



Barcelona and The Pyrenees - Tailor Made



HOLIDAY TYPE: Small Group
VISITING:

BROCHURE CODE: 51167
DURATION: 6 nights

In Brief

Get ready for a captivating Spanish adventure! This trip whisks you away to the vibrant city of Barcelona for 2 nights, where tapas haunts and iconic architecture await. But your journey doesn't end there. We then venture into the heart of Catalonia, to the charming town of Sort. Nestled amidst breathtaking mountains and picturesque valleys, Sort is a mecca for adventure seekers. So buckle up, grab your sense of adventure, and get ready to soak up the contrasting beauty of Catalonia!

Our Opinion

“ *The Catalan Pyrenees holds a special place in the memories of everyone in the office who has been lucky enough to visit. The activities are enough to set your pulse racing and give you a real sense of accomplishment, but all the while you are surrounded by the most serene alpine scenery – you would hardly believe you were in Spain (well, Catalonia!) if it were not for the sunshine.* ”

Graham Hughes



What's included?

- **Transfers:** El Prat airport to Barcelona hotel, Barcelona to Sort (please note this transfer is approximately 3 hours) and from Sort back to El Prat airport
- **Accommodation:** 2 nights in a standard double/twin room in a city centre hotel in Barcelona and 4 nights a standard double/twin room in El Pessets Hotel, Sort
- **Meals:** 6 breakfasts
- **In Sort, you can choose to add your own choice of activities from:** jeep tour and hike in a national park, white-water rafting, canyoning, via ferrata family route, open kayaking and canopy circuit, horse riding and El Batlliu half day hike. Please see the Activities page for full details and individual prices for these activities. All equipment, tuition and supervision from fully qualified instructors is included in the price for the additional activities.

*Please note there is a local tax for visitors of up to €1.32 per person (over 16) per night, this can only be paid locally through your hotel

Trip Overview

Combine the best of Catalonia with a Barcelona city break followed by a design your own adventure in the breathtaking Pyrenees.

Fuelled by hot chocolate and churros, make the most of your time in Catalonia's cultural capital. Whether that means strolling along the vibrant Las Ramblas, immersing yourself in the whimsical genius of Gaudi at the Casa Batllo and Sagrada Familia or simply indulging your taste buds in search of the perfect paella or tapas bar.

To appreciate Catalonia as a whole though, you need to venture beyond the urban sophistication of Barcelona and take the scenic journey to Sort, in the heart of the Pyrenees. More than just a picturesque medieval town nestling among the mountain peaks, Sort is also an adventure playground. Here you can unleash your sense of adventure and go white-water rafting, canyoning and take on the challenge of a via ferrata or a kayaking and high ropes course day . Or you can simply enjoy the serenity of your surroundings and hike or horse ride through the alpine forests and along the banks of crystal clear rivers and lakes. For full details of the activities available in Sort, all of which are priced

individually as additional options, please see our Activities page.

Sort itself is a charming town to explore and full of the rich cultural heritage of the region. It's narrow cobbled lanes and castle reflect its long history and the impressive Noguera Pallaresa river, one of the best in Europe for water-sports, runs through the town. To top it off, you will also find a wealth of dining options for such a small town. Whether you are looking for tapas, hearty mountain fare to fuel your adventures or to experience fine dining at a Michelin starred restaurant the diverse local dining scene has you covered.

Agenda

Please note the order of activities is subject to change

DAY
1

ARRIVAL AND TRANSFER

Your driver will be waiting for you at the airport to take you the 30 minute journey (approximately) to your hotel in central Barcelona. You will be able to start your holiday immediately as so many of the city's key sights will be on your doorstep.

Included Meals: None

DAY
2

EXPLORE BARCELONA AT YOUR OWN PACE

Barcelona is a city that is on every traveller's must see list. It is home to the striking architecture of Gaudi, the art (and museum) of Picasso together with the enticing appeal of palm trees, beaches and cava and tapas on offer around every corner. The city also boasts a very efficient underground network linking together sights like Sagrada Familia, Casa Batllo and even those further out of the centre like the Camp Nou, so you will be able to see as much (or as little!) as you wish in your time here.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAYS
3 TO 6

TAILOR YOUR OWN TIME IN SORT

Following your transfer from Barcelona on the morning of Day 3 (approximately 3 hours) you will be able to assemble your own choice of activities to enhance your experience in the heart of the Catalan Pyrenees. For further details on the options please visit our [Personalise](#) page or speak to one of our Travel Experts.

We do recommend choosing your activities when confirming your booking as Sort is a small location and attracts travellers from across Europe for its water based and hiking activities in particular.

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY
7

DEPARTURE

Following breakfast this morning it is time to bid a reluctant farewell to Sort and your transfer will take you back to the airport in good time for your flight home.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Personalise this tour

Our pick



White-Water Rafting

Today you will take to the water for a thrilling morning of white-water rafting; You will be given a full safety briefing and paddling instructions on the river bank prior to boarding your raft. Your expert guide will be at the helm and working in teams of up to eight people you will enjoy the delights of the river together. This is always an activity highlight for families.

You will enjoy between one and one and a half hours of exhilaration on the river.

Other options

ACTIVITIES



Canyoning

Canyoning is an unforgettable activity, offering challenges, thrills and delight in equal measure. In groups of around ten people, you head to the top of the canyon (the 30-minute uphill is definitely well rewarded) in order to descend in a variety of ways; heading downstream via a series of slides, jumps, abseils and swims. This area of the Pyrenees is known as a canyoning hotspot and with good reason, these mountains provide the perfect activity playground.

The activity itself lasts for around an hour and a half from

top to bottom.



Forest High Ropes Course and Open Water Kayaking

Visit the Pirineu Natural Park to take part in a high ropes course set in a beautiful alpine forest and overlooking a tranquil lake. The platforms and ropes are between 1.5 and 6 metres from the ground and full safety equipment and guides supervise your participation.

After you have completed your circuit (approximately 45 minutes) you will also be able to explore the lake by taking a kayak out from one of the nearby beaches. Your

guide will teach you the correct paddling technique and you can then explore the lake or simply relax out on the water. There is also a bar at the park where you can take lunch (not included).



Jeep Tour and Hike in National Park

You will be picked up in 4x4 jeeps and driven up into the stunning Aigüestortes National Park – a perfect introduction to the beautiful peaks and lakes of the Pyrenean landscapes and plentiful wildlife such as eagles and crossbills. You will then enjoy a short hike covering approximately six kilometres. Our guides have found a lovely route that offers stunning views of the scenery.



Guided Via Ferrata

If you have not heard of a via ferrata before, they are a network of anchors, cables, rungs and ladders (usually metal – hence the name, iron path) to make traversing steep slopes easier. You will still have all the relevant safety equipment, including a harness to secure yourself to the cable, but under the guide's instruction, it is the confidence that they give you that will get you to viewpoints that might otherwise be out of reach. The whole experience is really a fusion of hiking and climbing. This experience lasts around two hours.



Horse Riding

A 1 hour horse-riding route for all ages on horses that are specially trained for equestrian tourism. The team of professional equestrian guides at nearby Rialp assure you a rewarding, unique and personal experience on horseback surrounded by the best Pyrenean landscapes. The guides will take you through all aspects of safety and basic skills before starting the route. Then, you will follow a scenic local path along the valley by the rushing waters of the Noguera Pallaresa river.



Batlliu Hike

Enjoy a half day hike exploring the surroundings of Sort in the company of a local guide. The route will start at your hotel and you will walk together through the town until reaching the traditional path that links Sort with the villages nearby. During the hike, you will learn about ancient ways of living, visit small mountain villages and enjoy the best views of the Noguera Pallaresa valley.

Included Accommodation

Hotel in Barcelona City Centre (Nights: 1-2)



We work with a carefully selected local partner in offering a range of hotels close to the centre of Barcelona. Due to the demand on rooms across the city, we do not offer a specific hotel or location but will confirm the full details to you with any quote for this itinerary. Hotels will be of a 3 or 4 star standard based on local accreditation and room type will be a standard double or twin room.

Please let us know if you have any specific requirements regarding your hotel or location preference (supplements may apply subject to availability and special requests or upgrades).

Hotel Pessets (Nights: 3-6)



The Hotel Pessets is a family focussed hotel in the Pyrenean town of Sort, with an enviable location close to the centre and next to the Noguera Pallaresa river. Children will love the large outdoor pool and parents the welcoming spa offering a range of treatments and complete with an indoor pool and sauna. The onsite restaurant has a reputation for showcasing the best of regional and seasonal produce.

HOTEL FACILITIES:

- This is a four-star hotel with a wide variety of ensuite, outdoor-themed rooms designed to meet the needs of adventure-seeking travellers
- Make the most of the outdoor and indoor pools, together with the spa, sauna and fitness centre
- There is an onsite restaurant serving local dishes and a café bar and terrace area
- Free Wi-Fi throughout

ROOM OPTIONS:

Double/twin room:

Standard rooms offer either twin beds or double beds according to your needs. All also have the option of becoming triple rooms. They have exterior views of the garden or the village of Sort. All have a minibar and some are air-conditioned.

The Specifics

Holiday group size (approximate)

Minimum 1 person; maximum 30 people (approximately)

Group Size

We always try to provide an approximation of the group size you can expect to be with for the duration of each of our holidays. It may be that you are joined by others for parts of your holiday (such as transfers and particular activities) but the above number reflects those you can normally expect to be with from beginning to end. If group size is something which is particularly important to you, please speak to our Travel Experts and they can suggest the best holidays for you.

Tailor-made holiday group sizes will vary for all activities as will the group size for any additional activities you book.

Minimum and maximum age

If a specific minimum age applies to this holiday, it can be found in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page.

Unless otherwise stated in the in the Key Facts box on the holiday Overview page, the minimum age for participation in an Artisan holiday is typically 8 years old (there may be younger children in some destinations who have booked with other companies). If an adult-only environment is important to you, then please contact our Travel Experts and they will advise on the best dates and destinations for you. If you are looking for a holiday designed specifically for families then please see our sister company www.activitiesabroad.com

Itinerary amendments

The order of activities listed in this agenda is provided for guidance only, your final and detailed itinerary will be provided either with your final travel documents (which are uploaded into your online account around a week prior to departure) or upon arrival.

Terms and Conditions

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Minimum travellers 10, Maximum travellers 20