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PC1 Cross Pyrenees Tour

From the verdant hills and pretty villages 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 on through some of Spain's most spectacular National Parks including Ordesa & Monte Perdido, Posets-Maladeta, Aigüestortes, and the Garrotxa Volcanic Park.

There are lovely villages all the way; typically Navarran Urdax and Ochagavia, medieval Ainsa, Alquézar and Besalú and, last but not least, Santa Pau with Dali's Figueras and the Costa Brava within easy reach.

Itinerary Overview:					
Stage	Itinerary	Nights	Location	Services	Drive Time
1	Day 1 to 4	3 nights	Navarra, Baztan-Bidasoa Valleys, Bera	HNAV8 3-star Hotel 1 x Twin/Double	30mins from Biarritz airport / 1hr 30mins from Bilbao airport
2	Day 4 to 6	2 nights	Navarra, Roncal and Salazar Valleys, Isaba	HISA1 Family-run Hostal 1 x Twin/Double	2hrs 20mins
3	Day 6 to 8	2 nights	Aragón, Western Valleys, Lárrede	HTEN2 Boutique-hotel 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 40mins
4	Day 8 to 11	3 nights	Aragón, Ordesa, Monte Perdido, Sierra de Guara, Coscojuela de Sobrarbe	HAIN1 Family-run Posada 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 10mins
4				Evening meal for two (1st night)	
5	Day 11 to 13	2 nights	Catalunya, Val d'Aneu and Val d'Aran, Vielha	HARA2 4-star Parador 1 x Twin/Double	1hr 40mins
6	Day 13 to 15	2 nights	Catalunya, La Garrotxa Volcanic Park, Santa Pau	HPAU1 Family-run Posada 1 x Twin/Double	4hrs 20mins (via Lleida)

Includes:

- Accommodation in our listed hotels 2 sharing 1 std. double ensuite, B&B
- Economy 4-door car hire or return ferry to Northern Spain
- · Guide book to North Spain and Pyrenees
- Personal Travel App including highlights, weather forecast and restaurant suggestions for all areas en-route
- Instructions to find all accommodation

Excludes:

- · Flights but we are able to advise
- One-way car hire charges, where applicable (see your quote email)
- The following car hire extras these can be added at pick-up point
 - extra driver
 - child seats
 - GPS
- Parking fees where applicable (mostly city stops, unless specifically included) - please ask us about parking charges
- · Local tourist taxes where applicable

Stage 1

Navarra, Baztan-Bidasoa Valleys



Highlights

Valleys of Baztan & Bidasoa - lost in time Picture-postcard villages of the French Pais-Basque Hondarribia, San Sebastian, Biarritz & St Jean de Luz Ride the train to the peak of La Rhune, stunning views Head south for vineyards, castles & don't miss Pamplona

HNAV8 3-star Hotel, Bera

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B

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Housed in an 18th century building in the old quarter of Bera this elegant family home has been converted into a comfortable small hotel, taking great care to preserve the original character of the house but without any compromise when it comes to comfort.

The interior decor includes artefacts, furniture and paintings that have been in the family for generations. Bedrooms and the bathrooms are spacious and well-equipped and there are several common areas including a sunny gallery on the ground floor which really brings the garden inside and the restaurant, popular with the locals, which offers local Navarran gastronomy at its very best.



Main facilities	• Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom
Dining	Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Standard doubles, suite, superior rooms with balcony one room for reduced mobility; family • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-site parking (free) • Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

Stage 2

Navarra, Roncal and Salazar Valleys



Highlights

Irati forest - immense native woodlands Lumbier & Arbayun, stunning gorges with vast resident vulture colonies Ochagavia & Isaba; Ori, your first 2000m mountain

Wonderful cheeses from Roncal & Ossau-Iraty

Roncesvalles, start for the Camino de Santiago

HISA1 Family-run Hostal, Isaba

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Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



Opened in 1950 this delightful guest house, set in the village of Isaba at the head of the Roncal Valley in the Navarran Pyrenees, has been recently renovated to a high standard and is the perfect base to discover the charms of this rugged yet beautiful region.

The 20 fully-equipped rooms all have en-suite bathrooms and are decorated in a surprisingly modern style, making a feature where possible of the building's historical charm.

The village has good amenities, including a good public swimming pool and several restaurants and Ochagavia, the Irati forest and the gorges of Arbayun and Lumbiers are all within easy reach.



Main facilities	• Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom
Dining	Restaurant, open to the public • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Double or twin, standard or superior, some with balcony, junior suite and suite. • Not suitable for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-street parking Public parking nearby (pay locally) No pets allowed

Stage 3

Aragón, Western Valleys



Highlights

Stunning glacial scenery in the Tena Valley Reindeer, bison, bears and more in La Cuniacha Castillo de Loarre & Mallos de Riglo rock formations San Juan de la Peña monastery, the spiritual heart of Aragon Huesca, the tiny capital with a gastronomic side

HTEN2 Boutique-Hotel, Lárrede

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B

See full details



This delightful 4-star, chalet-style hotel sits in harmony with the mountains of the Valle de Tena, just 30 km from the ski resorts and 35km from the entrance to the truly awesome Ordesa National Park.

Set in spacious grounds the hotel is built in the style of a Swiss timber and stone chalet with delightfully simple décor with wood-panelled walls creating a warm and relaxed atmosphere in keeping with the rural surroundings.

There's a stunning outdoor pool in the spacious grounds, as well as a spa, restaurant with terrace and cosy bar for guests. Upgraded rooms feature private balconies or terraces and some free-standing hot tubs too.



Main facilities	Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal)
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant, open to the public • Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Double, duplex double, superior with terrace - garden views, superior with terrace - valley views, premium suite, superior suite. • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-street parking Electric vehicle charging station No pets allowed

Stage 4

Aragón, Ordesa, Monte Perdido, Sierra de Guara



Highlights

Moorish Alquézar & Christian Ainsa - two charming medieval villages Ordesa & Monte Perdido - Spain's first National Park Sierra de Guara - cut through by dramatic gorges Delicious local Somontano wines Superb bird watching. Lammergeyer centre in Ainsa

HAIN1 Family-run Posada, Coscojuela de Sobrarbe

See full details

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B, Dinner for two (1st night)



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 may be tempted just to linger and soak it all in.

Your hosts, former restaurant owners and fervent ecologists, use local ingredients, all home cooked, to create delicious and surprising dishes.



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Adults only
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant, open to the public • Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Double, double superior, suite deluxe, suite with terrace • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-site parking (free) • No pets allowed

Stage 5

Catalunya, Val d'Aneu and Val d'Aran



Highlights

Gateway to the Parc Nacional d' Aiguestortes i Estany Unique culture, architecture in the Val d'Aran Parc Nacional del Alt Pirineu with the highest peaks Churches - Romanesque, Renaissance and Baroque Gastronomy with local cheeses, honey and even caviar!

HARA2 4-star Parador, Vielha

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



At the head of the Val d'Aran, this stylish, 4-star Parador offers remarkable views from every window.

The, slate-roofed round tower houses the spacious lounge and restaurant, both with stunning 360° views, and the immaculate gardens and swimming pools are the perfect retreat after a day in the mountains.

The rooms have been gently modernised with wooden floors and neutral tones and the superior rooms have sunny balconies facing straight down the valley.

There's a spa and an indoor / outdoor infinity pool as well as sun-deck with hot tub, all with those views!



Main facilities	• 24 hour reception • Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas • Spacious grounds • Swimming pool (outdoor, seasonal) • Swimming pool (indoor)
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom Air conditioning Tea/coffee making facilities
Dining	Restaurant, open to the public
Room types	• Double, twin rooms; superior rooms with balcony; junior suites and suites • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-site parking (free) Electric vehicle charging station Pets allows by prior arrangement - please consult

Stage 6

Catalunya, La Garrotxa Volcanic Park



Highlights

Medieval Santa Pau and Besalú's Jewish quarter Cuina Volcanica, ingredients grown in the volcanic soil Visit Santa Margarida - the chapel in the crater Dali museum in Figueras or hop down to the coast Cycle, Segway, trek or balloon ride over the Volcanoes Explore the Alt Garrotxa, eastern end of the Pyrenees

HPAU1 Family-run Posada, Santa Pau

See full details

Accommodation: 1 x Twin/Double, B&B



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 restaurant is perhaps the star here, spurning modernity and keeping the same yesteryears' style as the rest of the hotel, it offers the local 'Cuina Volcanica', strictly based on local ingredients grown or reared in the volcanic soil, and is frequented by Catalonia's great and good.



Main facilities	Activity/tour booking service • Wi-Fi all areas
Room facilities	En-suite bathroom • Air conditioning
Dining	• Restaurant, open to the public • Breakfast only • Bars/restaurants within walking distance of the hotel
Room types	• Doubles, twins and superior rooms (recommended); one suite • Room(s) adapted for guests with reduced mobility
Other	On-street parking Public parking nearby (pay locally) No pets allowed

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