

The STONE FOUNDATION & The GREMI de MARGERS de MALLORCA
PRESENT

A MALLORCAN DRY STONE PAVING & WALLING WORKSHOP

OCT. 9-16, 2025 • VILLAGE OF DEIA • MALLORCA, SPAIN

THE WORKSHOP PROGRAM will be seven days in length, and consist of:

- Six days of paving and walling work supervised by skilled, experienced Mallorcan wallers, or *margers* as they're known. Some theory will be taught, but hands-on work is the core curriculum. The principal aim is to rebuild an historic pathway of the village, there will also be opportunities to engage in supervised sessions of dry stone walling

- A off-day (Sunday) can be spent exploring the environs of this picturesque village and observing the stonework there which is some of the best on the island. Just to walk around the valley is a education. There are other options, such as 1) a day in the capital city, Palma; travel there by bus, taxi or Uber is easily arranged. Be sure to visit the Cathedral in Palma (Gaudi worked on its restoration) and any of the museums in the center. Another option, 2) is to hike the ten kilometer ancient dry stone mule road to Soller, Deia's urban neighbor just up the coast, have lunch and return by bus, taxi or uber.

On Monday there will be an optional bus tour of the island's stonework which will include visits to a prehistoric walled village, a Roman bridge, a medieval monastery and the recent repair of a massive drystone retaining wall by the Gremi de Margers, the Mallorcan drystone guild.

LUNCH will be provided on work days, as well as a traditional mid-morning snack.

TRAVEL: Workshop participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements and should plan to arrive in Deia on or before October 8th as the workshop will start early the morning of the 9th.

International flights can be booked to Palma International Airport, but first-time visitors to Spain might consider flying into Barcelona and spending a night and a day (or two) there, then catching an overnight ferry to Mallorca. That's the best way to arrive at the island in my opinion, but I'm old-fashioned. Whether you arrive by boat or plane, it's easy to get to Deia. Detailed instructions will be provided to all registrants. There is no necessity to rent a car. Deia is a very small village and everything is within walking distance.

LODGING: Workshop participants are expected to make their own arrangements and lodging in Deia is not cheap. There are hotels, B&Bs and also houses to rent. Info on those can be found on the web and booking agencies are readily available there. If you wish to share a house rental let us know so we can match you up with others who also wish to do so. Because the workshop will be in October, well after the tourist high season, there should be many opportunities. Particularly if you book soon.

NOTE: Perhaps because the Workshop wasn't announced until July, registration has been sparse. So, to assure there will be ample participation to accomplish the project we are reducing the registration fee by 50%.
Instead of \$500, it is now \$250 (214 Euros)

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Occupation _____

Address _____

Phone(s) _____

Email _____

Nature and extent of your involvement with and/or interest in stonework.

In 2024 almost all workshop registrants (including myself and Mimi) stayed at the *Hostal Villa Verde* <https://hostalvillaverde.es/en/> (more of a traditional European *pension* than an international hostel, and highly recommended). You will need to make a refundable down payment, the balance paid on arrival. Contact Alejandro at hostalvillaverde@hotmail.com. Tell him you are coming for the workshop All rooms are double with twin beds and sharing a room with another participant can be arranged. (Contact tomas@stonefoundation.org).

REGISTRATION

As stated above, the Workshop fee has been reduced by 50%.
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US registrants can send a check for that amount to:

The Stone Foundation, 116 Lovato Lane, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

Others can send a bank draft.

Or pay via PayPal—to do so, copy the following link and paste it into your browser:
paypal.me/mallorcanworkshop.

Press SEND and then enter \$250 on the form that appears and press SEND again.