

Peaks & Passes

A superb week of challenging hiking on some of the best trails in the Pyrenees. We'll venture into the rugged, higher mountains of the Pyrenees, finding a rocky wilderness dotted with mountain lakes and spectacular views.

"We didn't realize what an extraordinary part of the world it was, the scenery is breathtaking" Philippa



Views from the Faja de Pelay

Hotel Casa Morlans

You will stay in the family-run Hotel Casa Morlans in Panticosa - an ideal base from which to reach the higher reaches of the Valle de Tena. Three course evening meals (wine included) are taken at the hotel restaurant each night apart from the rest day when we will visit Jaca and eat at one of the excellent restaurants or tapas bars.

Strenuous hiking

This is a week of fairly strenuous hiking with some long days and a good level of fitness is required. The Pyrenees are renowned for steep climbs and you should be capable of ascents of over one thousand metres.

However we remember you are on holiday and one or two days will feature slightly less strenuous hikes. Paths are generally good but there will be some exposed sections and some easy scrambling and sure-footedness is required. You should expect days of between seven to ten hours walking.



Lunching at Ibon de Arriél

Dates and prices

Sun 10 - 17 July, Sun 7 - 14 August, Sun 28 August - Sun 4 September, Sun 18 - 25 September	£749
Single supplement	£89

Prices are based on two sharing a double room and do not include flight. Wine is included with the evening meal.

Itinerary

Walks will explore the Valle de Tena which has a great variety of fantastic hiking. One day will be spent in the Ordesa National Park.

This is a sample itinerary and the exact routes will depend on the weather and what the group would like to achieve.

Sunday Panticosa

Arrive in Panticosa from Zaragoza late evening. Short briefing over a generous helping of Serrano ham, baguettes and wine.

Monday Pico Anayet (2545m)

Set on a high plateau of peaty grasslands we find Ibon de Anayet. From here we can tackle the steep and exciting Pico Anayet with its chains or the slightly tamer, but with equally impressive views, Vertice de Anayet.

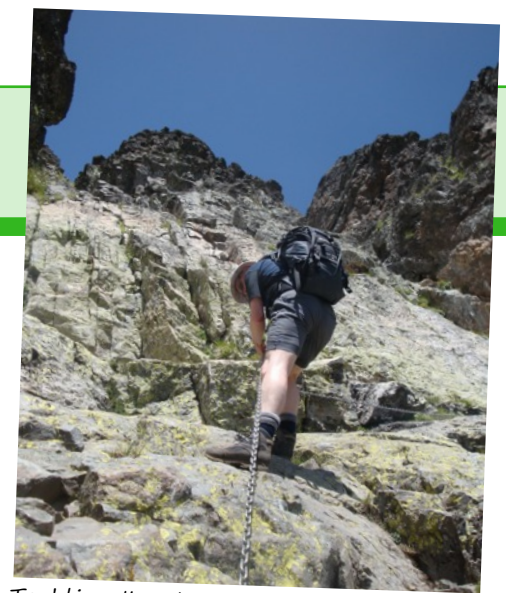
"Every turn led you to another, more stunning, vista and each walk was different from the next." Dougal

Tuesday Ordesa - The Faja de Pelay

A fantastic high level path on the southern cliffs of the Ordesa Canyon. A steep climb leads to a magnificent viewpoint. Great views into the valley, over the border peaks and finally Monte Perdido at the head of the valley.

Wednesday Ibones de Arriél

Some of the most beautiful lake landscapes in the Pyrenees can be found at Ibones de Arriél. The four lakes, lying at different heights, are surrounded by steep granite peaks with Pico Palas taking pride of place.



Tackling the chains on Pico Anayet

Thursday Rest day

Spend a day exploring Panticosa, take a dip in the pool or go on a hike from the village. Evening visit to Jaca.

Friday Pico de Bacias (2760m)

This day takes us to the high, wild land above the spa resort of Baños de Panticosa. We pass a series of mountain lakes before an easy ridge scramble to the summit of Pico de Bacias where we get magnificent views across to Vignemale and the Ordesa National Park.

Saturday Garmo Negro (3066m)

Overlooking Panticosa this three thousander makes for an excellent finale to the week. Superb summit views along the Pyrenees chain. An optional side trip takes us on an excellent scramble along a ridge to the summit of Argulas (3046m).

Sunday
Free morning in Panticosa before leaving mid-afternoon to catch the evening flight from Zaragoza.

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