



Aragon Active

Advanced Spanish Language Holiday

Learn firsthand from the locals with guided walks and cultural visits



Full Itinerary

This is a Spanish immersion holiday, so Spanish is spoken all day, except for the evening meal, when most prefer to relax with a glass of wine and speak English.

During this week we mix in some of our favourite activities from the other holidays we run. The big difference is that this week you can talk firsthand to the locals and ask any questions directly in Spanish. This means, as well as maximising your conversational and listening skills, you will learn so much more about this wonderful corner of the Pyrenees!

The itinerary below gives an idea of what we do during a typical week. Each evening after supper we give a briefing on the following day. Any changes to the itinerary will always be done to ensure you have a full and enjoyable holiday. We also need to fit in with availability of the different people involved in our visits, and of course the weather!

Please note that walking times are a guide only, and do not include the numerous stops that we make.

Language Level

To get the most out of this holiday you need to be a confident speaker and have a Spanish level of B2 or above. If you are unsure of your level, please take the [Cervantes on line level test](#) and let us know your result (allow half an hour to do the test).

Walks

Being in the mountains, the terrain can sometimes be rocky and uneven, but we try to minimise any climbs or steep descents. Be prepared to spend a lot of time on your feet during guided tours of monuments, villages and talking to local people.

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

DAY 1

Arrival

- Minibus taxi transfer from Zaragoza airport and train station. (see website for times). Arrival at Casa Allué, Albella.
- 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

Spanish Lesson & Walk to Nearby Village

- Introductory lesson to get to know our Spanish teacher and discuss your personal objectives for the week. The lesson is spread between our classroom and our terrace (with a coffee).
- After lunch there is time for a siesta before a short evening walk on a medieval woodland track, and then a quiet road up to our neighbour's village.
- Here Maria will explain her personal story behind their beautifully restored church, and the blacksmith's workshop.
- Light evening buffet in Albella.
- Walk Time 1 hour, distance 4 km (return), ascent/descent 100m.



DAY 3

Bujaruelo Valley Walk & Goats Farm Visit

- Excursion with a local mountain guide to the valley of Bujaruelo.
- We will cross the iconic Romanic bridge and walk along the grassy banks of the Ara River, before gently going up to a hanging valley on wide forest tracks.
- Our guide will explain the importance of the Romanic bridge and the hostel, as well as the local geology and wildlife.
- Picnic lunch by the Ara River, and an opportunity for a refreshing dip!
- On the way back to the guesthouse we stop at a tiny goats farm, learn about their project, meet the goats and sample the cheese!
- Walk Time 2 hours, distance 10km, ascent 300m (shorter option available).



DAY 4

Spanish Lesson & Jaca Visit

- After a morning lesson, we drive to Jaca for a guided tour of its Romanic cathedral, a strategic landmark on the Camino de Santiago.
- Our guide will show us how the Cathedral was transformed over the centuries, the importance of the marketplace and tell the macabre story of the town's local saint, along with some truly shocking practices!
- Lunch out at a local restaurant followed by a stroll around the "Ciudadela", the original Pentagon!
- We return to Albella in the evening for a light buffet supper.



DAY 5

Lesson and Local Walk to Janovás

- We walk straight from the house along easy tracks down to the once abandoned village of Janovás.
- Sixty years ago, a dam project forced out the residents of this once vibrant community, except for one determined family. The project never went ahead, and this was a ghost town for decades. Today the town is slowly being rebuilt.
- We have the privilege of chatting to a resident who, although just a boy at the time, lived through the evictions and dirty tricks of the electricity company.
- Afterwards we relax on the “beach” by the Ara River, a perfect spot for lunch and a swim. We get the minibus back up to the farmhouse for an afternoon Spanish class and refreshments.
- Walk Time 1.5 hours. Distance 6km, descent 250m.



DAY 6

Ordesa National Park – Añisclo Canyon

- Our mountain guide will take you to the Añisclo canyon. Along the way he will explain the local history, and how this dramatic limestone canyon with 1km high cliffs was formed.
- We walk up the canyon a little way, past the Chapel cave of San Úrbez, our local saint (a medieval “Rain man”) and past beautiful cascades and turquoise pools.
- The canyon then opens out to a perfect picnic spot by the river.
- The canyon is home to a diversity of butterflies, vultures and an unusual carnivorous plant.
- Back in Albella, there is time to relax before the evening meal.
- Walk Time 2 hours, 10 Km, 300 m ascent



DAY 7

Tella & Ainsa

- We drive up to the mountain village of Tella at 1300m. Here we meet our Spanish teacher for a final Spanish class in this spectacular setting.
- Being so remote, this tiny village is steeped in superstitions and legends of giants and witches. As a result, it has no less than 3 chapels.
- We chat to the local guide to learn about some of these legends.
- After an easy circular tour of the 3 chapels, we visit a prehistoric Dolmen and have our picnic lunch.
- In the afternoon we visit the medieval town of Ainsa, in Spain's top 10 prettiest towns. After a short tour of the fort and cobbled streets, there is a chance to relax and have a drink in the Medieval Plaza, as well as buy any last-minute souvenirs.
- Walk time 1 hour. Ascent 100m. 2.5km.



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.