

# Hike

## 12 From the old village to the lakes

### ST JEAN PLA DE CORTS

St Jean Pla de Corts dominates the left bank of the Tech river and was for a long time part of the abbey of Arles-sur-Tech before becoming residence of the Kings of Majorca. There are still substantial remnants of the castle built on top of the hill in 1188. Just beside is the former heart of the old town with its narrow streets and old houses, that has retained its charm. Further, located just outside the village, the 11th century church of Saint Jean is still amazingly intact. Surrounded by greenery, the two lakes are a nature leisure centre and offer multiple possibilities: swimming, fishing, pedalo boats, water sports, bouncy castles for children, quads, water skiing, a forest adventure park, petanque and also shaded areas for barbecues and picnics.

### FROM THE OLD VILLAGE TO THE LAKES

During the walk, if you are discreet and attentive, discover a large and varied fauna near the lake of Saint-Jean-Pla-de-Corts: butterflies, bees and dragonflies flutter on the fragrant buds. You will discover a great variety of birds, migratory or sedentary (cormorant, egret, heron, jay, bee-eater, tit and others), as well as small and large mammals. You will enjoy the cool and soothing shade of trees more than a century old, while your eyes get lost in the majestic mountains in the distance.

### TO DISCOVER

Swimming and fishing lakes and the leisure activities on site.

The banks of the Tech.

The old village of Saint Jean, with its castle and church.

The fauna, especially birds.

### ONLINE MAP



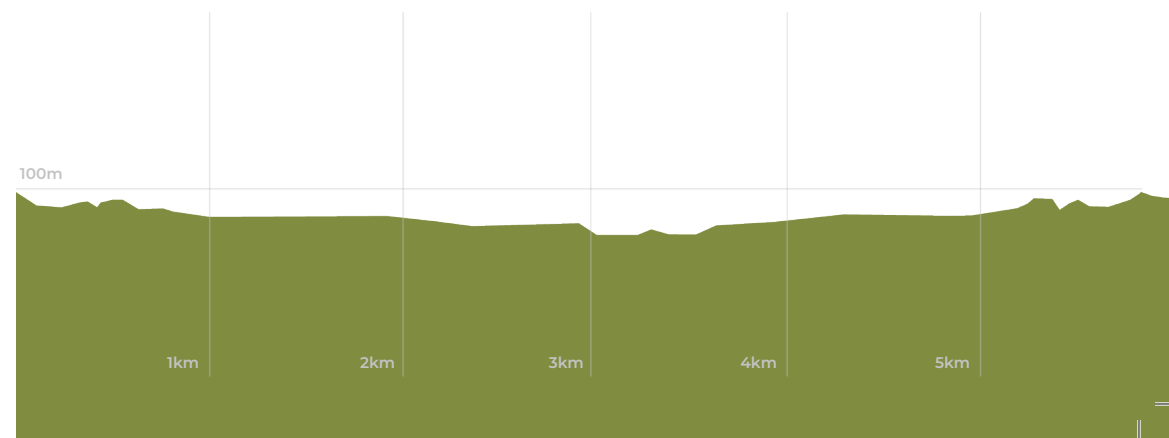
### ST JEAN PLA DE CORTS

 20m d+



DIFFICULTY 

1h30 - 6 km 





**Departure : Place de la Republique (ideal for parking).**

**0 min :** Go down the steps which lead to Rue du Lavoir and take the dirt trail in front of you. Starting from the beginning of the trail, remain on the left at the two successive forks.

**1 5 min :** Go under the bridge and continue straight along the Tech river.

**2 20 min :** At the intersection, turn left to reach the shore of the swimming lake. You can then walk around the two lakes (about 25 min).

**Return :** You can get back to town by following either the dirt trail, or the Voie Verte (Cycling road) indicated by signs.

