



Aragon Active

Snowshoeing & Winter Walking Holiday Experience the snowy landscapes of the Pyrenees



Full Itinerary

The itinerary below gives an idea of what we will be doing during a typical week. Depending on weather and snow conditions, we may alternate snow shoeing days with a normal hiking day. Each evening after supper we talk about the following day. Any changes to the itinerary will always be made to ensure you have a full and enjoyable holiday.

Equipment & Walks

We provide the snowshoes, crampons and walking poles. We also send you a suggested kit list before the departure date.

On a winter walking day, and being in the mountains, the terrain can sometimes be rocky and uneven, but we try to minimise any excessively steep climbs or steep descents.

We grade this week as moderate to challenging walking. [See our walking grades.](#)

DAY 1

Arrival

- Minibus taxi transfer from Zaragoza airport and train station. (see website for times).
- A welcome drink on arrival at our farmhouse, Casa Allué, and a chance to meet Simon and Lucy, your hosts.
- After the evening meal we will have a chat about the week ahead, and the program for the following day.



DAY 2

French border Snowshoe Hike

- We go high to the French border (1800m), for a snowshoe hike with magnificent open views both South to Spain and North to France.
- In fact, after a warming ascent, we can stand on the border with a foot in each country!
- Our guide will explain how some of the peaks we are looking at were once the chimneys of a giant ancient volcano. Hard to imagine when surrounded by snow!
- The spectacular open views continue as we complete this circular walk, finishing with a well-earned drink in the local bar.
- Distance 6km. Ascent 450m.



DAY 3 - Ordesa Canyon - National Park

- An easy snowshoe or crampon walk, through the winter wonderland of Ordesa canyon, visiting ice blue waterfalls on the way.
- Since the sunshine doesn't reach the valley floor in winter, walking through the canyon is like walking through the wardrobe into Narnia, a world of snowy trails and icicles suspended from rocky overhangs.
- We will visit 3 beautiful waterfalls on this walk. A gradual climb on wide tracks leads us to several viewing points.
- We cross over the Arazas River to return along a forest track through magnificent beech woods.
- Distance 8km. Ascent 280m.



DAY 4

Basa de la Mora

- We go to one of the most remote valleys in our area, where after a 4x4 part climb in the minibus, we then hike up the mountain.
- We follow a single track through the woods, putting on snowshoes or crampons depending on conditions. The long climb is rewarded with stunning views of the magical mountain lake "Basa de la Mora."
- At 1900m above sea level the lake remains completely frozen in winter, and surrounded by jagged snowy peaks, it makes the perfect winter postcard scene.
- Our local guide will tell us about the legend of the lake, as well as the geology that created it.
- Distance 12km return (depends on 4x4). Ascent/Descent approx. 600m.



DAY 5

Rest day in Albella

- A day without travelling and a chance to rest and recharge.
- Relax with a book by the fire, go for a short stroll from the farmhouse, or even a self-guided hike up the mountain behind the house.
- Afternoon optional guided visit to our local chapel. Learn the full story of our saint, San Úrbez, “the rain man!” and how the chapel survived through the Spanish civil war.



DAY 6

Tozal Blanco & Aínsa Visit

- We drive towards the Northeastern edge of the Ordesa National Park, then up a 4x4 track as far as the snow line.
- We finish the climb with snowshoes, passing through wooded slopes to reach a snowy plateau. We continue to climb up a wide ridge from where we get spectacular views above the Pineta Valley.
- Looking across to the North side of Monte Perdido, we can make out the remains of Europe’s most southerly glacier.
- As we stop for our picnic lunch at nearly 2000m, we keep our eyes open for Alpine Choughs and even the Bearded Vulture flying overhead.
- Options to shorten or lengthen the route.
- On the drive back we visit the medieval town of Aínsa, one of Spain’s 10 prettiest villages, and a chance to buy local produce.
- Distance 6 to 10km climbing 500-800m.



DAY 7

Yebra de Basa

- We give the snowshoes a rest as we take a unique hike well off the beaten track.
- A steady rocky climb on ancient pathways takes us up past 3 different chapels built into the cliffs, all in honour of local saints.
- A magical waterfall falls like a veil beside one of the chapels.
- At this time of year, it is also a great place to spot the elusive Wallcreeper as it searches for insects in the sunny south facing cliffs.
- A final climb rewards us with spectacular views of the Pyrenees, as Griffon vultures soar next to us on the thermals.
- We then walk the short distance to the sanctuary of Santa Orosia with its natural spring.
- Distance 13km. Ascent 700m.



DAY 8 - Departure

Depart for Zaragoza and onward journeys home.

Make a Reservation

Use our online booking system on the holiday page to reserve your place.

There are only 8 places available on this trip.

Accommodation, transport, guides, meals and drinks are all included. The only additional cost is the optional gratuities for the guides.

We charge no single supplement.

If you have any questions, please contact us using the details below:

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Please note this is strictly a no-smoking holiday.