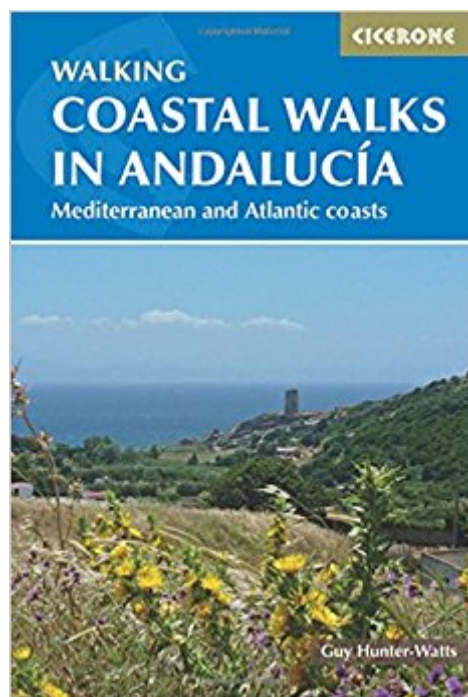




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Coastal Walks In Andalucia: The Best Hiking Trails Close To Andalucia's Mediterranean And Atlantic Coastlines



Synopsis

A guidebook to 40 half and full day coastal walks in Andalucia. The graded routes, which are suitable for any reasonably fit walker, range from 6km to 19.5km and can be walked all year round. The walks are located in seven of the region's most beautiful National Parks and protected areas (including La Brena y las Marismas, Los Alcornocales y del Estrecho, La Sierra de las Nieves and Nijar-Cabo de Gata) and are mostly circular in nature, negating the need for any logistical legwork. Step-by-step route descriptions for each walk are accompanied by 1:50,000 mapping, together with information about points of interest en route. Also included is a useful glossary and route summary table, plus all the practical information needed to explore Andalucia's coast on foot - equipment, safety, when to go, refreshments, accommodation and more. The picturesque coastline of Andalucia is a walker's dream. Sandwiched between mountain and sea, walkers are rewarded with both dazzling mountain vistas and stunning seascapes. The sense of history embedded in these ancient coastal byways - which dates back to ages past - is an added delight, making the walking all the richer.

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Customer Reviews

Guy Hunter-Watts has lived and worked in Andalucia since the 1980s. After studying at the universities of Santiago and Salamanca he taught English in South America before moving to the Ronda mountains where he has been leading guided walks for almost 25 years. His work as a walking guide and freelance journalist has taken him to many corners of the planet including India, Namibia, Tanzania, Latin America and Mongolia.

There is no doubt the author has all the credentials as all the walks listed would be hard to find unless you were a local. Therefore I assume the book is written for visitors - and this is the problem. As a purely technical guide I found it difficult to use. For example the colour coding for regions looks good but is not much help in reaching the destinations. Simple numbering of walks would suffice with distances from nearest resort towns. The walk maps are of limited use because the detailed information is on other pages. During walks this makes it too difficult to use. I have done 4 walks in different areas to date. I resolved this problem by hand drawing maps with notes and arrows where applicable. Also I added additional comments like "uphill" or "rough track". The photos in the book have no descriptions and you cannot see where they were taken. The numbers in the text do not relate to the maps. Note that times given are for a very fit person with few stops. I needed to add up to an hour extra in each walk. As a colourful brochure its fine, but it is a pity about its weak points because it is nicely produced and has a lot of information if you can find it.

The trails and route notes are easy to follow. Great guide! The author is happy to email you the GPS files upon request which are very useful.

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