


Refugio Week

 **Staying in a mountain hut or 'refugio' allows you to reach the wildest areas of the Pyrenees. Following the GR11 you'll explore trails out of the reach of day hikers and make the classic ascent of Monte Perdido.**

Staying at two of the best-situated refugios in the Pyrenees we'll explore both the Valle de Tena and Ordesa National Park. The highlight of the trek is an ascent of the 'lost mountain' - Monte Perdido. At 3355m this is the third highest peak in the Pyrenees.



Celebrating at Refugio Respomuso

Dates and prices

Sun 26 June - Sun 3 July	£769
Sun 11 - 18 September	£59
Single supplement	

Prices are based on two sharing a double room when in Panticosa and mixed dormitory rooms at Refugio's. Prices do not include flights.



On the summit in June

Accommodation

For the hike in the Valley de Tena we will stay at Refugio Respomuso. In the Ordesa National Park, Refugio Goriz will be our base. Both serve three course evening meals as well as snacks and drinks. We'll sleep in large mixed dorms.

When not in the mountains we stay at the family-run Hotel Casa Morlans in Panticosa. Evening meals are served at the hotel, apart from on your rest day when we'll visit the local town of Jaca.

Demanding hiking

This is a week of demanding hiking with long days and steep ascents. A good level of fitness and some hiking experience is essential. Trails will vary with a mixture of good paths interspersed with scree and boulderfields. There are several exposed sections.

The ascents are not technical and do not require technical experience. Crampons may be required (particularly in June) but you will be instructed on all the necessary techniques during the holiday. For additional safety a qualified local guide will join us for the ascents of Tebbarai and Monte Perdido.

We'll send you a detailed kit list before arrival and organise hire of crampons and ice axes if required.

Itinerary

A two day hike in the Valle de Tena will be followed by a three day hike in the Ordesa National Park hiking the length of both the Añisclo and Ordesa canyons.

Sunday Panticosa

Arrive in Panticosa from Zaragoza late evening. Short briefing and kit check over Serrano ham, baguettes and wine.

Monday Refugio Respomuso

From Sallent de Gallego we set off along the famous GR11 Pyrenean long-distance trail. The path takes us to Refugio Respomuso, situated among 3000-metre peaks. On the way we have the option of a side trip to the spectacular Ibones de Arriel.

Tuesday Circo de Piedrafita

We set off early into the wild landscape of Circo de Piedrafita. Our route takes us past mountain lakes and we have the option to climb Tebberai (2916m). We head down past the Ibones Azules and to our pick-up at Baños de Panticosa and a well deserved three-course evening meal at Hotel Casa Morlans.

Wednesday Rest day

Spend a relaxing day in Panticosa and take a dip in the pool. Evening visit to Jaca for tapas and vino.

Thursday The Ordesa Valley

The Faja de Pelay is the start of our three-day hike. After an initial steep climb we follow a wide ledge in the sheer cliffs of the Ordesa valley giving breathtaking views across the valley and of the border peaks. Spend the night at Refugio Goriz beneath Monte Perdido.



Hiking around the Ibones de Arriel

Friday Monte Perdido

Our objective today is the classic ascent of Monte Perdido (3335m), the highest peak in the area. The summit views overlooking the Ordesa, Pineta and Anisclo canyons and into France are stunning. Steep in places, the route crosses a snow field that often requires the use of crampons. Return to Refugio Goriz for the night.

Saturday Añisclo Canyon

Our walk out is through the neighbouring Añisclo Canyon, another spectacular canyon carved into the limestone plateau. We pass thundering waterfalls before reaching our transport back to the Hotel Casa Morlans in the evening.

Sunday Panticosa

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

When to come

If you like the idea of walking over snow then June's the best time to come as there is usually still snow cover at this time of year. If you'd prefer to keep your feet on more solid ground then September is usually snow free.

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