The European Long Distance Paths – the E-paths – are the network that bind Europe’s walks together. They are long distance routes that connect national and regional walking trails, providing intercultural experiences transcending borders.

E-paths connect people, they are paths for peace, understanding and unity.

The European Ramblers’ Association (ERA) was founded in 1969. Today this umbrella group includes more than 60 member organisations related to walking from more than 30 European countries. Together they have a total of about 3 million individual members.

The ERA seeks to bring together the shared values, expertise, and knowledge of its member groups through networking, mutual respect and cross-border cooperation.

The ERA promotes and coordinates the development of E-paths with its member organisations.

The E-paths comprise 12 long distance hiking trails of more than 70,000 km crisscrossing Europe.
E-Paths are the European long distance trails which link countries from North Cape in Norway to Crete and from the Atlantic Ocean to the Carpathians and the Black Sea.

The 12 E-Paths, named E1 to E12, were devised by members of the European Ramblers Association, linking existing national and regional trails where they exist. Waymarks and guides for these national trails are followed, however here and there they are marked by a blue shield with a circle of yellow stars in the middle of which is the letter E and the corresponding number of the E-path.

The E-paths

E1 The Trail of Changes, from the very north of Europe to its south - North Cape, Norway, to Italy
E2 Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea – Scotland to France
E3 From Bulgaria to the Pilgrim’s path to Santiago de Compostela in Spain
E4 South West to South East Europe, Spain to Cyprus on one of the world’s longest paths
E5 Brittany to Italy across the Alps
E6 Scandinavia to Greece visiting the Baltic, Adriatic and Aegean Seas
E7 Canary Islands to the far side of Serbia
E8 Atlantic Ocean to the Black Sea - Ireland to Bulgaria
E9 The Atlantic and Baltic Sea trail - Spain to Estonia along the coast
E10 Germany to Italy over the Alps
E11 Netherlands to Estonia and the Baltic States
E12 The Mediterranean Sea Trail – Spain to Croatia

The Verified E-paths

The best parts of the E-paths are based on data checked by our member organisations in each country and documented on the e-paths.org website. These are the Verified E-paths.

The Verified E-paths are excellent for hiking holidays of any length, due to the information available on the website above, including accommodation, food, gear, and publications.