







# Pyrenean birdwatching tour with optional visit to raptor hide.

**Where**: Posets Maladeta Natural Park (Huesca)

**Who:** piriNature experiences https://pirinatureexperiencies.com/

What: Guiding company

A birding tour through the different ecosystems to be found in the Posets-Maladeta Natural Park and surrounding areas. We will explore the contrast between the landscapes of the high mountains in the Natural Park with the hidden and more rural Pyrenees where traditional lifestyles, nature and culture are all joined.

#### Day 1: Woodland birds and the rock face in the Pegá forest.

A simple walk through a mixed old-growth beech forest which takes us to an exceptional viewpoint to see birds of prey

#### Day 2: High mountain birds in the Posets-Maladeta **Natural Park**

A straightforward walk that takes us to the heart of a protected natural space that is home to the highest peaks of the Pyrenees, with more than 80 tarns, mountain lakes of glacial origin, as well as Europe's most southerly glaciers.

#### Day 3: Birds and Culture

An easy walking route that goes along old shepherds'

ways through old-growth woods to ancient villages, Romanesque chapels and the 10thC Azcón castle. This is a route loaded with history along which we can also enjoy seeing birds. It's a circular route that connects the villages of Castarné, Bibiles and Bonansa.

We are committed to conservation. Please check out our other projects: - https://pirnatureexperiencias.com/ provectos-de-conservación/







# formation

- (>) Minimum group size: 3
- (>) Includes: Mountain leader specialized in natural history. Activity insurance. Observation equipment. Languages: English/ Spanish
- (>) Optional visit to raptor hide (November to May). One of the best places in the Pyrenees to photograph Lammergeier in winter. Not included in the price





# Casa Gerbe – Pyrenees

Where: Gerbe (Huesca)

Who: Casa Gerbe https://casagerbe.com/

What: Specialized accommodation

Bed and breakfast in an outstanding location on the edge of three protected natural areas: - the Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park, the Sierra and Canyons of Guara Natural Park and the Posets-Maladeta Natural Park.

Establishment with a shared sitting-room, specialized natural history library and out of hours breakfast options.

Birding, geological and botanical route starting at the accommodation itself.

Own hide "Birding Sobrarbe" for woodland birds. Workshop with a professional nature and night-time photographer.









- (S) Minimum 2 people, 2 nights in a double/twin room with breakfast included.
- (Session in the "Birding Sobrarbe" hide for woodland birds
- (>) Self-guided Birding, geological and botanical route, with picnic.
- (>) Optional dinner and excursions with a specialized guide.
- (>) For longer stays, different activities or for groups, please consult prices and availability.











## Sierra de Guara and Santa Cilia de Panzano vulture feeding station

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Where: Panzano (Huesca)



Who: Camping Guara https://www.campingguara.com/



What: Accommodation

The Santa Cilia "La Pedriza" vulture feeding station in Santa Cilia de Panzano or "Land at the end of the earth" is a specific feeding area for the Lammergeier inside the Special Protection area of the Sierra and Canyons of Guara Natural Park designated as a ZEPA (SPA - Special Protection Area).









- ☼ Visit to the vulture feeding station at Santa Cilia and the River Formiga gorge.
- Different accommodation types and prices available for groups.
- (3) Restaurant on site.











# Birdwatching Ordesa



Where: Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park (Huesca)



**Who:** Senderos Ordesa https://senderosordesa.com/





Come with us to enjoy a day in contact with Europe's last wilderness frontier, the high mountains. A guided walk to see alpine and forest bird species in the Ordesa National Park visiting the best spots to observe wildlife in the company of a professional mountain leader and nature auide.

We visit four sectors of the National Park, which give an overall view of this protected nature reserve.

#### Day 1 Woodland birds of the National Park

Pick-up from accommodation and transfer to Ordesa. Species: Black Woodpecker, Great-spotted Woodpecker, White-throated Dipper, Grey Wagtail, Goldcrest, Coal Tit

Habitat: Riparian forest, montane ecosystem, temperate and broad-leafed mixed forest.

### Day 2 Alpine birds of the National Park

Pick-up from accommodation and transfer to Añisclo. Species: Northern Wheatear, Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush, Woodchat Shrike, Yellowhammer, Common Kestrel, Alpine Accentor.

Habitat: Alpine meadows, subalpine ecosystems

#### Day 3 Birds of prey, rock specialists of the National Park.

Pick-up from accommodation and transfer to Escuain. Species: Lammergeier, Griffon Vulture, Egyptian Vulture, Golden Eagle. Habitat: Rock cliffs and forest.

#### Day 4 Extreme habitats of the National Park

Pick-up from accommodation and transfer to Pineta Species: Rock Ptarmigan, Wallcreeper, Northern Wheatear, Alpine Accentor. Habitat: Alpine zone



# information

- (>) Minimum group size: 3 people. Maximum 7 people
- (>) Transfer by 4x4 minibus, use of binoculars and telescope. Activity insurance included.
- (>) Mountain Leader specialized in nature. English/Spanish









# Between parks and the wilderness

Where: Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park



**Who:** Ecoagroturs https://www.ecotur.es/ecoagrotours



Price: 635€/person

Within the Unesco World-heritage Sobrarbe-Pirineos site, bordered by three high-value protected areas, we will enjoy some of the most biodiverse terrain in Europe. We propose a journey with magnificent routes on foot in the high mountains, with enormous geological interest, as well as 4x4 routes to craggy viewpoints with spectacular views.

#### Day 1

Reception at the Eco lodge. Guided tour of the medieval town of Ainsa.

#### Day 2

We will explore the high valleys sculpted by glaciers 65.000 years ago, where, even today, we can still admire the impressive mass of ice of the glacier below the north face of Monte Perdido. Once we get close by 4x4, we will proceed by foot to the kingdom of the Izard, the Marmot, the Golden Eagle and the Snow Ptarmigan, as well as a host of other Alpine species..

#### Day 3

We go to Lammergeir terrain today. Including a visit to the Ainsa Eco museum run by the Lammergeier Conservation Foundation.

#### Day 4

Today we visit the Bal de Chistau, the hidden valley. This is butterfly-lovers country. There is a comfortable, but spectacular circular walk which takes us through one of the last strongholds of the Capercailie to be found on the southern side of the Pyrenees. Picnic and visit to an artesanal cheese maker...

#### Day 5

Departure after breakfast...





- (>) Minimum 2 people
- (S) Bed and breakfast, local guide and 2 picnics.
- (>) Group price available











## The Nest. Environmental centre.



**Localización:** El Plano. Sobrarbe (Huesca)



**Empresa:** The Nest https://centromedioambientalthenest.com/



**Tipo:** Alojamiento



The environmental centre The Nest is on a private estate in the Aragonese Pyrenees. We have a stone cabin (borda) with 2 double rooms each with ensuite bathroom and a shared kitchen area, perfect for getting breakfast together.

Just 5 minutes by foot and 10 minutes by car there are two restaurants with terraces specialized in typical reaional food.

We are near the Ordesa National Park, on the lower slopes of La Peña Montañesa and just 12km from the pretty medieval village of Ainsa.

The Mediterranean vegetation of oak, evergreen oak, juniper, savin and boxwood is ideal habitat for a multitude of birds such as Woodpeckers, Hoopoes, Redstarts and Tits as well as raptors such as Kestrel, Vultures, Red Kite, Golden Eagle and Lammergeier, while in summer we also have Bee-eaters, Egyptian Vulture, Black Kites and Short-toed Eagle, amongst others.

Five minutes away from The Nest is the San Victorian Monastery, where a birding route takes you to the Espelunga cave, where you can see the Wallcreeper and enjoy the amazing views of the setting.

We provide a personalized service so you can visit the marvellous Ordesa National Park. We have maps of the region and information about where to see birds, walking routes, where to eat, where to go wild swimming and everything you need to make your stay with us unforgettable.





- (2) Includes accommodation in a double room with shared kitchenette.
- (>) Minimum stay 2 nights.
- (>) Consult tariffs for longer stays.
- Option to hire local nature guides.









# Land of the Lammergeier at O Chardinet

**Where:** Valle de la Fueva. Sobrarbe (Huesca)

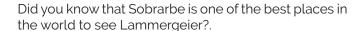


**Who:** O Chardinet d'a Formiga https://ochardinet.com



**What:** Specialized accommodation





The "bone crusher" (literal translation of the Spanish name), gets its name from its habit of picking up bones and carcasses and dropping them from a great height so they smash on the rocks below in order to be able to eat them. In Europe it is in grave danger of extinction.

If you want to learn more about the natural world, stay at O Chardinet d'a Formiga, a charming Eco lodge where you can share your passion about nature.

- We will put you in touch with local guides who will show you where the Lammergeiers live and tell you about their lives.
- Your stay includes a donation to the Lammergeier Conservation Foundation and we add your field notes to a scientific data base.

- Our menus include lamb from local farmers who are helping to preserve the Lammergeier.
- Check out our natural history library.
- Enjoy our breakfasts with views of our birdfeeders.









- (>) Includes bed and breakfast for 2 people.
- (>) Minimum stay 2 nights.
- (>) If you book ahead, we can provide dinner made with local products.
- (>) Find out about our wooden eco hot tub.
- (>) 10% discount if your booking comes from this leaflet (except bank holidays, July and August)





# Pyrenean Viewpoint



**Who:** Ojos Pirenaicos "Interpretative mountaineering" www.miradordelpirineo.com

What: Guiding company



It's really easy to visit the Pyrenees with me up at the viewpoint. We will take a wander through the high peaks of the Natural Park of the Western Valleys where we will be able to enjoy the magnificent views of the Aragonese Pyrenees at more than 2000m above sea level, all with the ease of going by vehicle.

Fauna, flora, landscapes are all enjoyed in this unique experience, where we will learn about the Edelweiss, Griffon Vultures, Lammergeier, Izards and a whole host of other living creatures all from the comfort of our van with the binoculars we provide for the activity.

This adventure lasts between 3 or 4 hours, during which we will make several stops, adapted to your group or individual needs. The route will take us through panoramic views at up to 2.000m along the Sierra de la Magdalena, with fine vistas of the Western Pyrenees.

The Pyrenean Viewpoint is a personalised servi-

ce for a small group of people or a family group during which we can enjoy a safe interpretative route at the hands of a local guide. It's a fantastic way of getting to the heart of the Natural Park of the Western Valleys along one of the most spectacular tracks in the Pyrenees.

The Aspe, Collarada and the Midi d'Ossau are some of the amazing summits we will see along our route, as well as enjoying the flight of some of the Pyrenees' most emblematic birds, whilst seeing Izards running freely in their natural environment.











- Minimum group size: 4 people

- $\odot$  Local mountain leader specialized in nature. English/Spanish





## Casa Ger - Birds and Biodiversity in the Pre-Pyrenees

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Where: Yeste (Huesca)



Who: Casa Rural Ger www.casaruralger.com



What: Specialized accommodation



Come and discover the heart of the Aragonese Pre-Pyrenees from Casa Ger in Yeste, within the municipality of Las Peñas de Riglos (Huesca). We are in great birding territory with a wide range of habitats and scarce human presence, which means that this is a place of great biodiversity, ideal for birdwatching

Amongst the habitats you can explore by foot from the accommodation are the River Gallego and its riparian woodland, Mediterranean and pine forests, agricultural fields, limestone gorges like the Foz de Escalete and the La Peña reservoir, amongst others.

There are various shorter family walking routes or slightly more challenging ones along which you can see water birds, woodland birds, birds of prey, farmland birds and shrub birds. Of special interest are the longer walks which take you to the impressive Mallos de Riglos (SPA). Furthermore we are very lucky to be able to observe the crane migration from the very door of the accommodation.





- Breakfast included
- We have specialized guides.
- Small natural history library.













# Kingdom of the Marmots

Where: Sobrarbe. Huesca Pyrenees

**Who:** Senderos de Ordesa https://senderosordesa.com/

What: Guiding company



Marmots are adorable rodents that live in the high mountains. They are adapted to living in an extreme habitat so for part of the year they are obliged to hibernate.

At the end of spring, the alpine meadows become playgrounds for these delightful mammals. With the naked eye, or with the help of binoculars and telescopes, the youngest family members will enjoy the cavorting, whistling high spirits of these trusting animals.

Come to the high mountains in our 4x4 in the company of a mountain leader specialized in natural history who will let you into the ins and outs of these creatures. They share the same habitat as Izard, Fox, Vultures, Golden Eagles, Northern Wheatears, Citril Finch, Rufous-tailed Rock thrush and Black redstarts – some of which we will be able to see at some moment.

And let's not forget about the spectacular high mountain flowers such as Edelweiss, Alpine Lilies,

Foxgloves, Carline Thistles or Monkshood. Your quide will tell about all this and more.

A simple family excursion full of sensory experiences while enjoying and learning about all the beauty and magic of the wildlife to be found in the Pyrenees.







# information

- $\ensuremath{\bigcirc}$  Pick up and drop off at accommodation or meeting point.
- Possibility of doing the tour at sunset.
- Families of 4 or more: 56€/person





# Spanish Pyrenees. Wildlife and Walking Holiday

Where: Pyrenees Geopark/ Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park



Who: Aragon Active https://aragonactive.com



What: Travel Agency



A varied week looking at the diversity of wildlife in the high Pyrenees from raptors to butterflies and orchids. Based in the heart of the Pyrenees Geopark and close to Ordesa and Monte Perdido National Park. Run by nature enthusiasts and guided by local birding and wildlife experts.

### Highlights:

- · Walk in the best place in Europe to see the Bearded vulture, as well as Egyptian vulture, Golden eagle, Griffon vulture, Black kite & more.
- · High mountain 4x4 trip and short hike to spot Chamois, Marmots and Wallcreeper.
- Botanical guided walk amongst orchids and many endemic wildflower species.
- Butterfly and Moth identification by day and night with local lepidopterist and entomologist, including the spectacular Spanish Moon moth.
- · Small boutique hotel with extensive grounds looking onto fields, mountains, and woodland. Bee-eaters, golden oriole and short toed eagles have all been spotted from the garden.
- Ensuite rooms with mountain views, and gourmet meals with locally sourced produce.



# information

- (>) 7 Nights Full Board
- (>) All Excursions, in 4x4 minibus
- (>) Local Mountain Guides
- (>) Local Nature Experts
- (5) Small group, max 8 people
- Dates: May & June
- (>) NB Tour is conducted in English
- ∑ Enquiries: holiday@aragonactive.com











## Birds of Gallocanta

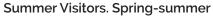
Where: Gallocanta (Zaragoza)



Who: Allucant https://www.allucant.com

**What:** Specialized accommodation and restaurant





In spring Gallocanta fills with birds that come from the south. Some will stay for only a few days on their way to lands in the north, whereas others will make their nests and stay here until the end of the summer. Insect feeding birds, waders, ducks and steppe birds all add colour and joy to the Gallocanta landscape with their song.

#### Winter visitors to Gallocanta. Autumn-winter

At the start of autumn the cold grips northern Europe and a host of birds start to migrate to regions that offer food and a safe haven to pass the winter. The most striking of them is the Common Crane. At Gallocanta they find food in the fields and a place to rest in the large roosting place that is the lagoon.

At Allucant we offer the possibility to get to know the cranes and other over-wintering species with an offer comprising of two nights' accommodation and a day's birding excursion.





- (>) Minimum 2 people.
- (>) Includes accommodation in a double room with ensuite bathroom, dinner and breakfast for 2 days and a picnic with the birding excursion for one day.
- ① This can be extended to three, four or five days to include other areas of ornithological interest (Parameras de Blancas, Hoces Del Piedra y Mesa, Parameras de Molina, Belchite)











# Parks and Plumage

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Where: Zaragoza

Who: Birds and Treks www.birdsandtreks.com

What: Guiding company

There is no better place to start birding than in urban parks. Here there are numerous species to be found, from the most common, which are ideal to start birdwatching with, to some more striking and sometimes very rare species.

The Green "lungs" of a city are an ideal place to practice Urban Birding, either as a complete beginner or to continue acquiring the skills necessary to become a good birdwatcher.

In the company of expert guides, we propose an itinerary through some of the urban parks of Zaragoza and the banks of the Ebro River in the very heart of the city to discover some of the almost 200 species that can be found here.







### información

- ① Limited places available. Group minimum 4 people.
- Children under 6 free (when accompanied by an adult)
- $\odot$  Use of optical equipment included.
- Possibility of doing part of the visit by bicycle.









# The Saltpans of Alcañiz and the Puertos de Beceite

Where: Saltpans and Alcañiz Pond, Matarraña and the Puertos de Beceite.

**Who:** SENDA https://www.websenda.com/actividad/las-saladas-de-alcaniz-y-los-puer-tos-de-beceite/

What: Travel Agency

Price: 535€/person

The River Matarraña has its source on the north face of the Puertos de Beceite. Not far from there is the River Guadalope where the Alcañiz Pond is to be found and its salt flats.

#### Day 1 Beceite

Arrival at the Hotel La Fabrica de Solfa in Beceite where we will be staying every night. Visit the village and the medieval old town.

### Day 2 Alcañiz and its wetlands..

We visit the Salt flats of Alcañiz, a steppe plain of endorrehic origin, just like the Alcañiz Pond, one of Aragón's singular wetlands. We will visit the Big Saltpan, the Small Saltpan and the Soap Saltpan. There'll be a combination of two lagoons – one

### Day 3 Matarraña and the Puertos de Beceite.

We'll visit the Mas de Bunyol viewing point, a feeding station for Griffon Vulture. We will walk along the River Matarraña, one of the most biodiverse mediterranean rivers of the Iberian Peninsula.

### Day 4 Optional. Ebro Delta

From the Puertos de Beceite we head to the River Ebro and to the Ebro Delta. We will visit the Natural Park of the Ebro Delta.

### Day 5

Check out of accommodation.









- Minimum 2 people.
- ♦ 4 nights HB, local guides, entry fees to the vulture feeding station and to the Parrissal gorge.
- Group rates available.





# Photography session at La Roya hide.

Where: Gudar- Javalambre (Teruel)

Who: Birding Teruel https://www.birdingteruel.com

**What:** Photographic hide

This magnificent hide is just a few metres from the Masía La Roya. Easy to reach from there, the La Roya hide has all the commodities needed to enjoy your photographic session to the utmost. The mirror glass is at water level on the tank, where over 45 species of birds and mammals come to drink over the year.

From inside you can see different perches, strategically set so the photographer can get the best out of the backgrounds and the combinations of colour. The design of the hide also allows for shots with reflection from the water surface, allowing for some exceptional pictures.



Common Redstart, Mountain Goat, Red Crossbill, Common Kestrel, Citril Finch, Ring Ouzel, Fieldfare, Northern Wheatear, Rock Bunting, Cirl Bunting...





- Distance to perches between 2 and15m
- Price includes transport to and from the hide.









# Argon Gran Tour / North of Spain

Where: Aragon

Who: Spain Natural Travel https://spainnaturaltravel.com/

What: Travel Agency



DAYS 1-2-3. Gallocanta Lagoon Natural Reserve. Reception at Zaragoza airport and train station followed by a 1h 20' private transfer to our first accommodation at Gallocanta lagoon, Huesca. A natural paradise for bird and nature observers at the height of more than 1.000 metres above sea level, the main salty wetland in western Europe.

DAYS 4-5-6. The Ebro Basin steppes of Belchiche, Monegros Desert, and Sierra de Guara. Lecera and Belchite represent exceptional examples of steppe areas, 40,000 hectares steppes including 645-hectare FI Planerón nature reserve —makes this the best habitat of its type in northern Spain. On our way north through the largest steppe desert in Europe we will visit some of the landmarks of the territoire in terms of birdlife.

DAYS 7-8 Central Pyrenees. Ordesa and Posets-Maladeta Natural parks. From the summits of 3,000 meters of altitude to the mountain ranges that connect with the plain we can find birds of great interest. In the next two days we focus on exploring tow of the most representative protected areas of the Pyreneesas, National Park of Ordesa and Monte Perdido, Natural Park of Posets-Maladeta.

DAYS 9-10-11 Western valleys, Mallos de Riglos and Bardenas Reales. From the northwest corner of the Aragonese Pyrenees we start our descend through landscapes of clay, chalk and sandstone eroded by the elements, creating surprising shapes, canyons, plateaus, tabular structures and isolated hills.

DAY 12 - Final day and farewell. Check out after breakfast and transfer to the airport and train station.













- (2) Accommodation in rural hotels with double room in single-use and private toilet.
- (>) All meals included.
- (>) Transportation and transfers from and to origin (Zaragoza airport and train station)
- (>) Local english speaking specialised guides).
- (>) Entry tickets to all the attractions included in the itinerary
- (>) It doesn't include the transport from country of origin











