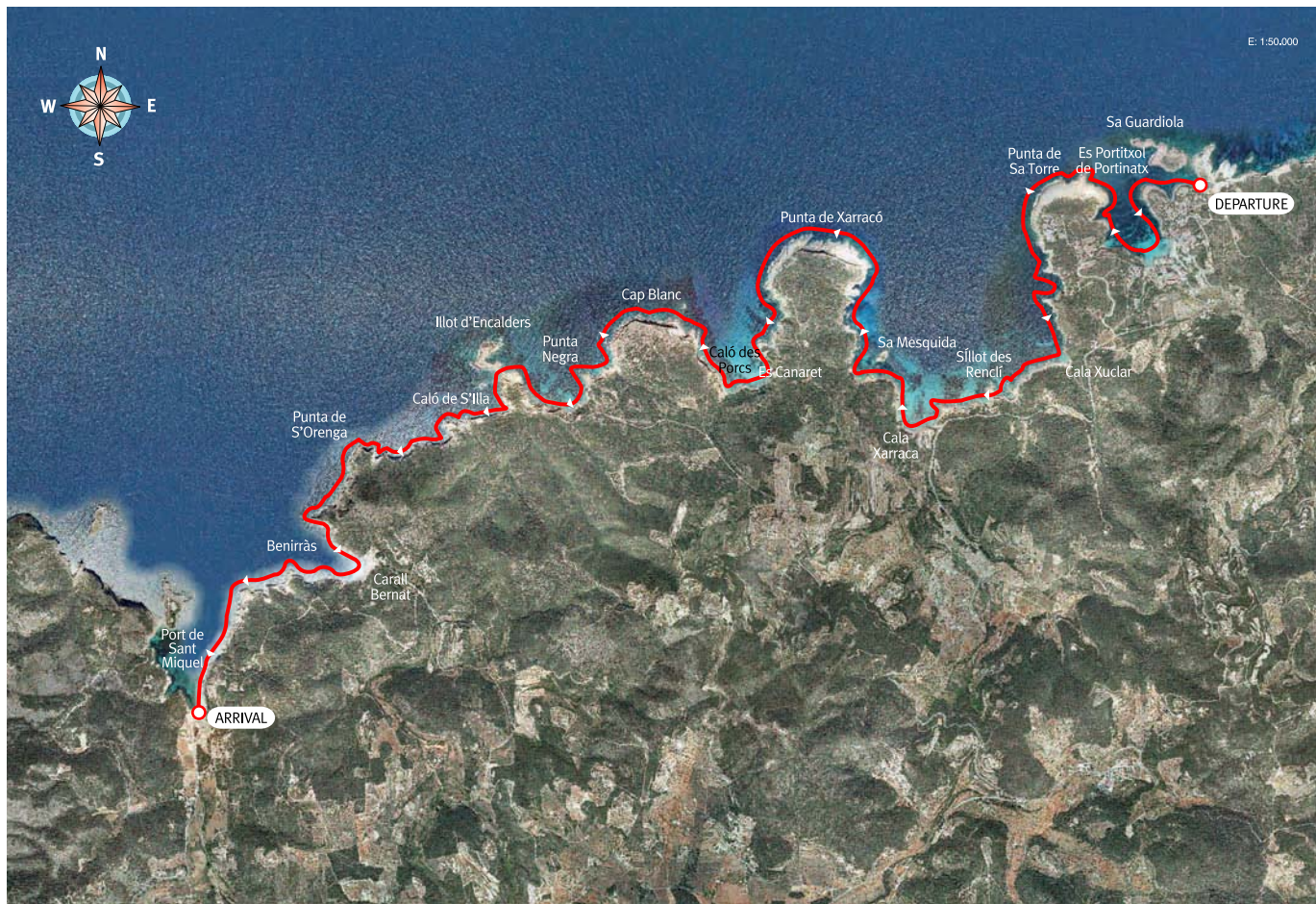


Beyond this, at Punta de S'Orenga, we can see the cave of the same name in the cliff, facing the sea, with the tenuous light entering it reflecting the colours of the seabed onto the rock roof.

We continue along the coast to enjoy the small entrances that have formed in the rocky walls until we reach Benirràs beach. In the bay of this beach emerges the imposing islet of Carall Bernat, in the shape of a finger pointing to the heavens.

To the left of the small inlet, paddling from the beach, you will come across a dark entrance in the rock wall which leads to a cave with two entrances.

Leaving Benirràs behind, moving along the last stretch of high cliffs, we reach our final destination: the Port of Sant Miquel.



ROUTE 19

▶ ES TORRENT → CALA VEDELLA → PORT DES TORRENT

- **SET OFF POINT:** Es Torrent beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 2 days
- **DISTANCE:** 35,5 km

This route explores the southwest coast of Ibiza and should be taken at a leisurely pace over 2 days.

Setting out from Es Torrent beach, near Es Cubells, heading westwards towards Cap Negret and Cap Llombí, we will arrive shortly after at the tiny beaches of Es Cubells and Ses Boques.

From here the cliffs and rocks form narrow passageways in the sea to Cala Llentrisca, a cove with fishermen huts, where we may well spy a fisherman readying his llaüt (traditional boat) for a trip to sea.

From this point, the cliffs get steeper and steeper, the rocks get higher and the landscape is truly breath-taking. As we pass

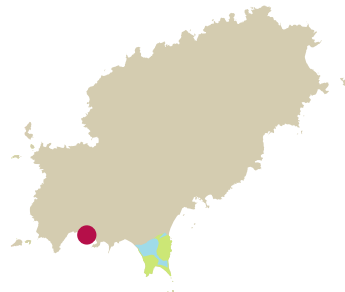
Punta de Cap Llentrisca, we can make out the silhouette of the two islets of Es Vedrà and Es Vedranell seeing them from a rarely seen angle.

Paddling northwards to soon reach an islet that is very close to the coast, Galereta de Cala Llentrisca, from there we will continue on past Cap des Jueu to get to Sa Pedrera, an old sandstone quarry, but just before this, we will



come to a small pebbly cove which can only be accessed by sea. This is the perfect spot to take a break and have a swim.

Beyond this lies Punta de L'Oliva, crowned by the defence tower of Es Savinar and from which we can cross over to the islets of Es Vedranell and Es Vedrà. Let us continue northwards, passing Racó des Mataret, another pebbly cove



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opposite the two islets and which again has no land access. Once past Cap Blanc we will come to Cala d'Hort, the small Cala Truja and Cala Carbó. We will pass Punta des Moros, Punta Forcada and Caló de S'Oratge to reach the developed Cala Vedella beach area where we will find lodgings for the night.

From this point and continuing northwards, the cliffs have numerous impressive caves that will not fail to astound us. We will pass Sa Torrassa, Caló d'en Reial, la Punta des Llosar and Punta Roma to get to Cala Molí. After this we will see Sa Galera, an unusual rock formation, Es Calonàs and the large sandy expanses of Cala Tarida developed area.

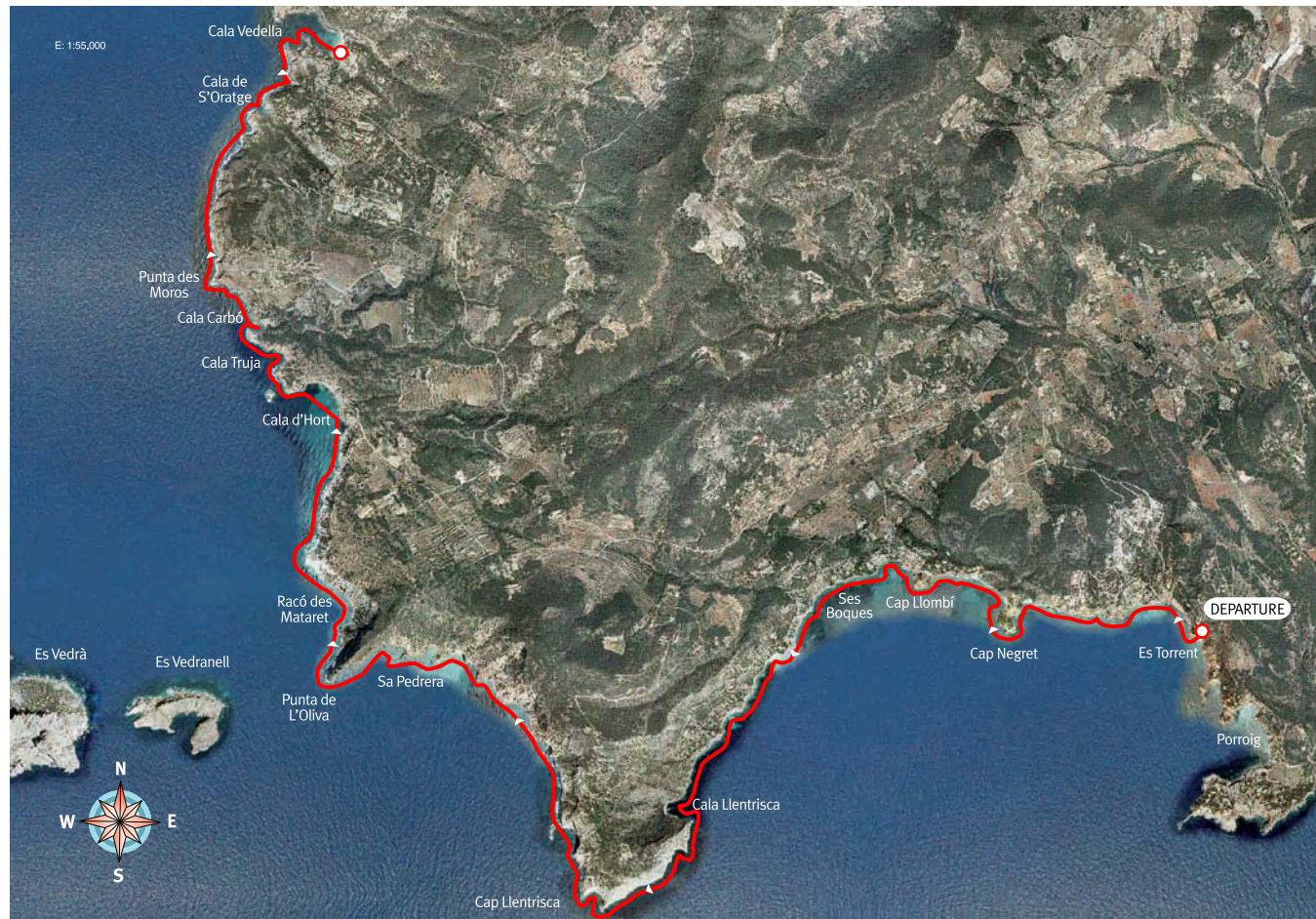
Passing this area we come to the small port of Cala Corral and its coves with tenuous road access at Cala Llentia and Cala Codolar. Then, passing Punta des Niu de S'Àguila, we will come to a small inlet, with numerous fishermen huts, where a long tunnel in the rock links one side of the sea to the other: la Cova de Sa Figuera Borda.

After Punta de S'Embarcador we will come to Platges de Comte, famous for its sunsets; from here we can cross over to one of the nearby islets of S'Espartar, S'Illa des Bosc or Sa Conillera.

From here and continuing northwards, we will come across Punta de Sa Torre, crowned by the defence tower D'en Rovira and then Cala Roja and Cala Bassa.

From this point and up to Punta de Sa Pedrera, numerous cavities facing the sea open out in the rock face in the area known as Es Penyal. Passing this point we will reach our destination: the natural port of Port des Torrent.





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ROUTE 20

▶ ES PORTITXOL DE PORTINATX → CALA DE SANT VICENT → CALA NOVA

- **SET OFF POINT:** Es Portitxol de Portinatx beach
- **ESTIMATED TIME:** 2 days
- **DISTANCE:** 44 km

This is a 2-day paddle route along the northeast of the island, where we will encounter a wild coastline from high limestone cliffs along the initial stretch to low-lying cliffs dominated by red soils and clay.

We set out from Es Portitxol de Portinatx, a small natural port which is sheltered to the right by the islet of Sa Guardiola and from which a cave opens in the rock to welcome us on our way. We can either follow the narrow strait between the islet and the Ibiza coast or round the islet itself.

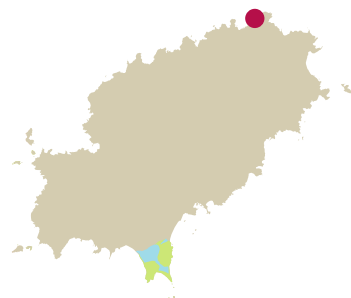
Heading northeast, we will pass Cap Blanc en route to Punta des Moscarter, with its diagonal striped lighthouse perched on high calcareous rock cliffs. Heading towards Punta des Gat and passing Punta de Sa Penya, we

will come to Cala d'en Serra, a small sandy enclave in a perfectly unspoilt setting.

From here, heading eastwards, the cliffs again emerge towards the area of Es Quintalar, bringing us to the inlet of Port de Ses Caletes, an inviting pebble beach worth stopping at and getting off the kayak for a break. Resuming our route we will pass the headland that pro-

TECTS the port, to reach Racó de Sa Talaia and immediately after it, Cala d'Emboscà. Migratory birds, cormorants and different types of seagulls and falcons can often be seen along this stretch.

Next up is the area of Pla de Ses Formigues where Punta del Pla looks out to the small islets of Ses Formigues. If the sea is calm we



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can cross the strait between the coast and the small islet of S'Escullat. Soon we will reach S'Aigua Dolça, a perfect spot of great natural beauty for swimming and taking a rest.

Starting off again, we paddle towards Punta de Cala de Junc from which we can see Punta Grossa to the south, crowned by the ruins of an old lighthouse. Between these two points we come across the small Caló des Moltons, with a stream opening out onto its shore and some reefs along the cliffs.

Once we have left Punta Grossa behind, we arrive at Cala de Sant Vicent beach where we can spend the night, as there are various accommodation options available.

Setting out from Cala de Sant Vicent, the cliffs are less steep and the geology changes considerably. Heading southwards we will come to the area of Es Raig -with its low reddish coloured cliffs-, which brings us to the popular beach of Aigües Blanques. After passing by the reefs in front of this beach we will reach Paller des Camp headland. Just beyond, we will arrive at Es Figuerà beach.

Serra des Llamp starts here and before reaching Punta Verda, we come to the islet of Illot de S'Hort, which is worth taking a paddle around.

Just past the head and opposite a small islet, a small pebble and coarse sand beach is to be found: Caló Roig. This may just be the perfect place to take a rest away from the hustle and bustle of civilization.

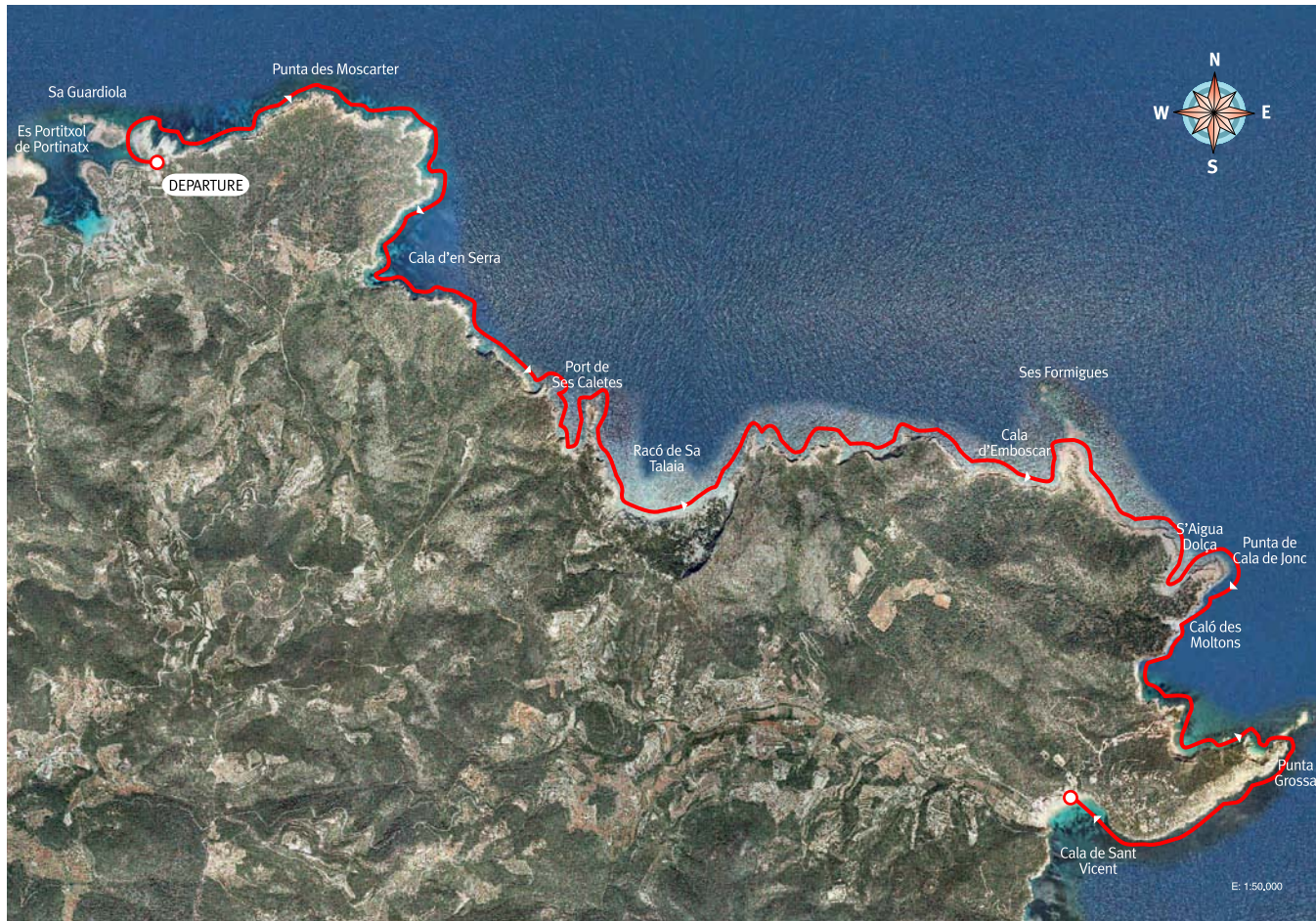
Next up is Pou des Lleó and Canal d'en Martí, a beautiful cove with numerous fishermen boat huts. From here to Punta d'en Valls, crowned by the defence tower of the same name, there is a beautiful stretch along an impressive very dark coloured fairly low-lying cliff sets amid the reefs. This area is the closest to the island of Tagomago.

Let us continue on passing Punta d'en Valls to get to Cala Negra and soon after, to Cap Roig, which indicates the line we should follow to get to Cala de Boix, a dark sand beach. We continue paddling past Caló Roig to reach the secluded beach of Cala Mestella.

From Cala Mestella the cliffs get lower and we start to see a few buildings here and there, although the landscape is still idyllic with transparent turquoise waters. After Punta d'en Ribes, we come to Cala Azul and immediately after we may find the pretty beach of Cala Llenya, with its large trees offering welcome shade.

After Cala Llenya is Punta Verda which lies between us and our final destination: the idyllic beach of Cala Nova.





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