



ROCK CLIMBING IN ORDESA

Tozal del Mallo and Gallinero-2020



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1 Introduction

Let us take you on a 2-day trip of rock climbing in **Ordesa**, considered by many as the temple of the big walls of Spain, with a crackly limestone, big blocks and a big feeling of exposure from the first pitch, making these walls a territory only for adventurous people.

The first day we will attempt **Pilar de Primavera, Gallinero, Ordesa**, 6a (V/A0)

The following day we Will climb the route **Ravier al Tozal del Mallo, Ordesa** (350m, 6a+, V+ obligado)

Without a doubt this is the way, looking for some continuity in achievable and exciting objectives, to achieve **new challenges** that until now seemed unreachable.

2 Basic information

Destination: **Ordesa**, Spain.

Activity: Rock climbing.

Compromise level/Technical level required: *****/V+**

Duration: 2 days.

Time of the year: From June to October.

Group size: 1-2 people.

2.1 Compromise level and technical difficulty required

Trip orientated for **people with some experience in rock climbing** and that have already **done multi-pitch routes**. It is required at least to be able to climb a grade **V+**.

It is important that you are clear and honest telling us your previous experience in this type of activity 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.

In Spain the most common system used in rock climbing is a mix between the UIAA grading and the French grading, For the less difficult routes we use the UIAA grading (roman numbers from I to V with + or – to be more accurate), from here we switch to the French grading (6, 7, 8, 9 with sublevels a, b or c and + or – to be more accurate).

Difficulty grading	Description
III	Scramble, it is necessary to use the hands but holds are abundant.
IV/VI*	Terrain where the use of a rope is necessary.
V/V*	Difficult climb where the use of belaying is required.
6a/6a+	Difficult climb where the use of belaying is required.
6b/6b+	Difficult climb where the use of belaying is required.

* If there was a part of the route where **aid climbing** progression were necessary, we would add this classification

A0. Pulling on solid protection, often without the use of étriers

A1 Easy aid, no risk of any piece of protection pulling out. Safe falls.

A2 Moderate aid. Short sections of tenuous placements above good protection.

3 Programme

Day 1. **Ravier al Tozal del Mallo, Ordesa** (350m, 6a+, V+ obligado)

Day 2. **Pilar de Primavera, Gallinero, Ordesa**, 6a (V/A0)



4 More information

Price:

- **350** euros per person for a ratio 1 guide / 2 clients.
- **580** euros per person for a ratio 1 guide / 1 client.

4.1 Included

- Mountain guide.
- Accident and rescue insurance.
- Communal climbing equipment.
- Trip management and accommodation arrangements.

4.2 Not included

- Transport. (Transfers can be arranged under request).
- Accommodation and meals (also for the guide which expenses will be divided between all participants).

4.3 Packing list

It is important to carry a light backpack to climb comfortably, so we recommend to carry only the essential material and clothing. It is possible to hire equipment if necessary, please let us know if this is the case.

- Small backpack to climb comfortably.
- Harness
- Helmet.
- Walking shoes for the approach and climbing shoes.
- Harness, personal anchor tether, belaying and three locking carabiners.
- Dyneema sling 13mm wide and at least 120cm long. 1 sling for a prusik knot.
- Thermal clothing appropriate for the destination and time of the year.

- Shocks.
- Mountain trousers.
- Thermal t-shirt (first layer).
- Fleece or similar (second layer).
- Windbreaker jacket.
- Sun cap.
- Sunglasses.
- Head torch (extra batteries).
- Water bottle or Camelback 1 litre.
- First aid kit and personal toiletries.
- Sun cream and lip balm.
- Camara.

4.4 Observations

Level of the activity

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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 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 inform about the meeting point and time along with the guide contact details. At this point any information considered essential to the trip organization will be shared.

Plane tickets (if applicable)

In case you wish us to handle your plane tickets, please contact us with airport arrival and departure details and number of needed luggage. Before issuing any ticket, price and details will be send to the client for its approval.

Muntania fee for plane ticket management is 20€ per person.

If, otherwise, you handle your plane tickets, please coordinate with us before hand to check on arrival and departure information.

Please take into consideration getting with you on your carry-on luggage some set of clothing in case there is any problem with the checked luggage.

4.5 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.

4.6 Links of interest

- <http://www.ordesa.net/>

4.7 Highlights

- Small group. You can make the most of the activity and with safety.
- Specially selected routes to adapt the activity according to the level and interests of the participants.
- Classic climbing routes in a very alpine environment.

4.8 Similar trips

- Rock climbing in Costa Blanca, Levante. Bernia Ridge and Peñón de Ifach
- Rock climbing in Picos de Europa. Naranjo de Bulnes.
- Punsola Route to Cavall Bernat. Montserrat, Barcelona
- Top Sport Climbing Spain
- High Level Experience in the Pre-Pyrenees.

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