



# FERRATAS IN ARAGON PYRENEES

Sorrosal, Forada del Toscar and Rodellar-2020



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## 1 Introduction

We propose a very special trip to the Aragon Pyrenees. Undoubtedly, a different experience.

Our base camp will be the beautiful village of **Aínsa**. We will start our adventure visiting the village of **Broto** and its spectacular ferrata next to an incredible waterfall. In the afternoon, we will visit the **Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park**, a geological wonder.

We will travel to one of the most famous ferratas in the Pyrenees, the **Ferrata Foradada del Toscar**. A brilliant activity, really spectacular, varied and in a wonderful landscape.

To finish the trip and in our way back, we will do the **Ferrata de Rondellar**.

During the week we will stay in two comfortable hotels from where we will make short journeys by vehicle to carry out the planned activity.

The professional guides will lead you safely in this activity and will assure you in the ferratas so you do not have to take care of anything but to enjoy.

## 2 Destination

The **Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park** is located in the **Huesca Pyrenees**, Aragon (Spain). It occupies the municipalities of **Bielsa**, **Fanlo**, Puértolas, Tella-Sin, **Torla** and **Broto** and it receives over 600.000 visitors per year.

The Park covers 15.608 hectares and it has a peripheral protection zone of 19.679 hectares. The altitude ranges from 700 m. in **Vellós River** to 3.355 m. in the **Monte Perdido** summit.

Without a doubt the park is a natural jewel, with a geomorphology created by the erosive glacial action, where you can find huge vertical walls, beech woods, waterfalls and a varied fauna.

**Brecha de Rolando** is a narrow col of 40 m wide and 100 m high, located at 2.804 meters high in the Monte Perdido massif. Legend has it that this gap was created by **Rolando**, Charlemagne's nephew, while he was trying to destroy his sword hitting it against the rock after the battle of Roncesvalles.

**Monte Perdido** is the highest limestone massif in Europe with a summit of **3.355 meters** high.

**Sierra de Guara** is a huge mountain range that covers more than 80.000 hectares in the province of Huesca, in the Pre-Pyrenees. Its abrupt terrain, sculpted by a large network of untamed crystal-clear waters, and its good climate make it a perfect destination to enjoy different leisure activities and adventure sports. The abrupt terrain offers many vertical rock walls and cliffs, challenges that are the dream of climbers from around the world.

**Alquézar** is a beautiful medieval village surrounded by majestic reddish limestone and where you can enjoy the leisure time strolling through its cobbled streets, walking around the Vero River walkways or visiting its famous 16th-century Gothic and Renaissance styles Collegiate, which was declared a National Monument.

Deep inside the Sierra de Guara, we arrive to the small village of **Rodellar**, in the Canyon of the Mascún River. It is a magical and breath-taking natural place that looks like a scene of the Jurassic Park movie.

## 3 Basic information

Destination: **Pyrenees** Spain.

Activity: Vías Ferratas

Compromised level \*\* / Technical level required: K3/K4

Duration: 4 days.

Time of the year: June-October

Group size: 4-6 people.

### 3.1 Compromise level and technical difficulty required

It is important that you are clear and honest telling us your previous experience in this type of activities so we can select the most appropriate destination and activity.

Compromise Level	Description
*	Short itinerary, not very remote, easy descent.
**	Itinerary a bit longer with some objective risks, easy descent.
***	Long itinerary with a good mountain experience required. Long approach and a complicated descent.
****	Long itinerary in a big wall; tricky route and exposed to objective risks in both approach and climb. Difficult retreat, via not equipped, difficult descent. The rope team must have an excellent level.

Hüsler scale divides in 6 levels of difficulty in a range from easy to extremely difficult.

Level of difficulty	Description
K1	Easy
K2	Fairly easy
K3	Somehow difficult
K4	Difficult
K5	Very difficult
K6	Extremely difficult

\* Additionally, could be added the French scale:

The French scale follows the classification of the classic alpine routes, and has 6 different levels of difficulty from **F** to **ED** in a scale from **easy** to **extremely difficult**. The main difference with the **Hüsler scale** is that in the French scale there are half levels in between indicated with the symbol (+) upper or (-) lower, like in rock climbing.

Easy    Fairly easy    Somehow difficult    Difficult    Very difficult    Extremely difficult  
 F    PD    AD    D    TD    ED

Just to clarify, the level "Extremely difficult" does not mean that it is so difficult as to put the human capacities to the limits, but to define the hardest existing routes.

## 4 Programme

### 4.1 Programme outline

**Day 1. Travelling day.** Night in Ainsa

**Day 2. Broto. Sorrosal Ferrata.**

Difficulty K3. Approach time 5min. Route time 2h. Return time 20min.

**Day 3. Foradada del Toscar Ferrata.**

Difficulty K4. Approach time 15min. Route time 2h 30min. Return time 40min.

**Day 4. Ferrata La Virgen del Castillo. Rodellar.**

Difficulty K2. Approach time 20min. Route time 50min. Return time 50min.

(Depending on the available time, it is possible to do the **Bierge Ferrata**)

Return trip.

## 4.2 Detailed programme

**Day 1. Travelling day.** Night in Ainsa

**Day 2. Broto. Sorrosal Ferrata.**

Spectacular Ferrata in the outskirts of **Ordesa National Park**. It goes all along the waterfall and part of the Sorrosal ravine in a varied itinerary, with a bridge, several stairs and a small cave.

Difficulty K3. Approach time 5min. Route time 2h. Return time 20min.

**Day 3. Foradada del Toscar Ferrata.**

**Magnificent ferrata** that can be enjoyed even during the winter months due to its south orientation. Without a doubt it is not to be missed.

It consists of three sections. The first one is the most exposed and spectacular followed by a descent very well secured and a third optional section more relaxed to finish the activity with a good after taste.

Difficulty K4. Approach time 15min. Route time 2h 30min. Return time 40min.

**Day 4. Ferrata La Virgen del Castillo. Rodellar.**

Transfer to the heart of **Guara**, to **Rodellar**, a small village that will transport you to the past, to the essence of this mountain range from all possible points of view. **Landscape, history, ethnography...** and a sport attraction that will leave us with a feeling of an authentic adventure in remote places and through time.

We will have to cover a small approach of 20min before we start the route. The itinerary goes along a rocky spur.

Difficulty K2. Approach time 20min. Route time 50min. Return time 50min.

(Depending on the available time, it is possible to do the **Bierge Ferrata**)

Return trip.

## 5 More information

Price. 435 euros per person (group de 4-6 people)

### 5.1 Included

- Certified Mountain Guide
- Accident and rescue insurance.

- 3 nights in a hotel/inn with half board in **Aínsa**.
- Management of the activity.

## 5.2 Not included

- Transport. Possibility to share transport with other participants (consult).
- Equipment for the ferratas. (Consult the possibility to hire it).

## 5.3 Packing list

It is important to carry a light backpack to walk comfortably, so we recommend to carry only the essential material and clothing. The backpack should not exceed 5-6kg in weight.

- Backpack (between 30-35 litres).
- Trekking boots or walking shoes depending on the trekking.
- Via Ferrata set (two carabiners and a lanyard) climbing harness, helmet and gloves. (It might be possible to hire this equipment, please consult first)
- Clothing:
  - Socks.
  - Long and short trekking pants
  - Thermal shirt (first layer). A spare change.
  - Fleece jacket or similar (second layer).
  - Gore-Tex type jacket and pants (third layer).
  - Primaloft jacket or light down insulated jacket.
  - Fleece, light type of gloves.
  - Hat and cap.
- Sunglasses.
- Head lamp (extra batteries).
- Water bottle or water bag Camelback type of minimum capacity 1 liter.
- First aid kit and essential toiletries.
- Sunscreen and protection lip balm.
- Camera.

The luggage not needed during the activities will be stored at the hotel/apartment. The days when we change accommodation, the luggage will be kept at the private vehicle while the group is doing the different activities and it will be collected at the new accommodation after all the visits have finished for the day.

## 5.4 Observaciones

### Date Flexibility

Aside from the regular travel trip dates, we are flexible to reconsider new dates if those are more convenient to the client's leisure plans. Do not hesitate to contact us should you have any different dates in mind.

## Time and meeting point

One week prior to the trip departure date, an email will be sent to each participant to give away the meeting point and time along with the guide contact information. At this point any information considered essential to the trip organization will be shared.

## Level of the activity

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## 5.5 Insurance policy

All activities in Spain have an accident insurance included in the price. Yet, if you practise mountain sports regularly and also travel frequently, **we suggest you get a travel insurance**, that as well as covering any accident and rescue it also protect you against many other situations.

If you do not have a travel insurance you can acquire one with our travel agency. Exploring Spain processes all insurances with **Intermundial**. The cost of these insurances is lower if you buy it through Exploring Spain than if you do it directly with Intermundial.

\*Consult prices and conditions for Intermundial insurances with Exploring Spain following this link: <https://www.exploring-spain.com/insurances>

### Included accident and rescue insurance

\*\* Included accident and rescue insurance. Nº POLIZA J-2421 Muntania Outdoors. Assistance phone number 24h +34 93 366 95 81 (it is the contact number for the insurance company AXA).

\*\*\* It is the customer's responsibility to inform the insurance company about the accident as soon as possible. Prior the departure for the trip, we will send you an email with the insurance policy number and the assistance number so you can have it during the trip.

\*\*\*\* Depending on where the accident happens, the customer will have to pay in advance if the insurance company indicates it, being the payment refunded by the insurance company within the policy's limits. In any case Exploring Spain – Muntania Outdoors S.L. is responsible for any advance payment required for the rescue or assistance.

## 5.6 Links of interest

- <http://www.rednaturaldearagon.com>

## 5.7 Highlights

- Ratio guide-client(s) that allows you to get the most out of the activity and with a higher security.
- Landscapes of great beauty.
- Adventure trips.

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