



# Aragon Active

## Guided Walking Holiday

Spectacular walks in and around Ordesa National Park



### Full Itinerary

The itinerary below gives an idea of what we will be doing during a typical week. Each evening after supper we talk about the following day. Any changes to the itinerary will always be done to ensure you have a full and enjoyable holiday. The final decision of exactly where we go on a particular day will be decided by Simon, Lucy and the guide, and it will depend a great deal on the weather.

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

The walking times below are a guide only and do not include stopping for lunch etc.

## DAY 1

### Arrival

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



## DAY 2

### Janovás and the Ara Valley

- After a day of travelling we take a leisurely circular walk directly from the farmhouse.
- We will follow part of the “Camino de San Urbez”, (local saint), along a medieval path that links the local villages.
- Along the way we find 50-million-year-old sea fossils and learn how the Pyrenees were formed.
- Our lunchtime stop is the abandoned village of Janovás. Here we discover its turbid history, one which had implications for the entire valley.
- There is a chance to relax by the beautiful blue waters of the river Ara and even have a swim! We complete the circuit by walking parallel to the river and then hiking up to Albella on easy tracks.
- Walk Time: 3-4 hours. 300m ascent, 12km.



## DAY 3

### Ordesa National Park -Añisclo Canyon

- This 1km deep limestone canyon was carved out by the karstic action of the river Bellos.
- A good warm up climb to start as we follow a medieval pathway up to a restored village (200m ascent). A beautiful Romanic church awaits, in a breathtaking setting.
- We head down a rocky path into the canyon, stopping to take in the spectacular views both above and below.
- We then walk upstream to the perfect picnic spot by the river Bellos, before heading back down the canyon passing cascades and the cave chapel of San Urbez.
- A short final climb takes us back to our start point.
- Walk Time 4 hours, 400m ascent 12km.



## DAY 4

### Ordesa National Park - Pineta Valley

- We explore another corner of the national park, this time in the glacial valley of Pineta.
- Here we will walk over 250-million-year-old rocks.
- A shady woodland walk uphill (ascent 300m) takes us to a hanging valley where we get impressive views of the river Cinca and the Lalarri waterfalls, as well as the north face of Monte Perdido.
- On the way back we traverse through beautiful beech woods, close to the spectacular vertical cascades and pools of the Cinca waterfall, before heading back down through the woods.
- Walk time 4-5 hours, 580m ascent. 12km



## DAY 5

### Rest day in Albella

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



## DAY 6

### Ordesa Canyon – Faja de Pelay

- This is the most challenging but the most rewarding hike of the week. A faja walk in Ordesa National Park.
- Ordesa canyon was carved out by a wide glacier to reveal impressive cliffs of sedimentary rock. The layers have eroded, leaving “fajas”; wide strips of level rock perfect for walking along.
- This faja is north facing, so is only open from June to October. We start the day with a demanding switch back climb up through the beech woods on the “hunters track” (650m ascent, approx.1 ½ hours).
- There are plenty of opportunities to stop and catch your breath.
- The path finally opens to reveal a 270° viewpoint.
- With most of the climbing done for the day, we follow the easy well-trodden track along the Faja de Pelay.
- There are spectacular views of the valley below us and Monte Perdido ahead of us.



- The track gradually drops down to the head of the valley and the famous “Cola de Caballo,” or horsetail falls.
- After a picnic lunch we head back through the valley bottom, along a mix of easy wide tracks, passing the impressive Soaso cascades and 3 more iconic waterfalls, before eventually reaching the start of the walk and the bar for a well-earned drink!
- Walk time 6 hours, ascent 780m, 19km.



- Alternative Valley bottom walk 5 hours, ascent 500m, 13km.

*\*(On our May holiday we walk the Fajas on the South facing side of the valley ascent 750m 16km)*

## DAY 7

### Ordesa National Park – Escuaín & Ainsa

- An easy half-day walk above the Escuaín gorge.
- A short walk along an undulating trail above the gorge takes us to 3 viewpoints. These give us the possibility to see Griffon and Bearded vultures flying above and even below us!
- We then take a short steep climb up to a plateau for views of the majestic “Castillo Mayor” mountain, before a rocky descent down to our start point in the village of Revilla.
- In the afternoon we visit the medieval town of Ainsa, one of Spain’s top 10 prettiest towns.
- Walk time 2hours. Ascent 350 m. 6km.



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.**