

Hike

15 Les Cluses scenic trail

LES CLUSES

The Commune of Les Cluses is located at the foot of the Albères, the secondary mountain range in the Pyrenees Orientales between the Canigou peak and the Mediterranean Sea. In the heart of a valley rich in heritage, Les Cluses houses on the right bank the remains of the «Castell del Moros» where you can now find the ruins of the fortress of La Cluse Haute. The whole forms a lock, «Clausurae», hence the name of the town.

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Rich in heritage and landscapes, the village of Les Cluses offers an authentic hike. As this hike starts you are immersed in the history of this remarkable site. In the fourth century, the Emperors of the Lower Empire wanted to control the crossing of the Pyrenees and built two forts on the site of Les Cluses. These fortifications form a unique example of mountain fortifications in Europe. This hike allows you to discover incredible landscapes with views of Canigó and travel through a beautiful environment made of beautiful cork oak forests.

TO DISCOVER

Roman Fortresses.

The Church of Sainte-Marie.

The magnificent panoramas.

ONLINE MAP



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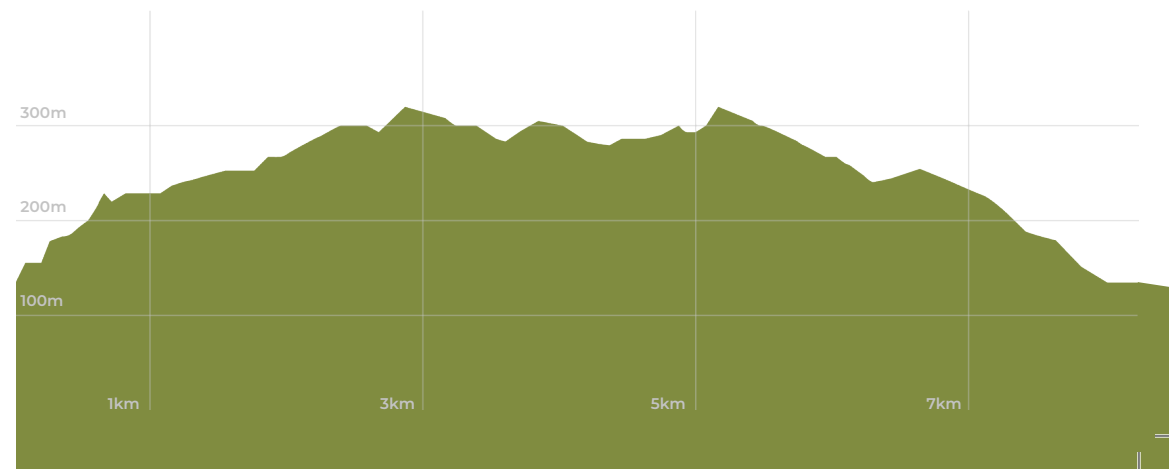
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DIFFICULTY



2h45 - 8 km



Departure : Les Cluses town hall

0 min : Climb the paved road towards the 'La Cluse Haute' for a few meters.

2 min : Turn left in front of a house and follow the path along this private property. This trail passes through the forest.

10 min : At the junction with the paved road, cross it and join the trail that continues opposite.

15 min : Back on the paved road. Join the windy road on the right, observe the view of 'le Fort des Maures'. Then take the small path on the right that goes up through the trees to emerge at the centre of the ruins of Fort des Cluses Hautes. Go through the ruins to reach the Church of Sainte-Marie. Then follow the little paved road to the intersection with the RD71b.

30 min : Crossing the RD71b, you will then reach the municipal hall and take the dirt trail that passes between the building and the carpark. At the first fork, turn left. Passing under the motorway.

40min : Ignore forks and trails that leave from either side and still stay on the main trail.

1h15 : Shortly before reaching a paved road, at a junction, take the small paved path on the left. This trail turns into a track.

1h25 : Pass in front of the Mas Assolaneils. Further, ignore the trails on the right and left of the main track. Always stay on the main track.

1h55 : On a bend ignore the left path and keep right.

2h05 : At the junction with the paved road, turn right towards the Mas Anglade. Turn left at the property. At the next fork take the left.

2h35 : Ignore paths starting on the left and right of the main trail.

2h55 : Pass under the motorway. Follow the paved road on the right. At the barrier continue straight then at the intersection with the road turn right to reach the town hall.

