

West Pyrenees Circular Tour

Navarra - Huesca

A week to ten days touring through the western Pyrenees mountains.

Bring your own car and enjoy the sunny side of the Pyrenees!



by Casas Cantabricas



Summary

The essence of the Pyrenees in Navarra and Huesca (Aragon).

From the verdant hills which rise up from the Bay of Biscay up into the high, rocky heart of the Pyrenees. Eastern Navarra with its dramatic gorges and immense woodlands into Huesca and some of Spain's most spectacular National Parks including Ordesa & Monte Perdido.

There are lovely villages and towns to discover; Urdax and Ochagavía in Navarra, medieval Uncastillo, Ainsa, Alquézar and Huesca, a small city with a big gastronomic presence.

Your Route

Tour Highlights:

- Baztan valley & Basque coast
- Irati forest & Gorges of Lumbier
- Desert landscape of Las Bardenas - Stunning Valle de Tena
- Castillo de Loarre & Mallos de Riglo
- Superb birdwatching & wild flowers - National Parks Ordesa, Monte Perdido & Posets-Maladeta
- Delicious Somontano wines, cheeses & mountain fare

Travel Tips:

Ferry to Spain:

Bilbao from Portsmouth with Brittany Ferries.

Also Santander from Portsmouth or Plymouth.

Flight Connections:

For Bilbao – Easyjet from Stansted or Manchester, BA from Heathrow or Vueling from Gatwick

For Biarritz - Ryanair from Stansted or Dublin



Itinerary Overview

Stage	Itinerary	Region	Location	Hotel, Room	Travel/drive time
			Arriving Bilbao or Santander by ferry		
1	Day 1 & 2	West Navarra	Amaiur	HNAV5 Palace hotel in the Navarran Baztan Valley, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs from Bilbao
2	Day 3 & 4	Zaragoza	Uncastillo	HUNC1 Historic posada, medieval setting, Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 30mins
3	Day 5 & 6	Ainsa, Sobrarbe	Coscojuela de Sobrarbe	HAIN1 Mountain hotel Pyrenees, 1 x Superior Double	2hrs 30mins
4	Day 7 & 8	Valle de Tena	Tramacastilla	HTEN1 Mountain hotel with Spa, Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 30mins
5	Day 9 & 10	East Navarra	Jaurieta	HNAV4 Mountain hotel, Irati forest, Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 30mins
			Departing Bilbao or Santander by ferry		3hrs to Bilbao

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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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: Northern Zaragoza

Uncastillo - Spain's best-kept 12th century Romanesque village.
'Spaghetti Western' landscapes in Las Bardenas Reales biosphere reserve
Sos del Rey Catolico - birthplace of Fernando the Catholic King
Walking, cycling, mountain biking, birdwatching, canoeing...
Imposing Castillo de Loarre and nearby stunning rock formations of Mallos de Riglos.
Olite, Javier, Leyre - a medieval smorgasbord
Dramatic gorges of Lumbier and Arbayun
Senda Viva park and zoo - a great day out for the kids.

Historic posada in medieval setting

Walk out of the door of this lovingly restored 18th century town house and step straight back in time into 12th century medieval Uncastillo, Spain's finest Romanesque site. Here you'll find no 'Old Town' just a living museum, untouched by the passing of time. Near the once-strategic border of Navarre and Aragón the local area boasts an architectural heritage of immense importance, including the castles of Javier, Olite and the colossal Loarre...[Read More](#)



Stage 3



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 4



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](#)



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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](#)



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