

Cross Pyrenees Tour

Navarra - Huesca - Catalunya

A two week tour through the breathtaking Pyrenees mountains from the Atlantic to the Med. Stunning scenery, wildlife (and wine!) from start to finish.



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Summary

Coast to coast from Navarra to Catalunya, this wonderful adventure offers the very best the Spanish Pyrenees have to offer.

Starting in rolling, verdant hills near the Bay of Biscay you're soon into the high, rocky Pyrenees with dramatic gorges, eagles and vultures soaring overhead and breathtaking views all around.

Along the way are Spain's most spectacular National Parks: Ordesa, Monte Perdido, Aigüestortes & Sant Maurici, and the Garrotxa Volcanic Park as well as delightful mountain villages to explore.

Your Route

Tour Highlights:

- Breathtaking mountain scenery
- Lakes, gorges, Immense woodlands,
- Spectacular National Parks
- Superb birdwatching & wild flowers-
- Unique cultures & architectural styles
- Delicious wines, cheeses & mountain fair

Travel Tips:

Western Connections:

For Bilbao – Easyjet from Stansted or Manchester, BA from Heathrow or Vueling from Gatwick
For Biarritz - Ryanair from Stansted or Dublin

Eastern Connections:

For Girona - Ryanair from Stansted, Manchester, Luton, Glasgow, Dublin, Cork
For Barcelona - Ryanair from Stansted, Manchester, Edinburgh & Dublin with Ryanair; Bristol, Luton, Easyjet from Belfast Gatwick; Vueling from Manchester, Gatwick, Edinburgh (+ many more, please enquire)



Itinerary Overview

Stage	Itinerary	Region	Location	Hotel, Room	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Bilbao or Biarritz		
1	Day 1, 2 & 3	West Navarra	Amaiur	HNAV5 Palace hotel in the Navarran Baztan Valley, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	2hrs from Bilbao
2	Day 4 & 5	East Navarra	Jaurieta	HNAV4 Mountain hotel, Irati forest, Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs
3	Day 6 & 7	Valle de Tena	Tramacastilla	HTEN1 Mountain hotel with Spa, Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 20mins
4	Day 8, 9 & 10	Ainsa	Coscojuela de Sobrarbe	HAIN1 Mountain hotel Pyrenees, 1 x Superior Double	1hr 30mins
5	Day 11 & 12	Val D'Aneu	La Guingueta d'Aneu	HANE1 Mountain hotel with pool, Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 30mins
6	Day 13 & 14	Garrotxa	Santa Pau	HPAU1 Historic hotel in medieval village, Double room (2 sharing)	3hrs 40mins
			Departing Barcelona or Girona		1hr 40 mins to Barcelona airport

Your Itinerary

What the cost includes:

- Two people in rooms as detailed, bed & breakfast accommodation in each of the hotels
- 4 door economy class car hire for the duration
- Regional roadmap
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary copy of DK Northern Spain Guidebook
- Our own app including travel documents & destination guides
- NB Flights not included

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If, on the other hand, you require further help or information or wish to investigate alternatives please don't hesitate to contact us.

Stage 1



Region: North and central Navarra

Gateway to the Camino de Santiago, steeped in history.
Excellent varietal and boutique wines not available at home
Fairytale castles at Olite and Artajona – bull runs & pintxos in Pamplona.
Soaring rocky Pyrenees and the immense Irati forest in the east
Rolling green valleys of Baztan & Bidasoa near the coast in the west
Spectacular lunar landscape of Las Bardenas in the south
La Ribera - Spain's finest peppers, artichokes, asparagus....

Palace hotel in the Navarran Baztan Valley

Set in a peaceful spot surrounded by lush, green mountain scenery with the pretty whitewashed houses of the village below, this small yet elegant hotel is located in historic Amaiur, one of the loveliest of the many delightful villages for which the valley of Baztán is justly famous. The village's strategic position, at the foot of the Otsondo mountain pass, has led to its being the scene of historic battles and nowadays makes it the perfe...[Read More](#)



Stage 2



Region: North-eastern Navarra

Gateway to the Camino de Santiago in Roncesvalles.
Rolling green scenery to high rocky mountains of the Pyrenees
Magnificent Forest of Irati - Europe's second largest beech forest.
Spectacular Gorges of Arbañun and Lumbier with their resident vultures.
Quaint mountain villages on Otxagabia and Isaba.

Mountain hotel, Irati forest

Set in the high mountains of north east Navarra, in the quiet, picturesque, village of Jaurrieta, Casa Sario is a great base from which to explore this spectacular region and a great retreat to come back to in the evenings. The hotel is small and quite unassuming but is finished and kept to a high standard by the friendly owners who will go out of their way to make you feel at home and advise on local activities and attractions. On the ground ...[Read More](#)



Stage 3



Region: Huesca, Valle de Tena

Walking, climbing and all mountain activities. Stunning scenery.
Reindeer, bison, lynx amongst the woods in La Cuniacha Pyrenean Wildlife Park
The unique monastery of San Juan de la Peña, set into the mountain rock
The imposing Castillo de Loarre and nearby rock formations of Mallos de Riglo
Huesca capital, renowned for its gastronomy and Romanesque architecture.
Spa baths at Panticosa - the height of luxury
A treasure-trove of Romanesque churches in the Tena Valley and nearby

Mountain hotel with Spa

This truly delightful hotel offers a spot of pampering in stark yet delicious contrast to the rugged mountain terrain in which it is set. After a day's rugged hiking what better than to relax in the spa and enjoy the local gastronomic delights in the gourmet restaurant. Though parts of the building date back to the 15th century the hotel was built in 2003 using natural materials in keeping with the local architectural style whilst offering a v...[Read More](#)



Stage 4



Region: Sobrarbe, Ordesa National Park, Guara & Somontano

Ordesa & Monte Perdido National Park, the essence of the Pyrenees.
Christian Ainsa and Muslim Alquézar - delightful medieval villages.
Sierra y Cañones de Guara, cut through by spectacular gorges - a playground for outdoor fans.
Somontano wines - low yield, exceptional quality. Known for red wine but don't miss the Chardonnay!
Posets Maladeta, with Aneto, the Pyrenees' highest peak.
Wonderful bird-life, eagles, vultures, & the magnificent lammergeyer.
Beach days and canoeing on the reservoir, take a spin around the sunken church tower.

Mountain hotel Pyrenees

This 16th century stone-built manor house at the heart of the Ainsa valley has been recently restored to a very high standard and is truly enchanting. The combination of stone walls, natural materials, subdued lighting and soft music create a welcoming and cosy atmosphere - the ideal retreat after a day's arduous hiking, touring or wine tasting. The views from every window and the inviting terrace mean that the mountains come to you and you ma...[Read More](#)



Stage 5



Region: Val D'Aran & Val D'Aneu

Magnificent Parc Nacional d'Aigüestortes i Estany de Sant Maurici
 Unique culture and dialect in the Val d'Aran
 Natural Park of the high Pyrenees
 Fine collection of churches from Romanesque, Renaissance and Baroque
 Excellent bird watching, in the valleys and the high mountains
 Mountain gastronomy with local cheeses, honey and even caviar!
 Charming villages with unique Aranés architectural style

Mountain hotel with pool

At the heart of the Val d'Aneu, the gateway to the National Park of Sant Maurici y Aigüestortes, with a pretty lake right at the foot of the garden, the Hotel Poldo promises the very essence of the Pyrenees. The hotel's traditional exterior and foyer belie the modern style of the recently renovated rooms which are spacious, light and decorated in tranquil tones. There are extensive gardens at the rear running down to the lake with a swim...[Read More](#)



Stage 6



Region: Garrotxa Volcanic Park

Medieval Santa Pau and Besalú with its ancient Jewish quarter
 Cuina Volcanica, the finest ingredients grown in the rich volcanic soil
 Balloon ride over the Volcanoes; find out more in Olot's museum
 Visit the Dali museum in Figueras
 Cycle, Segway or trek through the volcanic landscape
 Explore to the Alt Garrotxa, the eastern end of the Pyrenees

Historic hotel in medieval village

The tailor's house is quite unique and something of a living museum with artefacts from the tailor's business run by the present owner's family in times gone by. Here you'll feel that you've travelled, not only to a different country, but also to another time – though should you want more modern creature comforts there are the luxurious suites recently renovated just next door. The hotel fits snugly with its setting, the nicely prese...[Read More](#)



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