

## Western Pyrenees Circular Tour PC5

### Navarra - Huesca

A week to ten days touring through the western Pyrenees mountains. Fly down or bring your own car and enjoy the sunny side of the Pyrenees!



by Casas Cantabricas

### Summary

From the verdant hills which rise up from the Bay of Biscay this adventure will quickly whisk you up into the high, rocky Pyrenees.

Through eastern Navarra with its dramatic gorges and immense native woodlands the route will take you, via the desert landscapes of Las Bardenas, to some of Spain's most spectacular National Parks including Ordesa & Monte Perdido, Posets-Maladeta.



### 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, Santander or Biarritz		
1	Day 1 & 2	Navarra	Arizkun	HNAV7 17th Century Manor House in Baztán, 1 x Double room (two sharing)	2hrs 10mins from airport
2	Day 3 & 4	Zaragoza	Uncastillo	HUNC1 Historic posada in medieval setting, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 30mins
3	Day 5 & 6	Ainsa	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, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	1hr 30mins
5	Day 9 & 10	East Navarra	Jaurrieta	HNAV4 Mountain hotel, Irati forest, 1 x Double room (2 sharing)	2hrs 20mins
			Departing Bilbao, Santander or Biarritz		3hrs to Bilbao ferry / airport

\* Double room (2 sharing) can be either double or twin bedded. If you have specific requirements, please let us know.

### 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 or ferry crossings to Spain
- Point-to-point directions
- Complementary map and Northern Spain Guidebook
- Our own restaurant guide and Vamoos travel app
- NB Flights not included

If you would like to book this itinerary please call us at your earliest convenience.

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-west Navarra

Rolling green valleys of Baztan & Bidasoa near the coast in the west

Explore the historic, pretty villages of Lesaka, Etxalar, Elizondo...

Dip into the picture-postcard French Pais Basque

Ride the train to the top of La Rhune for stunning views of the Bay of Biscay

The delightful 39km Via Verde de Bidasoa – a Paradise for cyclists & walkers alike

Pop to the coast at Hondarribia, Biarritz or San Sebastian

#### 17th Century Manor House in the Baztán Valley

Set in a peaceful spot surrounded by lush, green mountain scenery, this delightful manor-house hotel is set on the outskirts of Arizkun, one of the loveliest of the many delightful villages for which the Baztán Valley is justly famous. The village's strategic position, at the crossroads of the Otsoño and Izpegi mountain passes, makes it the perfect base to explore the delightful Valley of Baztán as well as the French Pays Basque which ju...[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.

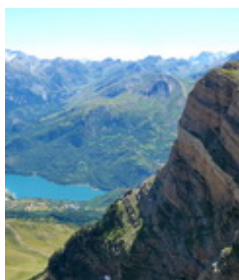
Beach days and canoeing on the reservoir, take a spin around the sunken church tower.

#### 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

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

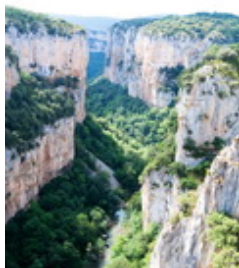
#### Mountain hotel with Spa

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 5



#### Region: North-east Navarra

Roncesvalles steeped in history, gateway to the Camino de Santiago.

The start of the soaring, 2000m+, rocky Pyrenees mountains

The immense Irati forest, one of Spain's largest native woodlands

Excellent bird watching & vulture colonies in the breath-taking gorges of Arbayun & Lumbiers

Ochagavia, Isaba, Burgui, Roncal – mountain villages lost in time

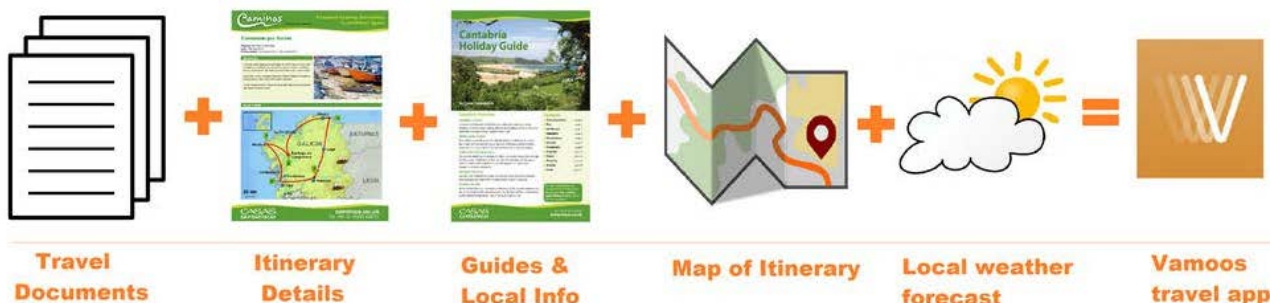
Wonderful local cheeses from Irati-Ousseau & Roncal

#### Mountain hotel, Irati forest

Set in the high mountains of north east Navarra, in the quiet, picturesque village of Jaurrieta, this mountain hotel 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...[Read More](#)



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